

## Tutorial 8: Monte Carlo methods

### Computing $\pi$ using Monte Carlo sampling

1. Write a function `compute_pi(N)` which uses Monte Carlo sampling and the fact that

$$U \sim \text{Uniform}[0, 1]^2 \quad \implies \quad P(\|U\|_2 \leq 1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

to compute an approximation to  $\pi$  using only `rand()` and elementary algebra.

2. Write a function `convergence()` which verifies that the return value of `compute_pi(N)` involves an  $O(N^{-1/2})$  error as predicted by the central limit theorem.

