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Statement

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I have memorized the number π to ten thousand digits. My work is about the cognitive and philosophical significance of reciting the digits from memory.

The cognitive problem of memorizing π is the raw material of my practice. I design games for reciting π according to what they get my brain to do. Some of the cognitive goals in play include perceptual cognition, numerical and deductive reasoning, and overall memorizational efficacy.

Concurrently, numbers are an outstanding medium for asking what it means to know something. Numbers are bound to our attempts at rationality as well as our perception -- two subjects that are definitionally at odds. I strive to embed π in objects that retain the philosophical complexity inherent in knowing numbers.