



**Lab05**

COMP 125 Programming with Python



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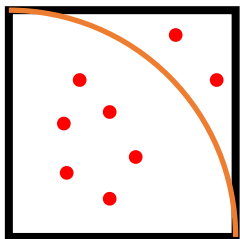
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# Estimating the number Pi

- We will use the Monte Carlo integration to estimate the number  $\pi$
- Assume that you have a square with edge length=1 and lower left corner at the origin.
- Using a random number generator, pick N random points (x,y) within the square ( $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ).
- Count the number of points inside the quarter circle (i.e. points with distance from origin less than 1).
- The estimate of  $\pi$  is four times the ratio of this count over the total number of generated points



$$\longrightarrow \pi \approx \frac{6}{8} \times 4 = 3$$

- Write a function named `estimate_pi`, which takes the number of random points `N` as an argument, and prints the estimate.
- Using this function estimate  $\pi$  by using `N=10, 100, 1000, 10000, ... 10^8`.
- Hint 1: To get random numbers in range `[0,1)` use random function: `from random import random`
- Hint 2: For the real  $\pi$  use: `from math import pi`

# Estimating the number Pi

- Bonus: Modify your function such that it returns the estimate of  $\pi$ , rather than printing on the screen.
- Using this function calculate the error in estimated pi. How does the error change with increasing N?
- Modify your output to get the following, where error is  $\text{abs}(\pi - \pi_{\text{est}})$

```
N=      10 pi_est= 1.60000 error=  1.54159
N=     100 pi_est= 3.36000 error=  0.21841
N=    1000 pi_est= 3.15200 error=  0.01041
N=   10000 pi_est= 3.11320 error=  0.02839
N=  100000 pi_est= 3.13604 error=  0.00555
N= 1000000 pi_est= 3.14027 error=  0.00132
```

Hint: use function `abs` to calculate the absolute value

Hint:  $\text{error} = \text{abs}(\pi - \pi_{\text{est}})$

# Taylor series of $e^x$

- The Taylor series  $e^x = 1 + x + x^2/2! + x^3/3! + x^4/4! + \dots$
- We will use Taylor series to estimate  $e^2$ .
- Copy the `factorial` function discussed in class to your code.
- Write a function `e_x(n)`, where `n` is the number of terms to be used in Taylor series specifically for calculating  $e^2$ . This function should use the `factorial` function for the calculation. It should print the number of terms used and the estimate of  $e^2$  to the screen.
- Calculate the estimate of  $e^2$  by using `n=1, 2, ..., 10`.

# Taylor series of $e^x$

- Bonus: Modify your function. It should take two arguments `e_x(x,n)` such that  $x$  is the point where we want to estimate  $e^x$  and  $n$  is the number of terms to be used. It should return the estimate of  $e^x$ .
- Compare your estimate with the exact value of  $e^x$   
(from `math import exp; ex=exp(1)**2`)
- Format your output such that you get:

```
N= 1 Estimate of e^x= 3.00000e+00 error= 4.38906e+00
N= 2 Estimate of e^x= 5.00000e+00 error= 2.38906e+00
N= 3 Estimate of e^x= 6.33333e+00 error= 1.05572e+00
N= 4 Estimate of e^x= 7.00000e+00 error= 3.89056e-01
N= 5 Estimate of e^x= 7.26667e+00 error= 1.22389e-01
N= 6 Estimate of e^x= 7.35556e+00 error= 3.35005e-02
N= 7 Estimate of e^x= 7.38095e+00 error= 8.10372e-03
N= 8 Estimate of e^x= 7.38730e+00 error= 1.75451e-03
N= 9 Estimate of e^x= 7.38871e+00 error= 3.43577e-04
N= 10 Estimate of e^x= 7.38899e+00 error= 6.13899e-05
N= 11 Estimate of e^x= 7.38905e+00 error= 1.00832e-05
N= 12 Estimate of e^x= 7.38905e+00 error= 1.53210e-06
N= 13 Estimate of e^x= 7.38906e+00 error= 2.16541e-07
```

Bonus to the bonus: After a certain  $N$ , the error does not decrease any more. Why?