

Choose a number out of 4

1. Have N people pick a number from 1 to R , inclusive. What is the probability, p , of K or more choices of any single number? Your function should take inputs R , N , K and a 4th variable, $nSims$ (number of simulations to run) and return the probability, p .

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p = MyFunction(R, N, K, nSims);
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2. This example is from actual class data taken on 16 August 2012. The instructions were to pick at random a number from 1 to 4. Here is the actual data from 75 respondents:

- 7 people chose number 1 (9 %)
- 24 people chose number 2 (32 %)
- 34 people chose number 3 (45 %)
- 10 people chose number 4 (13 %)

Is this distribution random?

Hint: The hardest part of this exercise is defining what class of outcomes you would consider "weird." You need to have a precise definition so that you can count how often they occur when you generate a bunch of simulations under the null hypothesis (H_0). By the way, what is your null hypothesis? Start out by discussing - in words - in small groups the definition of H_0 and the precise definition of the type of event you would consider to violate H_0 . *Resist the temptation to start coding right away.*

3. Bonus exercise: For MATLAB show-offs, this can be done in a single line of code. What are the advantages and disadvantages of doing it this way?