

ESTIMATING AREAS AND VOLUMES BY MONTE CARLO TECHNIQUES

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WHO IS MONTE CARLO?

- Invented in the late 1940 by Stanislaw Ulam & John von Neumann (nuclear weapon projects)
- Monte Carlo - City in Monaco famed for its casinos and games of chance (like roulette, dice, slot machines)



- Main idea is to use **random samples** of parameters or inputs to explore the behavior of a complex system or process
- The greater the number of samples the more accurate is the evaluation of this area
- When models are too complex for an analytical solution
 - so they had to be evaluated numerically

(method is only competitive for complicated and/ or multi-dimensional functions)



RANDOM?

Randomness is difficult to define.

1. the values are uniformly distributed over a defined interval or set
2. it is impossible to predict future values based on past or present ones

Pseudo-random Numbers

- Computer algorithms for generating random # are deterministic; a sequence generated may appear random
- They are quite predictable and reproducible
- Any sequence must eventually repeat



THE MAIN STEPS OF MONTE CARLO SIMULATION

1. Model the inputs and process.
2. Draw a vector of random varieties
3. Evaluate the function of interest
4. Repeat the last two steps many times, aggregating the results



MONTE CARLO INTEGRATION

$$\int f dV = \bar{f}V$$

- The integral of a function, f , over a volume, V , is equal to the mean of f times V

$$\int f dV \approx V(\bar{f}) \pm V \sqrt{\frac{(f^2) - (\bar{f})^2}{N}}$$

- Where

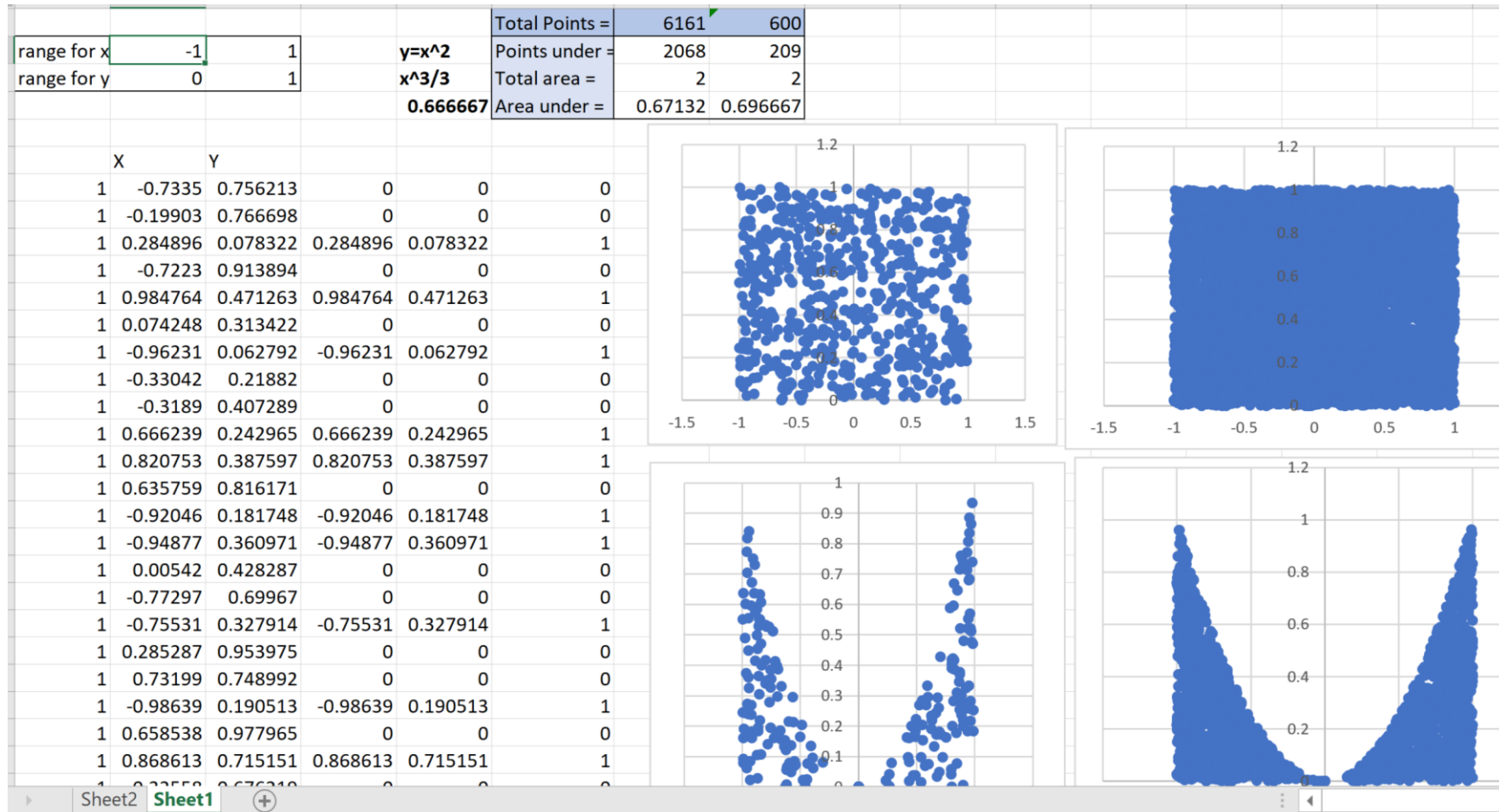
$$\bar{f} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i)$$
$$(f^2) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f^2(x_i)$$



Y=X²

- $\int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{2}{3}$

- $\int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx \approx 2(x^2) \pm 2\sqrt{\frac{((x^2)^2) - (x^2)^2}{N}}$



AREA OF PI

- Randomly selected points x_i, y_i $i=1,2,\dots,N$ in unique square
- $R=\frac{M}{N}$ - ratio
- Where M – number of points that satisfy $x_i^2 + y_i^2 \leq 1$

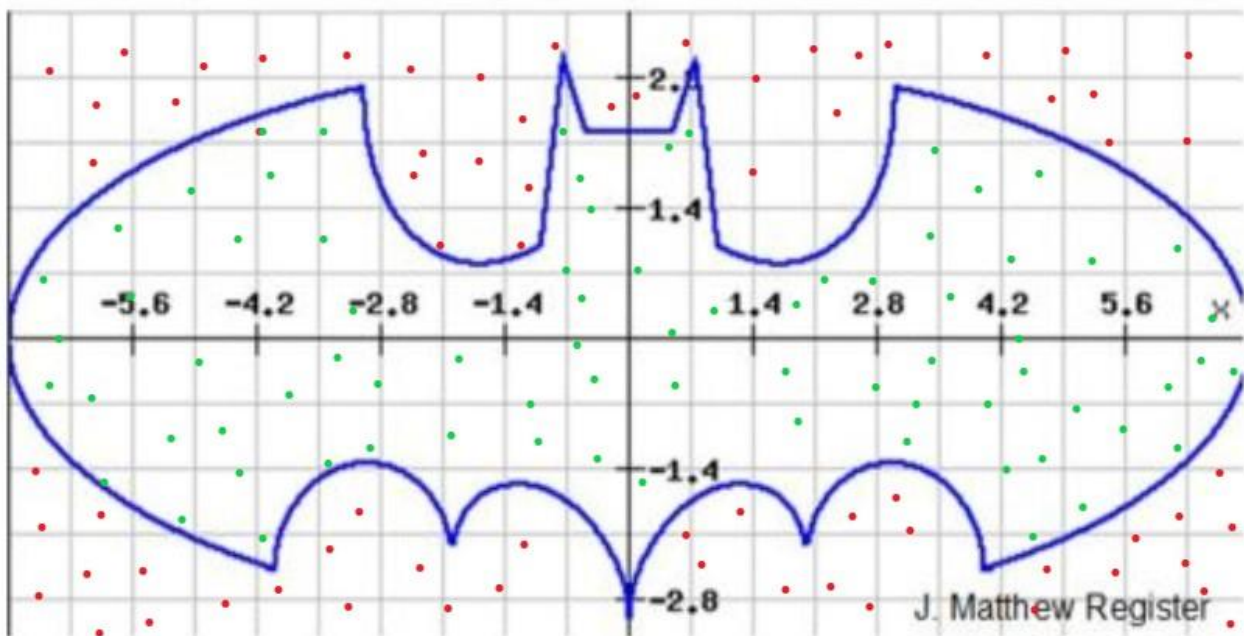
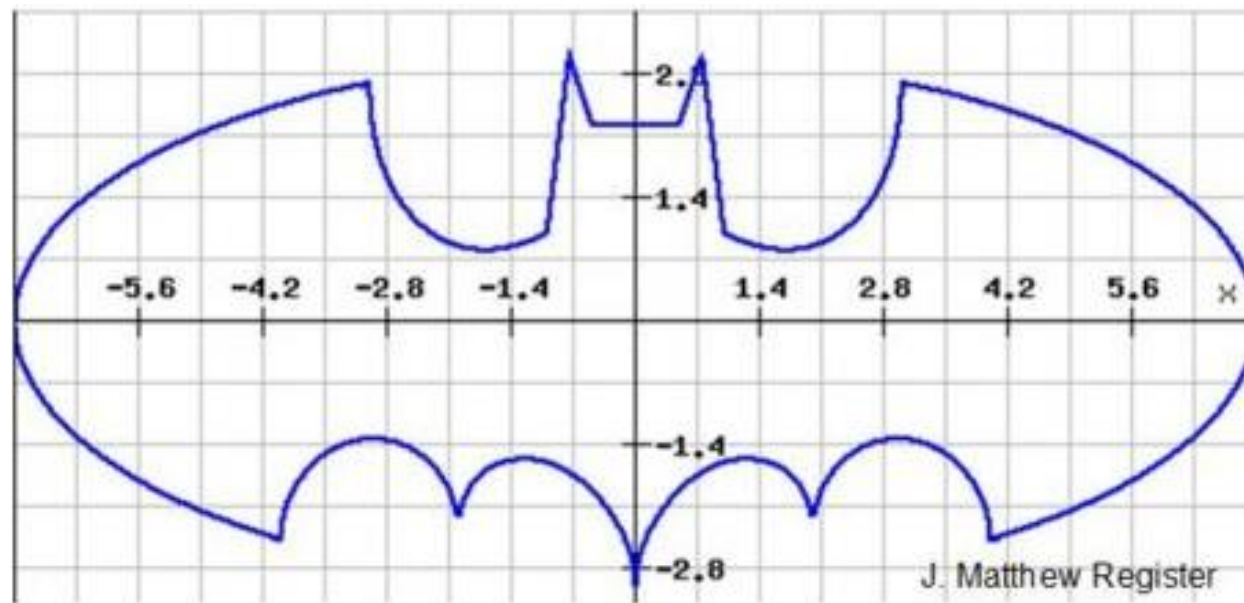


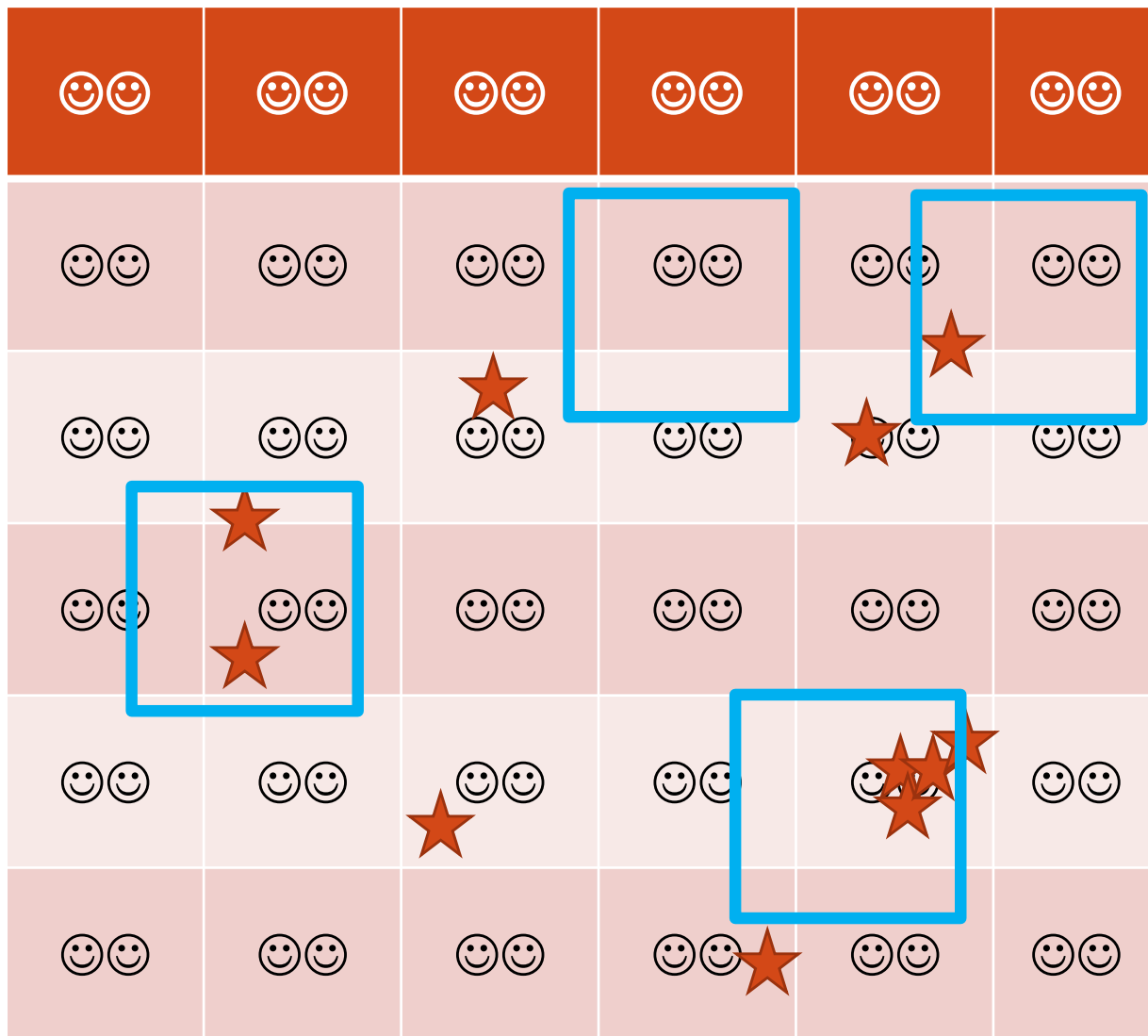
$$\left(\left(\frac{x}{7} \right)^2 \sqrt{\frac{||x|-3|}{|x|-3}} + \left(\frac{y}{3} \right)^2 \sqrt{\frac{y + \frac{3\sqrt{33}}{7}}{y + \frac{3\sqrt{33}}{7}}} - 1 \right) \cdot \left(\left(\frac{x}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{3\sqrt{33}-7}{112} \right) x^2 - 3 + \sqrt{1 - (||x|-2|-1)^2} - y \right) \\ - \left(9 \sqrt{\frac{||x|-1|(|x|-.75)|}{(1-|x|)(|x|-.75)}} - 8|x| - y \right) \cdot \left(3|x| + .75 \sqrt{\frac{||x|-.75|(|x|-.5)|}{(.75-|x|)(|x|-.5)}} - y \right) \\ - \left(2.25 \sqrt{\frac{||x|-5|(x+.5)|}{(.5-x)(.5+x)}} - y \right) \cdot \left(\frac{6\sqrt{10}}{7} + (1.5-.5|x|) \sqrt{\frac{||x|-1|}{|x|-1}} - \frac{6\sqrt{10}}{14} \sqrt{4 - (|x|-1)^2} - y \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\text{area } B}{\text{area } A} \approx \frac{\# \text{ green}}{\# \text{ all}} \approx \frac{n}{N}$$

$$\text{Area } B \approx \frac{\text{area } A * \# \text{ green}}{\# \text{ all}}$$

$$\text{Area } B \approx \frac{(12 \times 6) * 75}{(70 + 75)} \approx 37.2413$$





of counted noise = (sq1.noise+sq2.noise+...+sqN.noise)

of counted objects = (sq1.ob+sq2.ob+...+sqN.ob)

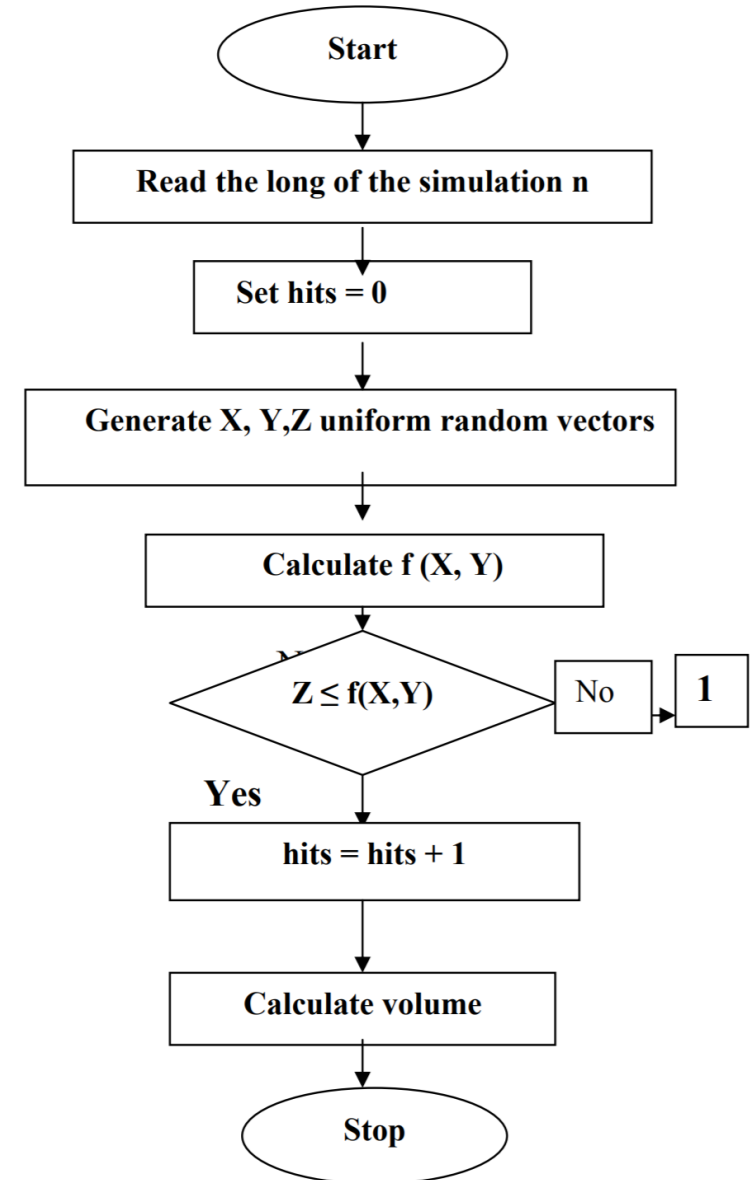
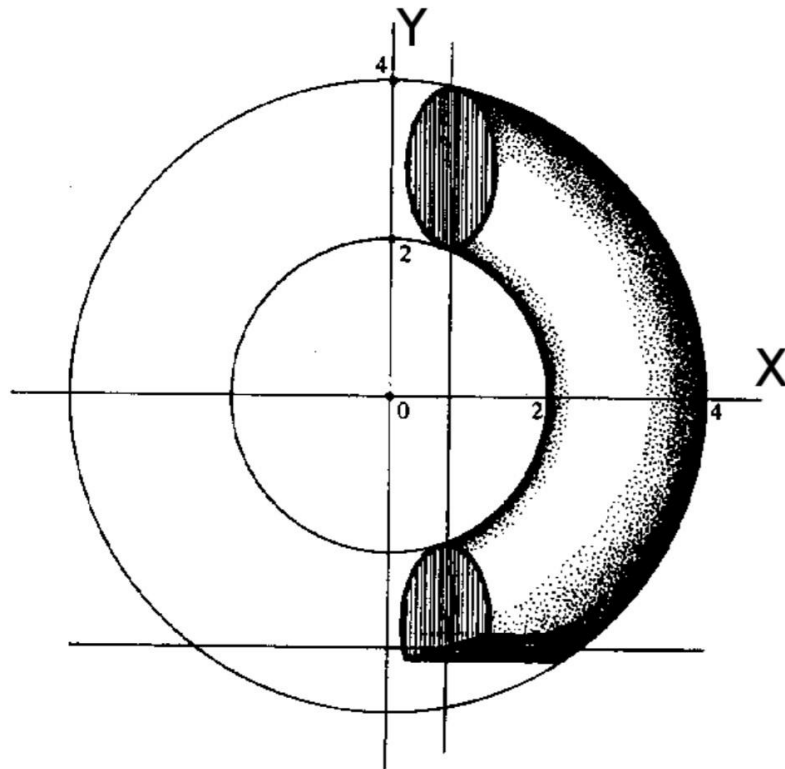
$$\frac{\text{area } B * N}{\text{area } A} = \frac{\# \text{ of counted noise}}{\text{noise}}$$

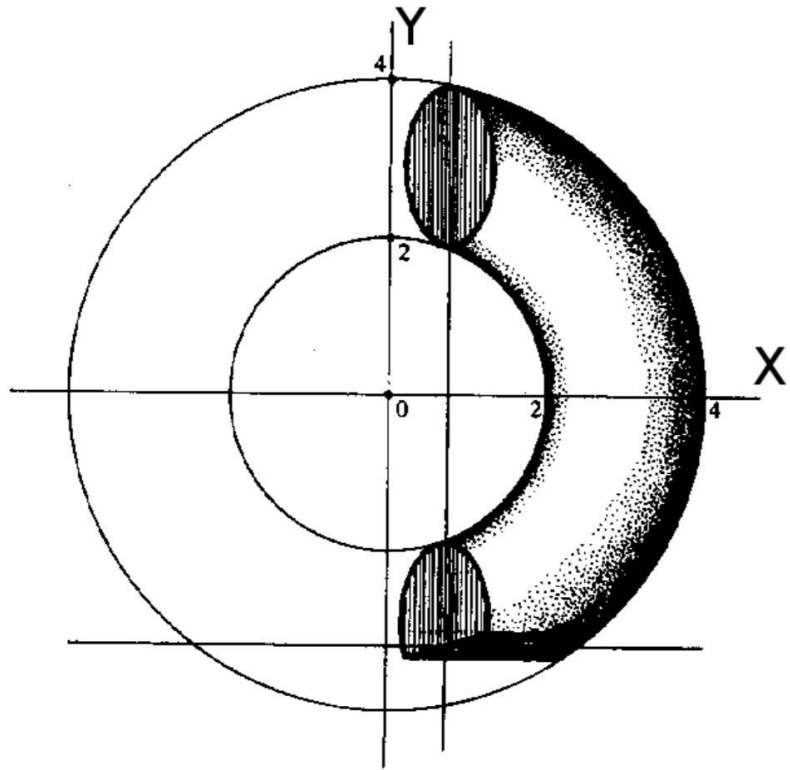
$$\text{noise} = \frac{\text{area } A * \# \text{ of counted noise}}{\text{area } B * N}$$



MORE COMPLICATED INTEGRAL

- Integrate $f(x, y, z) = e^{x+y+z}$ inside the volume V , a torus





- Pick a volume, W , that encloses the integration volume, V .
- 1. e.g. $1 < x < 4$, $-3 < y < 4$, and $-1 < z < 1$
- 2. The actual volume isn't very important, as long as it is larger than the integration region.
- Redefine the integration function to “include limits” and integrate over W
- $z^2 + (\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - 3)^2 \leq 1, x > 1 \text{ and } y > -3$

$$f^1(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} e^{x+y+z} & \text{if } z^2 + (\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - 3)^2 \leq 1, x > 1 \text{ and } y > -3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\int f dV = \int f^1 dW$$



ADVANTAGE

1. **Simple** to implement (we don't need to know the domain, we only need to know where we are)
2. Do not rely on **smoothness** for convergence (only think as 1 and 0)
3. The convergence rate **does not degrade** in higher dimensions (volume of a region in a three-dimensional space)
4. MC methods provide a **result**, but takes a lot of CPU time to get an accurate answer, but CPU is **cheap**



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