

Answer on Question #45296, Programming, Mat LAB | Mathematica | MathCAD | Maple

Problem.

If there is a group of n people in a room,
what is the probability that two or more of them having same
birthday? It is possible to determine answer to this question by simulation.

(Hint:

You can generate
random dates

,
 n times and determine the
fraction of people who born in a given day).

Write a f

unction

that determines the answer to this question by simulation. The

program

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ite can take n as the

input

and prints out

the probability that two or more of n people will have the same birthday for

$n=2,3,4,\dots, 40$

Solution.

Code (MATLAB)

```
function probability()
    clc();
    % Input
    n = input('The number of people: ');
    for i = 1:1:4
        % The number of simulations
        m = 10^i;
        % The number of successful simulations
        % (when there is two or more people with same birthday date)
        simSuc = 0;

        % Simulation loop
        for j = 1:1:m
            simGrp = randi(365, 1, n);
            if length(unique(simGrp)) ~= n
                simSuc = simSuc + 1;
            end
        end
        % Output
        fprintf('The probability equals %f (%d simulations)\n', simSuc/m, m);
    end
end
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Result

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Command Window
The number of people: 30
The probability equals 0.600000 (10 simulations)
The probability equals 0.620000 (100 simulations)
The probability equals 0.719000 (1000 simulations)
The probability equals 0.701900 (10000 simulations)
fx >> |
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