

# Monte Carlo Simulation

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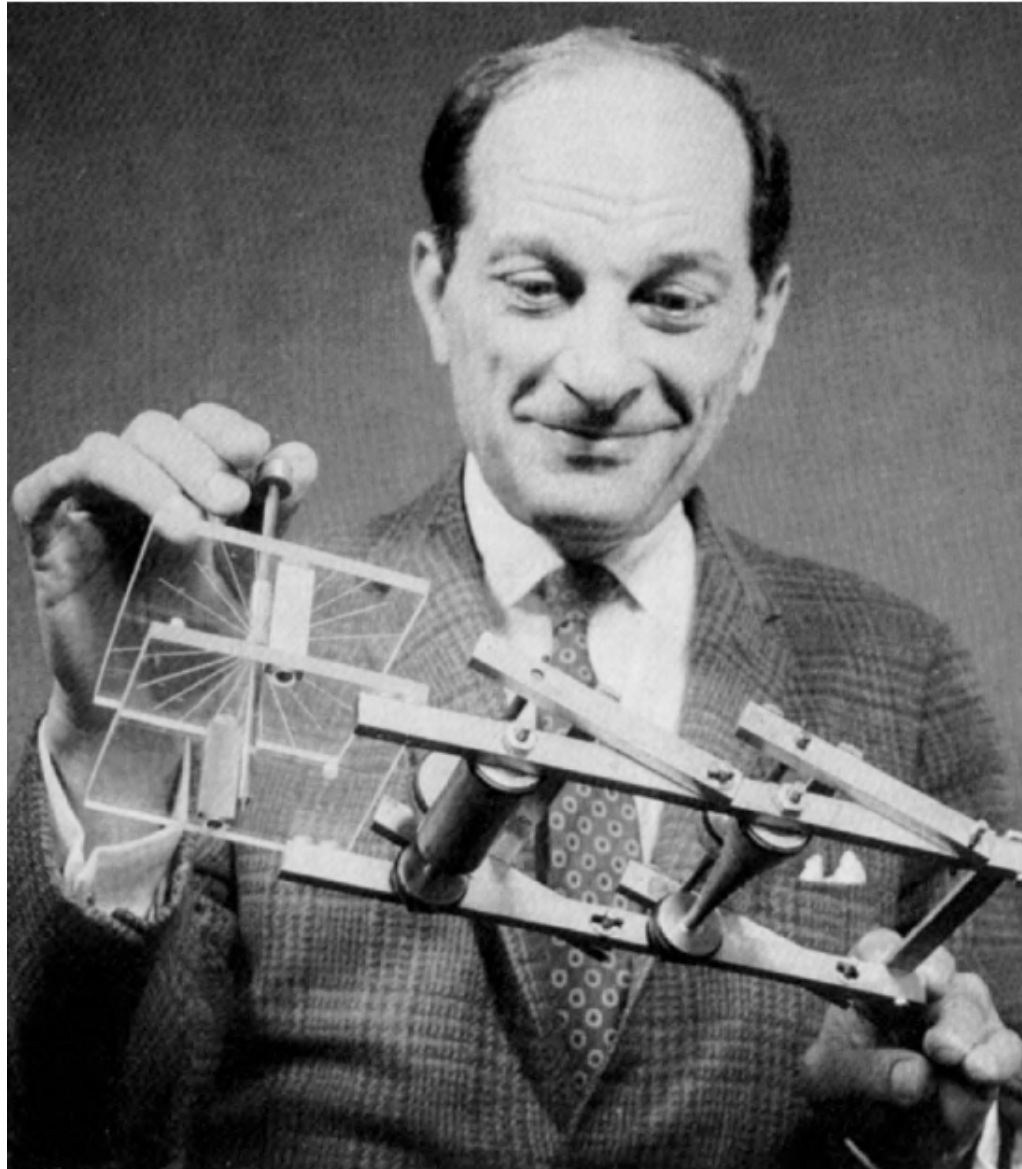


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# Stanislaw Ulam

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# We've Been Doing this Already

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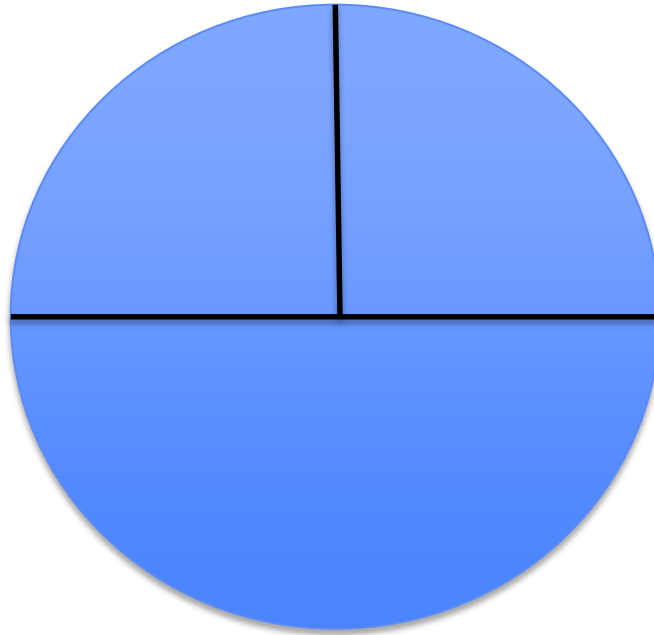
- A method of estimating the value of an unknown quantity using principles of inferential statistics.
- **Inferential statistics**
  - **Population**: a set of examples
  - **Sample**: a proper subset of a population
  - Key fact: a **random sample** tends to exhibit the same properties as the population from which it is drawn.

# Finding Pi

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3.1415926535897932384626433832795028841971693  
99375105820974944592307816406286208998628034  
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$$\frac{\textit{circumference}}{\textit{diameter}} = \Pi \quad \textit{area} = \Pi * \textit{radius}^2$$

# Rhind Papyrus



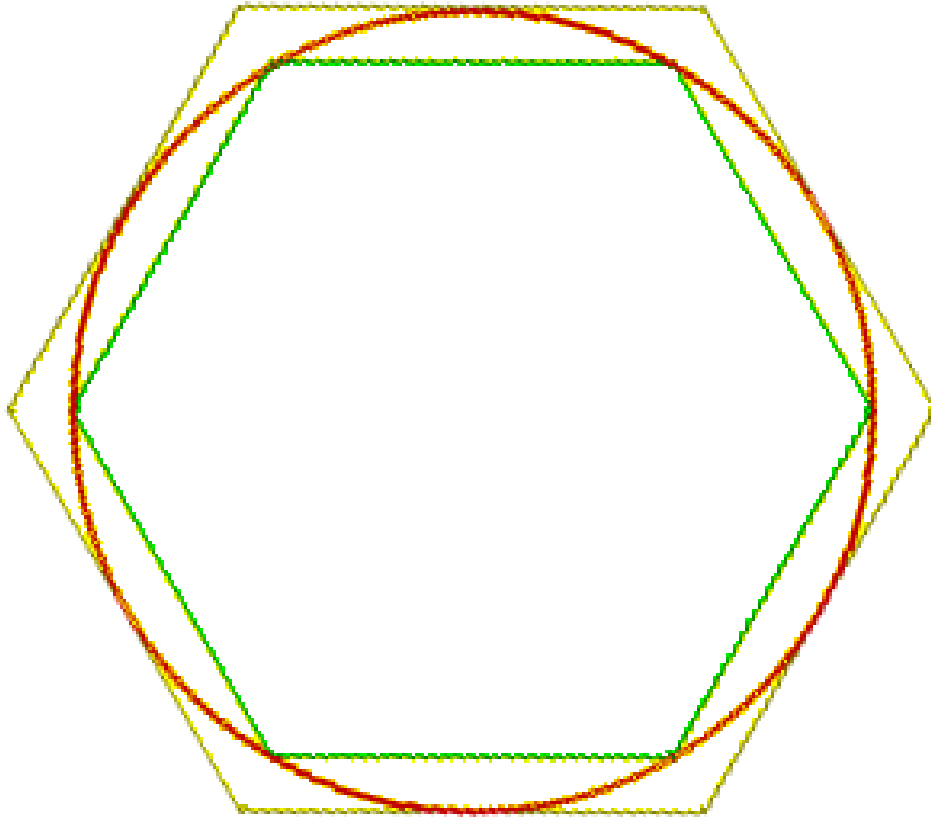
*“And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and his height was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.”*

**—1 Kings 7.23**

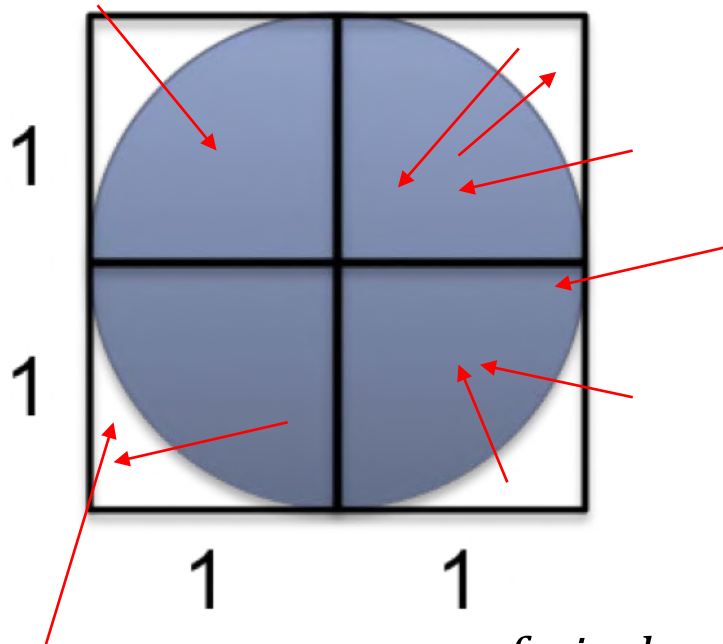


# Archimedes

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# Buffon-Laplace



$$A_s = 2 * 2 = 4$$

$$A_c = \pi r^2 = \pi$$

$$\frac{\text{needles in circle}}{\text{needles in square}} = \frac{\text{area of circle}}{\text{area of square}}$$

$$\text{area of circle} = \frac{\text{area of square} * \text{needles in circle}}{\text{needles in square}}$$

$$\text{area of circle} = \frac{4 * \text{needles in circle}}{\text{needles in square}}$$

# Arrows Are More Fun than Needles

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# Not a Practical Method

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- In the next segment, we take Ana's advice and build a simulation