DNF counting

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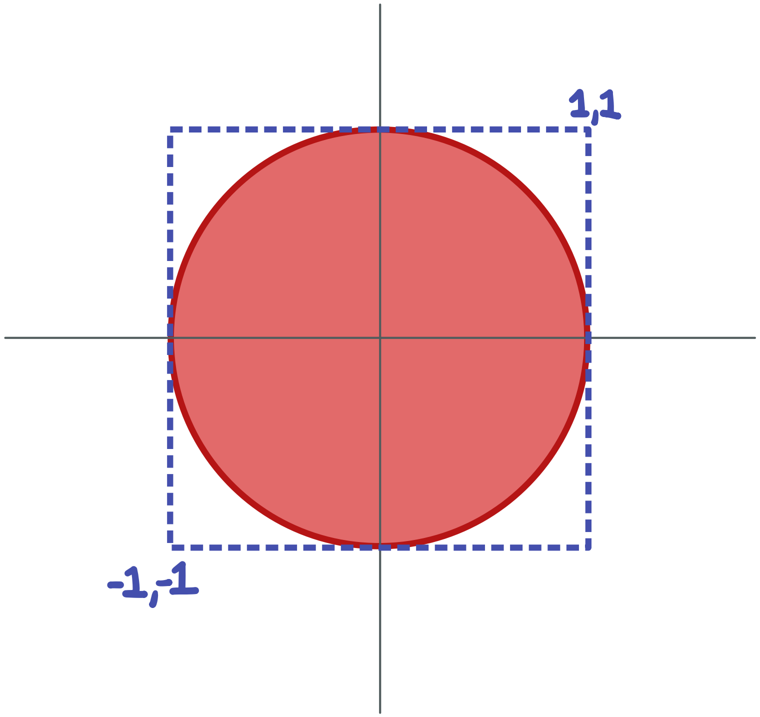

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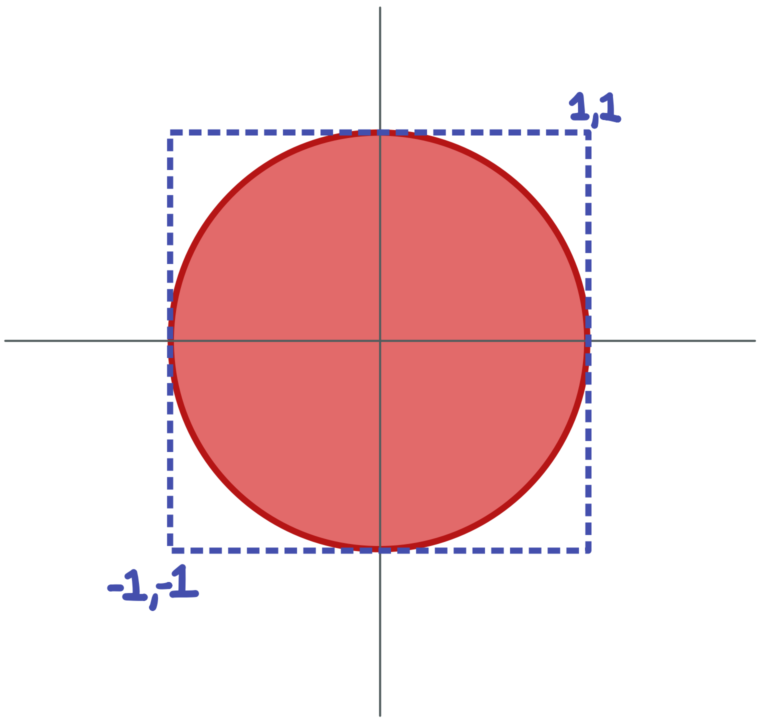

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Mean estimation

Input: independent samples of $X \in [0,1]$

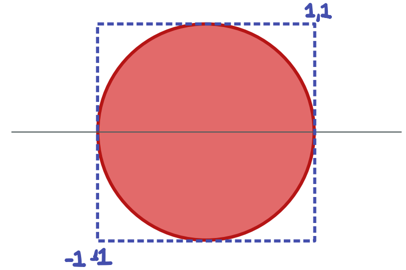
Goal: estimate $E[X]$ (efficiently, w/ few samples)

Sampling approach:

1. Sample $X_1, \ldots, X_k \sim X$
2. return $\frac{1}{k}(X_1 + \cdots + X_k)$

Chernoff: $k = \Omega\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2 E[X]}\right)$
(for $(1\pm\varepsilon)$-APX)

what if $E[X] \approx 0$?



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