

As warm up, we will repeat some of the assignments from the previous quarter, but this time you *must* implement everything in python. Answering these questions does not require extensive familiarity with the large number of packages in the python runtime: we will only use the package `random`. But feel free to look around.

1. Recall the pseudocode for MERGE-SORT:

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**Algorithm 1:** MERGE-SORT( $S, p, r$ )

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1 if  $p < r$  then
2    $q \leftarrow \lfloor (p + r)/2 \rfloor$ 
3   MERGE-SORT( $S, p, q$ )
4   MERGE-SORT( $S, q + 1, r$ )
5   MERGE( $S, p, q, r$ )
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- (a) Implement MERGE-SORT and MERGE, its workhorse, in python.
  - (b) Write a driver that invokes it with  $S = (5, 2, 4, 6, 1, 3)$ .
  - (c) Build a container with  $10^6$  random numbers. Sort it using your implementation.
2. Recall the definition for the dilogarithm in terms of the integral

$$\text{Li}_2(z) := - \int_0^z dz' \frac{\log(1 - z')}{z'} \quad (1)$$

- (a) Implement a function `dilog` that accepts a real number  $z$  and an integer  $N$ , and returns an approximation to Eq. 1 using the midpoint rule.
  - (b) Build a table of the value, the error and the amount of time it takes to compute  $\text{Li}_2(1)$  and  $\text{Li}_2(-1)$ , for  $N \in \{10, 10^3, 10^6, 10^9\}$ .
3. Use Monte Carlo integration to compute an approximation to the value of  $\pi$  by computing the area of the upper right quadrant of a unit circle centered at the origin, as shown below.

