

Googolplex Written Out

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A graphic featuring a spiral shape formed by the number '0'. The spiral starts from the center and expands outwards. The text 'volume 10000' is written in a bold, sans-serif font at the top left. In the center of the spiral, the numbers '2', '5', '8', and '7' are arranged in a circular pattern.

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A large spiral graphic composed of the number '0' characters, arranged in concentric rings. The text 'volume 1000000' is at the top, and '2587' is in the center.

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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