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**Purpose:** To calculate pi using the Monte Carlo method.

**Sample:**

Number of coordinates: 10.0 Coordinates inside the circle: 8 Coordinates outside the circle: 2 Approximation to PI is 3.2	Number of coordinates: 10.0 Coordinates inside the circle: 7 Coordinates outside the circle: 3 Approximation to PI is 2.8	Number of coordinates: 100.0 Coordinates inside the circle: 79 Coordinates outside the circle: 21
Number of coordinates: 100.0 Coordinates inside the circle: 81 Coordinates outside the circle: 19 Approximation to PI is 3.24	Number of coordinates: 1000.0 Coordinates inside the circle: 782 Coordinates outside the circle: 218 Approximation to PI is 3.128	Number of coordinates: 1000.0 Coordinates inside the circle: 804 Coordinates outside the circle: 196 Approximation to PI is 3.216
Number of coordinates: 10000.0 Coordinates inside the circle: 7895 Coordinates outside the circle: 2105 Approximation to PI is 3.158	Number of coordinates: 10000.0 Coordinates inside the circle: 7900 Coordinates outside the circle: 2100 Approximation to PI is 3.16	Number of coordinates: 100000.0 Coordinates inside the circle: 785014 Coordinates outside the circle: 214986 Approximation to PI is 3.140056
Number of coordinates: 100000.0 Coordinates inside the circle: 78424 Coordinates outside the circle: 21576 Approximation to PI is 3.13696	Number of coordinates: 100000.0 Coordinates inside the circle: 78707 Coordinates outside the circle: 21293 Approximation to PI is 3.14828	

**Analysis:**

As the number of coordinates increases, the approximation approaches more to the expected value of PI as the law of large number states. This simulations shows the probability of PI as the number of times a coordinates lands inside the circle over all the number of conditions generated. This makes sense because, mentally picturing this, having small amount of coordinates will have less points inside the circle, whereas having large amount of coordinates will have a higher chance of more points inside the circle. More points inside the circle fills up most of the area so it will approach to pi, since the area inside the circle is all pi. It will only equal to pi if the whole quadrant is filled with points, but that is less likely to happen with random numbers, so it will be roughly PI with a high number of coordinates.

Before going to spring break, I was reviewing the assignment and I couldn't mentally figure out a blueprint of how to start this assignment, so I went to office hours to seek for help. Going to office hours was helpful because Dr.Joyce did go step by step of how to do this assignment. I tried thinking of another way to approach this assignment based on the notes from office hours, but I could not figure out another way. So I somewhat did this assignment from what was discussed during office hours.

This assignment took me about 2 hours and only because I could not figure out a small mistake during most of the time, and the mistake was that I did not cast a float near the end of my program.

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import java.util.Random;
public class PI {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Random GenNum = new Random();
        float x,y,PI;
        int count=0, countOut=0;
        final float coordinates=1000000;

        for(int i=1; i<=coordinates;i++)
        {
            // setting x and y to random numbers
            x=GenNum.nextFloat();
            y=GenNum.nextFloat();
            // for my purpose to hand calculate for accuracy
            //System.out.println("x is " + x);
            //System.out.println("y is " + y);
            // starting to count the coordinates inside and outside the circle
            if ( x*x+y*y<1)
                count++;
            else
                countOut++;
        }
        PI=(float)count/coordinates*4;
        System.out.println("Number of coordinates: " + coordinates);
        System.out.println("Coordinates inside the circle: " + count);
        System.out.println("Coordinates outside the circle: " + countOut);
        System.out.println("Approximation to PI is " + PI);
    }
}

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