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PROGRAM: CoinTosses

CALLING SEQUENCE: CoinTosses[n, print]

PARAMETERS: n - an integer, print - a Boolean variable (True or False)

SYNOPSIS:

- This program simulates n tosses of a fair coin, and prints the proportion of tosses that come up heads. If print = True, then the outcomes of the tosses (H/T) are also printed.

RETURNED VALUES:

- none

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File: "CoinTosses.Chpt1.mat"

```
Clear[CoinTosses];
```

```
CoinTosses[n_, print_] :=
```

```
Block[
    {headcounter = 0, outputstring = ""},
    For[i = 1, i <= n, i++,
        If[Random[] < .5,
            headcounter++;
            If[print,
                outputstring =
                    StringInsert[outputstring, "H", i]
            ],
            If[print,
                outputstring =
                    StringInsert[outputstring, "T", i]
            ]
        ]
    ];
    Print[outputstring];
    Print[" "];
    Print["The proportion of heads in ", n,
        " tosses is ", N[headcounter/n, 5]
    ]
]
```

Example for CoinTosses

```
CoinTosses[100, True]
```

```
HHTHTHHHTHTHTHTTTHTTTTHTTHTTTTTTTHTTTHTHHHTHHHTTHTHTTHTTHT
TTTHTTHTHTHTHTHTHTHTTTTHHHHTTTHTHTHTTTHT
```

The proportion of heads in 100 tosses is 0.46

PROGRAM: DeMere1

CALLING SEQUENCE: DeMere1[n, print]

PARAMETERS: n - an integer, print - a Boolean variable (True or False)

SYNOPSIS:

- This program simulates 4 rolls of a die, and determines whether a six has appeared (a "success"). It repeats this experiment n times, and prints the number of trials that resulted in a success. It also prints the proportion of trials that resulted in a success. Finally, if print = True, then the rolls are printed out.

RETURNED VALUES:

- none

LOCATION:

Folder: Chapter 1

File: "DeMere1&2.Chpt1.mat"

Clear[DeMere1];

DeMere1[n_, print_] :=

```
Block[
  {successcounter = 0,
   currentrollset = {}
  },
  For[i = 1, i <= n, i++,
    currentrollset = {};
    For[j = 1, j <= 4, j++,
      currentrollset =
        Append[currentrollset,
          Ceiling[6*Random[]]
        ];
    ];
    If[print, Print[currentrollset]
    ];
    If[Count[currentrollset, 6] > 0,
      successcounter++
    ];
  ];
  Print["number of successes = ",
    successcounter
  ];
  Print["proportion of successes = ",
    N[successcounter/n, 5]
  ]
]
```

Example for DeMere1

DeMere1[1000, False]

number of successes = 522

proportion of successes = 0.522

PROGRAM: DeMere2

CALLING SEQUENCE: DeMere2[n, m, print]

PARAMETERS: n, m - integers

print - a Boolean variable (True or False)

SYNOPSIS:

- This program simulates m rolls of two dice, and determines whether a double 6 has appeared (a "success"). It repeats this experiment n times, and prints the number of trials that resulted in a success. It also prints the proportion of trials that resulted in a success. Finally, if print = True, then the rolls are printed out.

RETURNED VALUES:

- none

LOCATION:

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File: "DeMere1&2.Chpt1.mat"

Clear[DeMere2];

DeMere2[n_, m_, print_] :=

```
Block[{successcounter = 0,
  currentrollset = {}
},
  For[i = 1, i <= n, i++,
    currentrollset = {};
    For[j = 1, j <= m, j++,
      currentrollset =
        Append[currentrollset,
          {Ceiling[6*Random[]],
           Ceiling[6*Random[]]}
        ];
    ];
    If[print, Print[currentrollset]
    ];
    If[Count[currentrollset, {6, 6}] > 0,
      successcounter++
    ];
  ];
  Print["number of successes = ",
    successcounter
  ];
  Print["proportion of successes = ",
    N[successcounter/n, 5]
  ]
]
```

Example for DeMere2

DeMere2[1000, 24, False]

number of successes = 475

proportion of successes = 0.475

PROGRAM: RandomNumbers

CALLING SEQUENCE: RandomNumbers[n]

PARAMETERS: n - an integer

SYNOPSIS:

- This program generates and displays n random real numbers between 0 and 1.

RETURNED VALUES:

- none

LOCATION:

Folder: Chapter 1

File: "RandomNumbers.Chpt1.mat"

```
Clear[RandomNumbers];
RandomNumbers[n_] := Do[Print[Random[]],
                        {n}
                       ]
```

Example for RandomNumbers

RandomNumbers[3]

0.132088

0.459366

0.178864

PROGRAM: SpikegraphWithDots

CALLING SEQUENCE: SpikegraphWithDots[distributionlist, xmin, xmax, color, print]

PARAMETERS:

- distributionlist - a distribution list
- xmin, xmax - real numbers
- color - a list of 3 color-specification real numbers
- print - a Boolean variable (True or False)

SYNOPSIS:

- This program displays a graph of the distribution of x (where x has the distribution given in distributionlist) by drawing a spike of height p(x) at each x, and topping that spike with a dot of color color. If print = True, this graph is displayed. Otherwise, the display is (for the time being) suppressed. (If the graph has been suppressed, to see it at a later time type "Show[%#, DisplayFunction -> \$DisplayFunction]", where # is the input number of the original call to SpikegraphWithDots.) The input distribution list is assumed to be in increasing order of the x-values. Important note: only values of x which fall in the user-defined interval [xmin, xmax] will be included in the graph. If not all values of x are included, and print = True, a warning is displayed. If print = False, no such warning will be given, even if the graph is later displayed.

RETURNED VALUES:

- none

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```
Clear[SpikegraphWithDots];
SpikegraphWithDots[distributionlist_, xmin_, xmax_,
                   color_, print_] :=
Block[{num = Length[distributionlist],
      j, k,
      linelist
},
  linelist = Table[Line[{distributionlist[[i]],
                       {distributionlist[[i]][[1]], 0}}
                 ],
                {i, 1, num}
];
pointlist = Table[Point[distributionlist[[i]]],
                  {i, 1, num}
];
j = 1;
While[distributionlist[[j]][[1]] < xmin,
  linelist = Drop[linelist, 1];
  pointlist = Drop[pointlist, 1];
  j++;
];
k = num;
While[distributionlist[[k]][[1]] > xmax,
  linelist = Drop[linelist, -1];
  pointlist = Drop[pointlist, -1];
  k--;
];
finallist = Join[linelist, pointlist];
If[print,
  If[((distributionlist[[1]][[1]] < xmin) ||
      (distributionlist[[num]][[1]] > xmax)),
    Print["Note: some outcome values lie outside the
user-defined interval."]
  ];
  Show[Graphics[linelist],
        Graphics[{PointSize[.02],
                  RGBColor[color[[1]], color[[2]],
color[[3]]}],
        pointlist}
],
  PlotRange -> All,
  Frame -> True
],
Show[Graphics[linelist],
  Graphics[{PointSize[.02],
```

```

                                RGBColor[color[[1]], color[[2]],
color[[3]]],
                                pointlist}
                                ],
                                DisplayFunction->Identity,
                                PlotRange -> All,
                                Frame -> True
                                ]
                                ]
                                ]
]

```

PROGRAM: SimulateDiscreteVariable

CALLING SEQUENCE: SimulateDiscreteVariable[plist]

PARAMETERS:

plist - a probability list

SYNOPSIS:

- This program simulates an experiment which has outcomes $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{\text{Length[plist]}}$ with probabilities $\text{plist}[[1]], \text{plist}[[2]], \dots, \text{plist}[[\text{Length[plist]}]]$, respectively. The program returns i , where x_i is the outcome of the experiment.

RETURNED VALUES:

- i , where x_i is the outcome of the experiment

LOCATION:

File: "Important Programs"

```

Clear[SimulateDiscreteVariable];
SimulateDiscreteVariable[plist_] :=
Block[{r, j = 1, subtotal = 0},
  r = Random[];
  While[subtotal <= r,
    subtotal = subtotal + plist[[j]];
    j++;
  ];
  Return[j - 1]
]

```

PROGRAM: GeneralSimulation

CALLING SEQUENCE: GeneralSimulation[n, plist, m, print]

PARAMETERS: n, m – integers, plist - a probability list

print - a Boolean variable (True or False)

SYNOPSIS:

- This program simulates a general experiment in which the outcomes $1, 2, \dots, n$ occur with probabilities $p(1), p(2), \dots, p(n)$. These probabilities are entered as a list in `plist`. The experiment is repeated m times, and the observed frequencies of the outcomes are printed. In addition, spike graphs of the observed data frequencies and `plist` data frequencies are displayed on the same set of axes;

the observed data spikes are topped with blue dots, and the plist data spikes are topped with red. If print = True, the outcomes are printed. Finally, the program returns a list of the n observed frequencies.

- Note: this program requires the programs "SimulateDiscreteVariable[plist]" and "SpikegraphWithDots[distributionlist, xmin, xmax, color, print]" be initialized.

RETURNED VALUES:

- a list of the n observed frequencies

LOCATION:

Folder: Chapter 1

File: "GeneralSimulation.Chpt1.mat"

Clear[GeneralSimulation];

GeneralSimulation[n_, plist_, m_, print_] :=

```
Block[{x,
  observedfreqlist = Table[0, {j, 1, n}],
  j,
  subtotal,
  alist, blist
},
For[i = 1, i <= m, i++,
  w = SimulateDiscreteVariable[plist];
  observedfreqlist[[w]]++;
  If[print, Print[w]];
];
Print[" "];
Print["Outcome p(k) p*(k)"];
Print[" "];
For[k = 1, k <= n, k++,
  Print[k, " ",
    plist[[k]], " ",
    N[observedfreqlist[[k]]/m, 5]
  ];
];
alist = Table[{i, N[observedfreqlist[[i]]/m, 5]},
  {i, 1, Length[observedfreqlist]}
];
blist = Table[{i, plist[[i]]},
  {i, 1, Length[plist]}
];
g1 = SpikegraphWithDots[alist, 1, Length[alist],
  {0.170, 0.110, 1.000}, False
];
g2 = SpikegraphWithDots[blist, 1, Length[blist],
  {1.000, 0.030, 0.049}, False
];
Show[g1, g2, DisplayFunction -> $DisplayFunction];
Return[N[observedfreqlist/m, 5]]
```

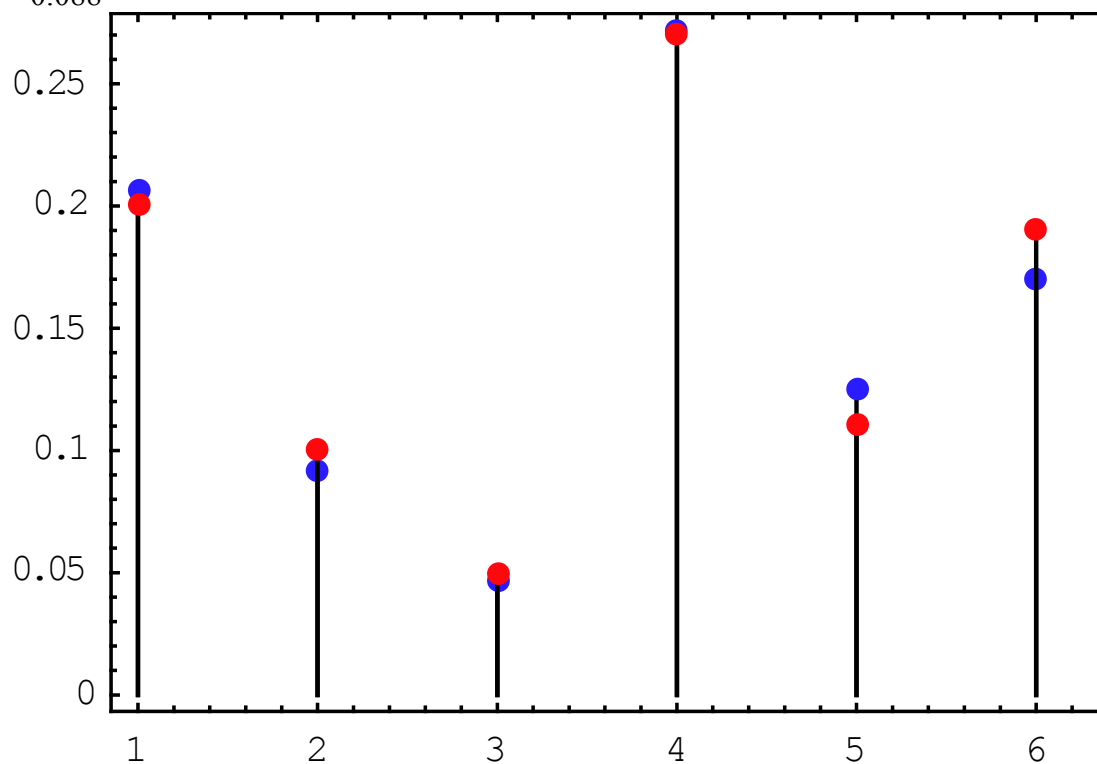
]

Example for GeneralSimulation

```
GeneralSimulation[7, {2, .1, .05, .27, .11, .19, .08}, 1000,  
False]
```

Outcome p(k) p*(k)

1	0.2	0.207
2	0.1	0.091
3	0.05	0.047
4	0.27	0.272
5	0.11	0.125
6	0.19	0.17
7	0.08	0.088



PROGRAM: MonteCarlo

CALLING SEQUENCE: contecarlo[n, f, xmin, xmax, ymax]

PARAMETERS:

n - an integer

f - the name of a pre-defined function of one variable

xmin, xmax, ymax - real numbers

SYNOPSIS:

- This program estimates the area under the input function $f[x]$ and above the interval $[xmin, xmax]$ by choosing n random points in the rectangle above the interval $[xmin, xmax]$ and between the y-values 0 and $ymax$. The function $f[x]$ is

assumed to be non-negative on the interval $[x_{\min}, x_{\max}]$, and is assumed to have a maximum value which does not exceed y_{\max} . (Note: it is not necessary that the maximum value of $f[x] = y_{\max}$.) The program returns its area estimate, and also plots the random points and the function $f[x]$ on the interval $[x_{\min}, x_{\max}]$.

- Keep in mind that the function $f[x]$ should be defined before this program is called, and then the name of the function, namely f (or some other name, like Cos) should be given to this program. The expression for the function (such as x^2 , for example) should not be given as a parameter.

RETURNED VALUES:

- none

LOCATION:

Folder: Chapter 2

File: "MonteCarlo.Chpt2.mat"

```
Clear[montecarlo];
```

```
montecarlo[n_, f_, xmin_, xmax_, ymax_] :=
```

```
Block[{boxarea = ymax*(xmax - xmin),
```

(* Because of a bug in the *Mathematica* function `Random`, we must first take numerical approximations to the input values x_{\min} , x_{\max} , and y_{\max} .

*)

```
nymax = N[ymax],
nxmax = N[xmax],
nxmin = N[xmin],
count = 0,
randpoint,
pointlist = {}
},
For[i = 1, i <= n, i++,
  randpoint = {Random[Real, {nxmin, nxmax}],
              Random[Real, {0, nymax}]
             };
  pointlist = Append[pointlist, randpoint];
  If[randpoint[[2]] <= f[randpoint[[1]]],
    count++
  ];
];
Print[(count/n)*ymax*(xmax - xmin)/N];
```

(* In the following command, the first two graphics calls are given the option `DisplayFunction -> Identity` so that they are not plotted on the screen. Then the `Show` command is given the two plots with the `DisplayFunction` option set back to the default value. This results in

only one graph being shown on the screen, rather than three. *)

```
Show[ {Plot[f[x], {x, xmin, xmax},  
      DisplayFunction -> Identity],  
      ListPlot[pointlist, DisplayFunction -> Identity]  
    }, DisplayFunction -> $DisplayFunction,  
      AspectRatio -> 1  
    ];  
]
```

Example for Montecarlo.

```
Clear[f];  
f[x_] := x^2  
montecarlo[100, f, 0, 1, 1]  
0.35
```

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SpikegraphWithDots --subroutine
SimulateDiscreteVariable --subroutine
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