Homework 1

- 1. Read Sections 1.1 and 1.2 from the textbook (nothing needs to be turned in).
- 2. Run the MATLAB script file **ExpPlot** given on page 16. Try 200 equally spaced points (as on page 16) as well as 10 equally spaced points. Turn in both plots.

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3. Do Problem P1.2.9 from the textbook.

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4. Write a MATLAB function to compute P_n , where

$$P_{n+1} = 2^n \sqrt{2 \left\{ 1 - \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{P_n}{2^n}\right)^2} \right\}}, \text{ for } n = 2, 3, \dots$$

$$P_2 = 2\sqrt{2}.$$

For your function, you should create a text file called myFunc.m (or choose a different name). On the first line of the file, write: function p = myFunc(n). This says that myFunc is a MATLAB function that takes n as an argument and outputs p.

Compute and print out P_n for $n=2,3\ldots 40$. Does P_{21} seem to approximate π ? What about P_{30} ?