

Calculating mathematical constants using Monte Carlo simulations

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Section 1 : Pi

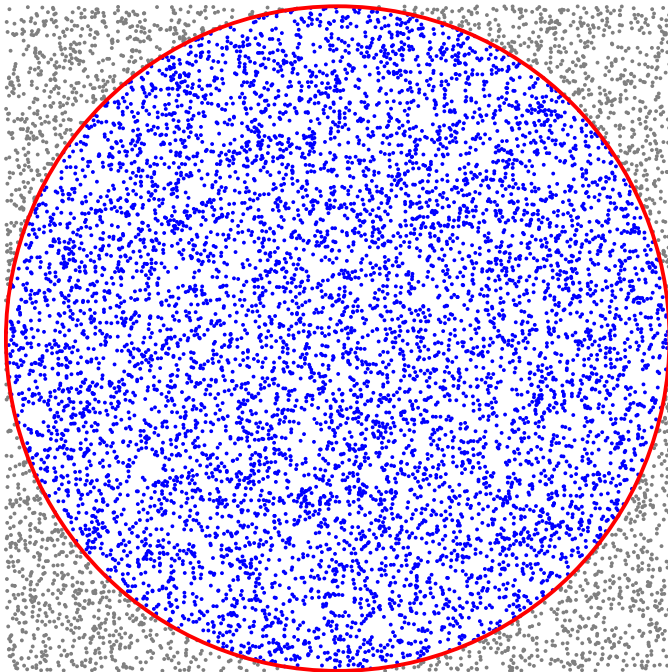
Elementary Method

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In[ ]:= pairs = RandomReal[{-1, 1}, {10000, 2}];  
4 Count[Map[Norm, pairs], _? (# ≤ 1 &)] / 10000.
```

Out[]= 3.1252

```
In[ ]:= Graphics[{PointSize[Small], Blue, Point@Select[pairs, Norm[#] ≤ 1 &], Gray,  
Point@Select[pairs, Norm[#] > 1 &], Red, Thick, Circle[]}, AspectRatio → 1]
```

Out[]=



```
In[ ]:= approxPi[n_] := 4. Count[Map[Norm, RandomReal[{-1, 1}, {n, 2}]], _? (# ≤ 1 &)] / n
```

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In[ ]:= RepeatedExperiment = Table[approxPi[10^6], {10^3}];
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Mean[RepeatedExperiment]

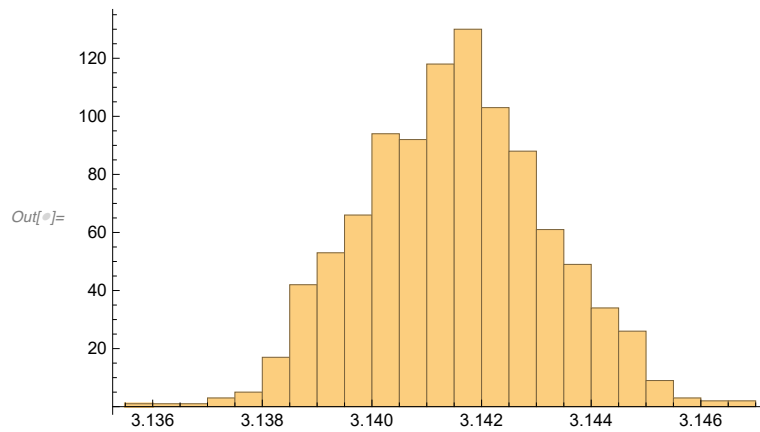
Out[]:= 3.14151

In[]:= **NumberForm[3.14151, 15]**

Out[]//NumberForm=

3.141510656

In[]:= **Histogram[RepeatedExperiment]**

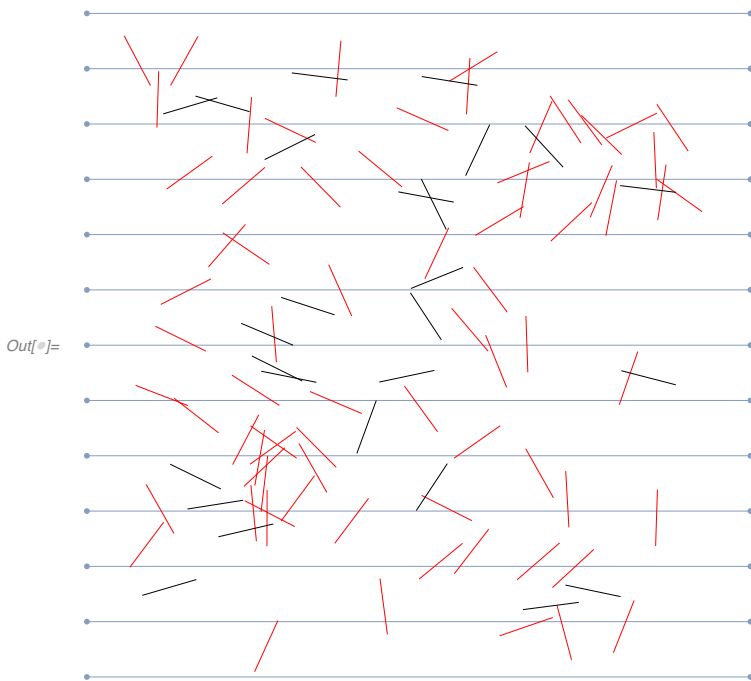


Buffon's Needle

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In[ ]:= d = 0.2; n = 100;
lines = MeshRegion[Join@@Table[{{-1 - d, y}, {1 + d, y}}, {y, -1 - d, 1 + d, d}],
  Line[Partition[Range[2 Floor[2 / d + 3]], 2]]];
needles = Table[Line[{pt, RandomPoint[Circle[pt, d]]}],
  {pt, RandomReal[{-1, 1}, {n, 2}]]];
overlap = Select[needles, ! RegionDisjoint[lines, #] &];
Show[lines, Graphics[{Red, overlap, Black, Complement[needles, overlap]}]]
N[(n) / Length[overlap]]

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Out[]:= 1.35135

Out[]:= ComplexInfinity

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In[ ]:= RepeatedBuffon = Table[
  d = 0.2; n = 10000;
  lines = MeshRegion[Join@@Table[{{-1 - d, y}, {1 + d, y}}, {y, -1 - d, 1 + d, d}],
    Line[Partition[Range[2 Floor[2 / d + 3]], 2]]];
  needles = Table[Line[{pt, RandomPoint[Circle[pt, d]]}],
    {pt, RandomReal[{-1, 1}, {n, 2}]]];
  overlap = Select[needles, ! RegionDisjoint[lines, #] &];
  N[(2 n) / Length[overlap]], {500}];

```

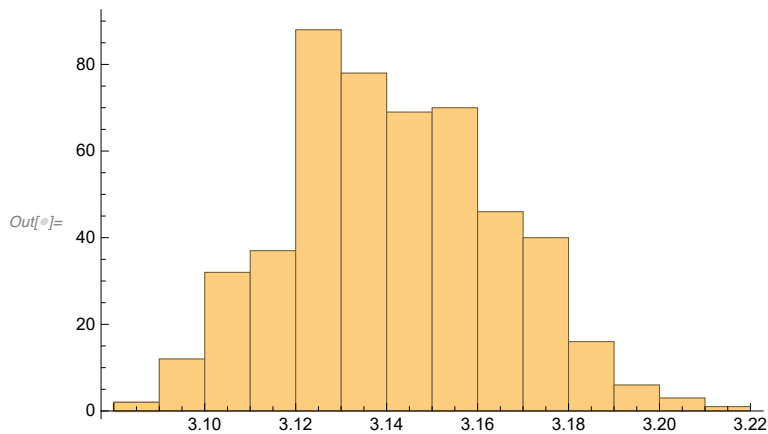
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In[ ]:= Mean[RepeatedBuffon]

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Out[]:= 3.14169

In[]:= **Histogram[RepeatedBuffon]**

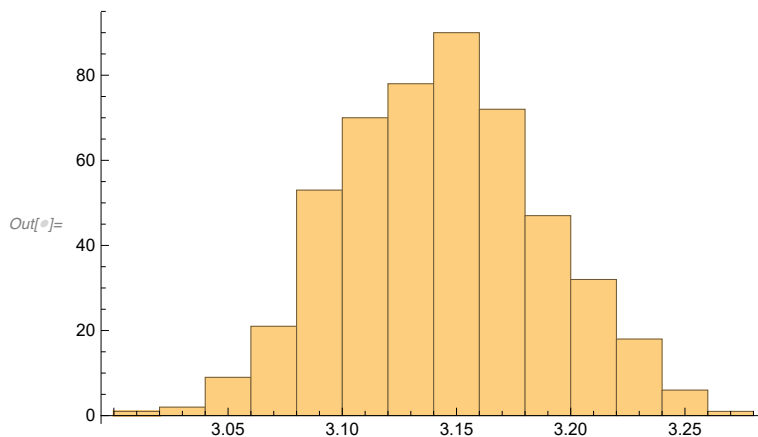


```
In[ ]:= NewRepeatedBuffon = Table[d = 0.2; n = 10000;
  lines = MeshRegion[Join@@Table[{{-1 - d, y}, {1 + d, y}}, {y, -1 - d, 1 + d, d}],
    Line[Partition[Range[2 Floor[2 / d + 3]], 2]]];
  needles = Table[Line[{pt, RandomPoint[Circle[pt, 0.5 d]]}],
    {pt, RandomReal[{-1, 1}, {n, 2}]}];
  overlap = Select[needles, ! RegionDisjoint[lines, #] &];
  N[(n) / Length[overlap]], {500}];
```

In[]:= **Mean[NewRepeatedBuffon]**

Out[]:= 3.14413

In[]:= **Histogram[NewRepeatedBuffon]**



Euler Mascheroni Constant

Gumbel Distribution

```
approxgamma[n_] := Mean[-Log[-Log[RandomReal[{0, 1}, {n}]]]]
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In[ ]:= approxgamma[106]
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Out[ ]:= 0.576802
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In[ ]:= RepeatedGammaExp = Table[approxgamma[106], {104}]
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In[ ]:= NumberForm[Mean[RepeatedGammaExp], 15]
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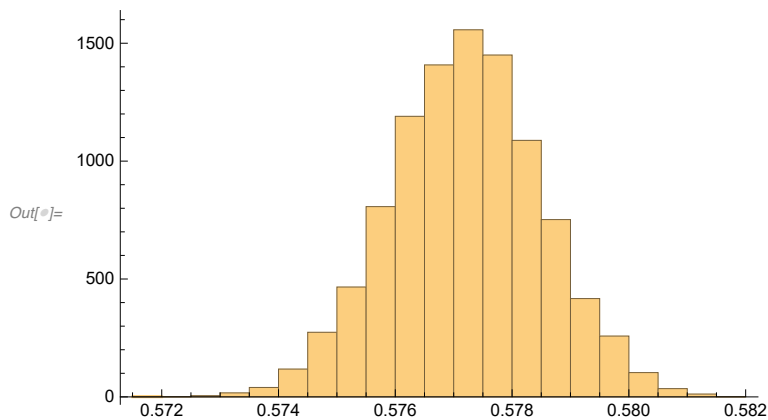
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Out[ ]//NumberForm=
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0.577210180043852
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```
In[ ]:= N[EulerGamma, 15]
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Out[ ]:= 0.577215664901533
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In[ ]:= Histogram[RepeatedGammaExp]
```



Exponential

```
In[ ]:= N[Mean[Table[Module[{u = Random[], t = 1}, While[u < 1, u = Random[] + u;
    t++];
    t], {106}]]]
```

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Out[ ]:= 2.71786
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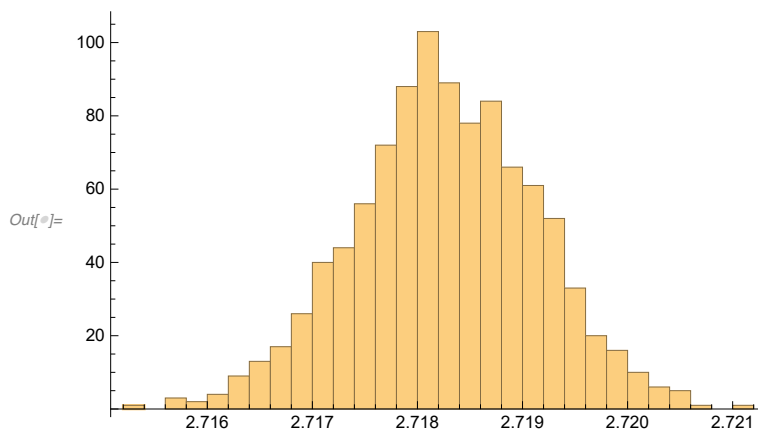
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In[ ]:= RepeatedExp[n_, repeat_] :=
    Table[Mean[Table[Module[{u = Random[], t = 1}, While[u < 1, u = Random[] + u;
    t++];
    t], {n}]], {repeat}]
```

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In[ ]:= RepeatedData = RepeatedExp[106, 1000];
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In[ ]:= N[Mean[RepeatedData], 10]
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Out[ ]:= 2.718262161
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In[ ]:= Histogram[RepeatedData]
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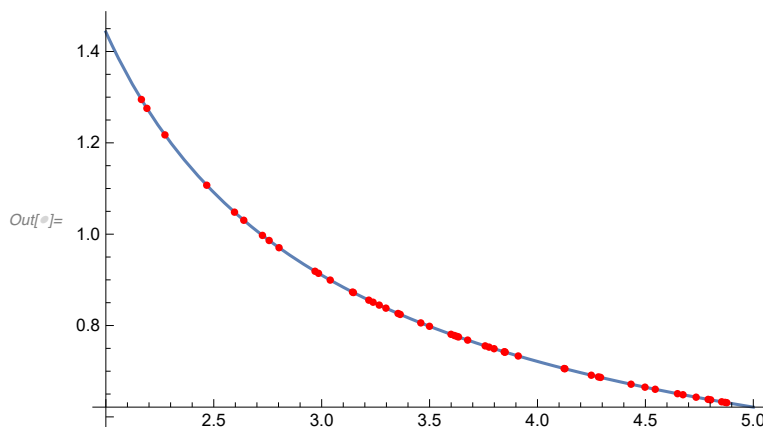


Numerical Integration

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In[ ]:= g[x_] = 1/Log[x];
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In[ ]:= a = 2; b = 5;
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In[ ]:= ExampleRand = RandomReal[{2, 5}, {50}];
ExamplePoints = g[ExampleRand];
Show[Plot[g[x], {x, 2, 5}],
ListPlot[Transpose[{ExampleRand, ExamplePoints}], PlotStyle -> {Red}]]
```



```
In[ ]:= RepeatedIntegral[points_, repeat_] :=
Table[N[ (b - a) Total[g[RandomReal[{a, b}, {points}]]]], {repeat}]
```

```
In[ ]:= IntegralData := RepeatedIntegral[10^6, 1000]
```

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In[ ]:= Mean[IntegralData]
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Out[]:= 2.58942

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NIntegrate[g[x], {x, 2, 5}]
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Out[*n*]= 2.58942

In[*n*] := Histogram[IntegralData]

