

$\alpha(0)$ (fine-structure constant) - approximation formula: Update

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Within our 2006 tentative, heuristic and also constructivistic procedure*) in tracing a possible role of fractal geometry (this understood in a broader sense) in setting the values which electrodynamics' fundamentals happen to have, the following (prototype) approximation to the *fine-structure constant* $\alpha(0)$ was found

$$\alpha(0) \approx \frac{1}{2\pi\delta^2} \left[\exp\left(-\frac{1}{\gamma(e^{\pi+1}\pi^{e+1} - \pi P/2)}\right) \right], \quad \text{Eq.(1)}$$

where $\alpha(0)$ is the infinite distance limit of electrodynamics' running coupling constant, δ Feigenbaum's universal number, γ the Euler-Mascheroni constant and P the Thue-Morse constant. There had been some concern about the exp-function argument's denominator of $(Z_c^2 - Z_{c_small}^2)$ shape, as to the completeness of $Z_{c_small}^2 = \gamma\pi P/2$, small correction term there. As it contains the $\xi^{inf}(-2)\xi^{inf}(c_D)$ product of the external angles accessory to the Mandelbrot set's left end -2 and to its main bifurcation series' Myrberg-Feigenbaum point $c_D (= -1.401155... + 0i)$, a maybe phenomenological formulation of some relative mass \leftrightarrow relative charge interplay, the possibility of a corresponding near-field-term product's occurrence, i.e. of $\xi^0(-2)\xi^0(c_D)$ was then mentioned in the [erratum_sciencephilosophycomments.pdf](#) **) file of our www.culetto.at website. As an alternative – this considering the iterative nature of the basic complex quadratic map, with just both dimensionless variable z and parameter c permissible, and so zero point energies quantum number counted – Zeta-function regularization (1, 2) of the infinite valued $\frac{1}{2}\sum_n n_{zero}\sum_n n_{period}$ product would contribute $(-1/12)(-1/12)$, thus $Z_{c_small}^{eff} = \gamma\pi P/2 + 1/288$). Eventually, the small correction's additive term, then expected to be $\ll \gamma\pi P/2$, indeed is.

Inserting this effective expression instead of $Z_{c_small}^2$ into approximation Eq.(1) yields $\alpha(0)_{approx} = 0.0072973525652$, versus the measured $\alpha = 0.0072973525649(8)$ ($\alpha^{-1} = 137.035999166(02)(15)$) published in 2023 by Fan et al. (2). And the available NIST/CODATA 2022 α -value is $0.0072973525643(11)$.

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***) The conversion error symbol \square there meaning a minus sign