

# Calculating PI using *Monte Carlo Method*

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In the project, the program should have two threads. One thread can count the number of points that occur within the circle and store that result in a global variable. And the parent thread can calculate and output the estimated value of PI.

Firstly, I create a function called count. And the thread that I create will call the function.

```
11 void * count()
12 {
13
14
15     for (int i = 0; i < 10000000; i++)
16     {
17         double x = (double)2.0*rand() / (RAND_MAX)-1.0;
18         double y = (double)2.0*rand() / (RAND_MAX)-1.0;
19         if (x * x + y * y <= 1.0)
20         {
21             c++;
22         }
23     }
24
25     pthread_exit(0);
26 }
```

In the function, the number of loop is the number of (x,y) points.

What's more, x and y are all random numbers ranging from -1,+1. Because the range of `rand() / (RAND_MAX)` is from 0 to 1, `2.0*rand() / (RAND_MAX)-1.0` is from -1 to +1.

c is a global variable and it is the number of points located in cycle.

`pthread_exit(0)` means that once thread finishes the function, the thread will exit.

In the main function, I create the thread by using `pthread_create()`. After creating the thread, I use `pthread_join()` to let thread start executing.

```
31 pthread_t id;
32 pthread_attr_t attr;
33 pthread_attr_init(&attr);
34
35 pthread_create(&id,&attr,count,NULL);
36
37 pthread_join(id,NULL);
```

After the thread finishing tasks and exiting, the parent thread will calculate PI by using

```
printf("%lf",4.0*c/10000000.0);
```

And the value of PI will also be displayed.

Test part:

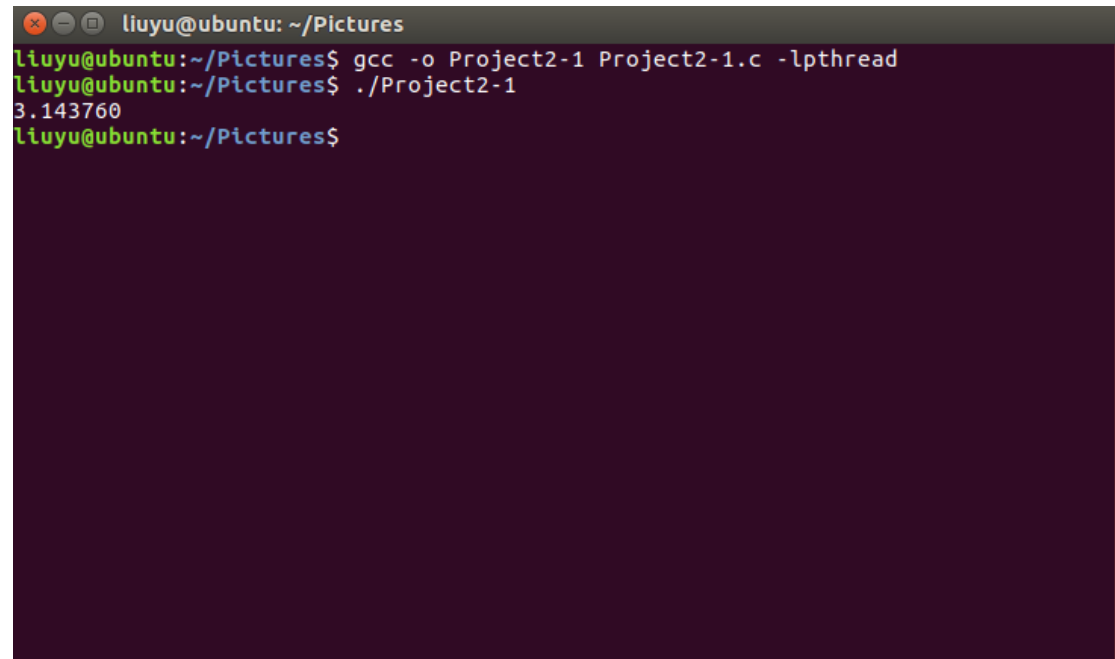
The number of total points is 10, PI is 3.2

```
liuyu@ubuntu: ~/Pictures
liuyu@ubuntu:~/Pictures$ gcc -o Project2-1 Project2-1.c -lpthread
liuyu@ubuntu:~/Pictures$ ./Project2-1
3.200000
liuyu@ubuntu:~/Pictures$
```

The number of total points is 1000, PI is 3.088

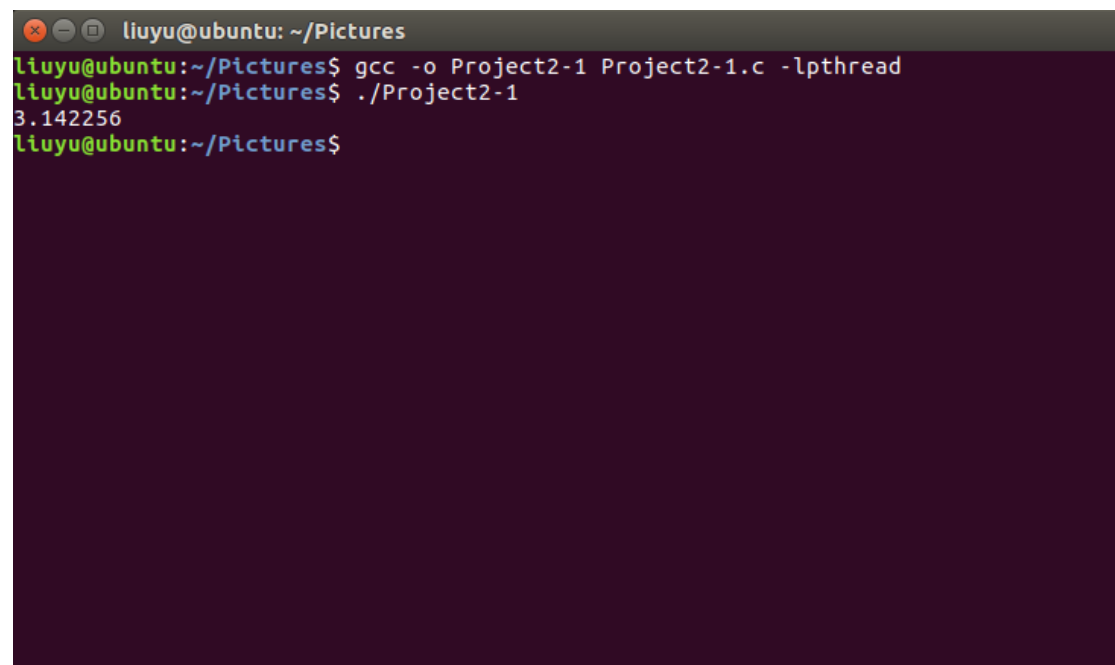
```
liuyu@ubuntu: ~/Pictures
liuyu@ubuntu:~/Pictures$ gcc -o Project2-1 Project2-1.c -lpthread
liuyu@ubuntu:~/Pictures$ ./Project2-1
3.088000
liuyu@ubuntu:~/Pictures$
```

The number of total points is 100000, PI is 3.143760



```
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liuyu@ubuntu:~/Pictures$ gcc -o Project2-1 Project2-1.c -lpthread
liuyu@ubuntu:~/Pictures$ ./Project2-1
3.143760
liuyu@ubuntu:~/Pictures$
```

The number of total points is 10000000, PI is 3.142256



```
liuyu@ubuntu: ~/Pictures
liuyu@ubuntu:~/Pictures$ gcc -o Project2-1 Project2-1.c -lpthread
liuyu@ubuntu:~/Pictures$ ./Project2-1
3.142256
liuyu@ubuntu:~/Pictures$
```

So I find that when the number of total points is increased, the value of PI I calculate is more accurate.