

Erik Spiekermann has long been a bicycle enthusiast. In 1985 he bought his first real racing bike; in 1995 he paid 3,500 German marks for his first custom-made bike, which was sadly stolen at some point. He currently owns 13 bicycles, including ones by Cicli Berlinetta, Waterford Precision Cycles, De Rosa, and Swiss Cresta: eight in Berlin, two in San Francisco, two in London, and one in Amsterdam.

»One can never have too many bikes, as long as there's enough room for them. All my bikes put together still cost less than a car, and they're much cheaper to use,« says Spiekermann, who has described his passion for bicycles as a source of inspiration. »Both things – my work and cycling – are practical as well as nice, get you from A to B, and are good for your well-being and everyone else's.«



According to Spiekermann the formula for the optimal number of bicycles one should own is $n+1$. Here are his Berlin bikes gathered in his yard for a clean.