

Googolplex Written Out

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A circular progress indicator showing approximately 80% completion. The circle is composed of small segments, most of which are filled with black. The number "148223" is displayed along the left side of the circle.

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A circular progress indicator representing a volume level. The top portion of the circle is filled with solid black, indicating the current volume level. The remaining portion is composed of small black-outlined circles. The number "148223" is displayed along the left side of the circle.

Foreword

In 1940, the mathematician Edward Kasner published the book "Mathematics and the Imagination", in which he popularized the words googol and googolplex which his nephew suggested as names for big numbers.

The number googol has been defined as 1 followed by a hundred zeros:

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The much larger number googolplex has been defined as 1 followed by a googol zeros. While this number can easily be written as

$$\text{googolplex} = 10^{\text{googol}} = 10^{(10^{100})}$$

using the exponential notation, it has often been claimed that the number googolplex is so large that it can never be written out in full.

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