

Googolplex Written Out

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A graphic featuring a spiral shape formed by the digits 9 and 6. The spiral starts with a '9' in the center and winds outwards, alternating between '9's and '6's. The word 'volume' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font at the top left of the image.

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A black and white graphic. At the top left, the word "volume" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. To its right, a large, stylized number "6" is formed by a spiral of the digit "9". The spiral starts from the center and winds outwards, creating a sense of motion and depth. The overall composition is minimalist and visually striking due to the repetition of the digit "9".

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:

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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