

Week 2/ Exercise 3

- 30 people in a room
- Uniform distribution of birth dates

a) Compute the probability that no two people share a birthday

$$P(x) = 1/365 \quad (\text{being born on } x)$$

$$P(\text{not } x) = 1 - \frac{1}{365} \quad (\text{Not being born on } x)$$

Pick one person's birthday x .

$$P(\text{their birthday} = x) = 1$$

$$P(\text{next person not } x) = 364/365$$

↳ their birthday is y

$$P(\text{next person not } x \text{ or } y) = 363/365$$

⋮

$$P(\text{next person no shared}) = 365-29/365$$

$$P(\text{no shared bdays}) = \left(\frac{365 \cdot 364 \cdot \dots \cdot 336}{365^{30}} \right)$$

↳ Probabilities are independent so we multiply them to get AND

$\approx 29\%$ chance

b) Probability that at least two people share a birthday

$$P(n \geq 2) = 1 - P(\text{no shared birthday})$$

$\approx 71\%$ chance.