

## Simulation in R

1. Let's re-visit de Montmort's matching problem: We have a well-shuffled deck of  $n$  cards, labeled 1 through  $n$ . You flip over the cards one by one, saying the numbers 1 through  $n$  as you go. You win the game if at some point, the number you say aloud is the same of the number on the card flipped over. For large  $n$ , we learned that the probability of winning is approximately  $1 - e^{-1}$ .
  - (a) For  $n = 5$ , write R code that uses the `sample()` function to play one iteration of the game. Your code should output whether the game results in a win or loss. This can be done by reporting `TRUE` or 1 if you won and `FALSE` or 0 if you lost. Your code will probably use the following:
    - The function `sample()`
    - Comparison of two vectors with `==`
    - The function `sum()`. If `x_vec` is a vector, then `sum(x_vec)` adds up all the values in the vector.
  - (b) Optionally copy-and-pasting your code from (a), now use the `replicate()` function to simulate 10000 iterations of the game. Store the results in a variable called `sims`. Then use `sims` to approximate the probability of winning, still for  $n = 5$ .
  - (c) Now generalize (b) by creating a function called `matching_prob` that returns the simulated probability of winning for some number of cards  $n$  and some number of iterations  $B$  used to approximate the probability. That is,  $n$  and  $B$  should be arguments in your function.
  - (d) Using your new `matching_prob()` function, approximate the probability of winning in game with  $n =$  each of 2, 3, and 10 cards using 5000 simulations. Verify that these get closer to the value  $1 - 1/e$ .