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function [stockMod] = simStock RandO1(...
                        stockStruct, ...
                        currentDay)
   % This function will simulate the
   % random behavior of a stock price.
   % In this particular function, there
    % will be a 50% chance of the price
   % going either up or down. The amount
    % by which it goes up or down will be
    % determined by a Gaussian (bell-curve)
   % distribution, causing larger
   % changes to be less likely.
   % The trading volume will be held
   % fixed at its initial value.
   % The high and low prices for the day
    % will also be held fixed in this
    % particular function.
   % The only that is changed in this
    % function is the closing price.
   % All values in the stock data struct
   % that are not changed will be set
   % to "-1" in their corresponding
    % matrices, denoting an empty value.
   % Set parameters by which to determine
   % the new stock price. These are the
   % limits of the likely percent change
    % that a stock might see in one day of
    % trading.
   percChangeUpperLimit = 0.5;
   percChangeLowerLimit = 0.001;
   % Determine whether the stock price
    % will go up or down.
   if(rand(1,1) > 0.5)
       movDir = 1;
   else
       movDir = -1;
    end
   % Determine how much the stock
    % price will change. Choose a
    % percentage change based on a
    % random Gaussian distribution and 2
    % limiting thresholds. Modify
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% The Gaussian distribution so that
% the 0-sigma (mean) value
% corresponds to the lower
% threshold and the 3-sigma
% value corresponds to the
% upper threshold. Also, only
% Accept positive values from
% the distribution.
% First, check to see that the
% current price of the stock
% is not zero or negative.
% it is, then assume the company
% is not in business and return
% the new price as zero.
if (stockStruct.currentPrice <= 0)</pre>
    newPrice = 0;
else
    % Get a Gaussian distributed
    % random number. Mean is at
    % 0 and standard deviation is 1.
    qaussVal = randn(1,1);
    % Shift random value so that the
    % distribution is now centered
    % at the percChangeLowerLimit.
    gaussVal = gaussVal + percChangeLowerLimit;
    % Stretch/condense the distribution
    % so that the 3-sigma value
    % corresponds to the upper percent
    % change limit. The current 3-sigma
    % value is 3.
    gaussVal = (gaussVal*(0.5/3));
    % Take the absolute value of the
    % Gaussian random number.
    % This will be the percent change
    % of the stock price on the given day.
    % THE PERCENT CHANGE WILL BE A PERCENT
    % OF THE ORIGINAL PRICE! OTHERWISE
    % THE STOCK PRICE WILL ALWAYS
    % TEND TO ZERO. The original price
    % is given by "stockStruct.close(1)".
   percChange = abs(gaussVal);
   priceChange = (movDir...
        * stockStruct.close(1)...
        * percChange);
    newPrice = stockStruct.currentPrice ...
        + priceChange;
end
% If the new price is less than or
% equal to zero, then assume the
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% company has gone out of business
% and the stock is now worthless.
if(newPrice <= 0)
    newPrice = 0;
end

% Update the stock data.
newDataIndex = (length(stockStruct.year) + 1);
stockStruct.currentPrice = newPrice;
stockStruct.high(newDataIndex) = -1;
stockStruct.low(newDataIndex) = -1;
stockStruct.close(newDataIndex) = newPrice;
stockStruct.volume(newDataIndex) = -1;
% Return updated stock struct.
stockMod = stockStruct;
return;</pre>
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end