

A2Q5

Suppose we toss a coin 10 times. Then we would expect to get 5 heads and 5 tails. But often we won't. Let's estimate the probability of getting 5 heads and 5 tails by doing a simple experiment.

Toss a coin 10 times and count the number of heads h that we get. Repeat this 10,000 times in a loop and record in a frequency array F how many times we get h heads, i.e., after the experiment $F[h]$ is the number of times we got h heads for $0 \leq h \leq 10$.

Write Maple code that runs the experiment, that is, creates the frequency array F .

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> restart;  
> bit := rand(0..1);  
> bit();  
0 (1)
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> bit();  
0 (2)
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> F := Array(0..10);  
F := [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ... 0 .. 10 Array] (3)
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> for n from 1 to 10000 do  
    L := [ seq( bit(), i=1..10) ];  
    h := add(i,i=L);  
    F[h] := F[h] + 1;  
od;  
F;  
[5, 111, 414, 1155, 2067, 2530, 2021, 1179, 414, 95, 9, ... 0 .. 10 Array] (4)
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Now estimate the probability of getting exactly 5 heads

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> evalf(F[5]/add(i,i=F));  
0.2530000000 (5)
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The probability of getting exactly 5 heads is about 24%