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$2\pi/60$	+0.629	+0.777	0.396	0.604
$3\pi/60$	+0.588	+0.809	0.345	0.655
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$9\pi/60$	+0.309	+0.951	0.095	0.905
$10\pi/60$	+0.259	+0.966	0.067	0.933
$11\pi/60$	+0.208	+0.978	0.043	0.957
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