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Mathf.Atan2( y, x );    // Gives you the angle to rotate around the z-axis to
                        // change something facing along the x-axis to face
                        // instead toward the point x, y.

print(Mathf.PI);        // 3.141593; the ratio of circumference to diameter

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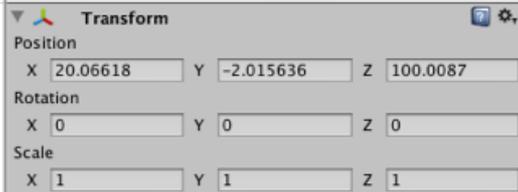
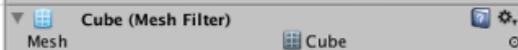
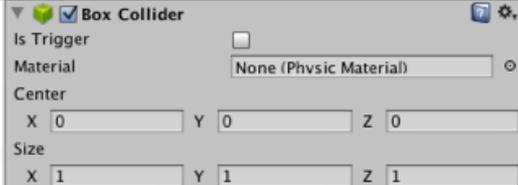
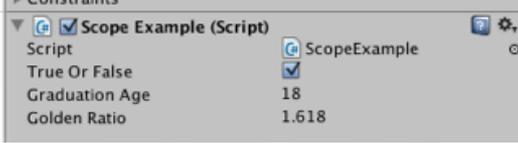
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