

Giant Ratios

The following rhyme, taken from Gulliver's travels, can be used as a motivator for collecting certain measurements from parts of a body.

GULLIVER'S TRAVELS *by Jonathan Swift*

The seamstresses took my measure as I lay on the ground, one standing at my neck, and another at my mid-leg, with a strong cord extended, that each held by the end, while the third measured the length of the cord with a rule of an inch long. Then they measured my right thumb, and desired no more; for by a mathematical computation, that twice round the thumb is once round the wrist, and so on to the neck and the waist; and by the help of my old shirt, which I displayed on the ground before them for a pattern, they fitted me exactly.



**Twice round the thumb is once round the wrist,
Twice round the wrist is once round the neck,
Twice round the neck is once round the waist.**

