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randomised-simple.c
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* Implementing a couple of the simplest random methods in c
   basic compile eq. with:
   gcc -Wall -Wextra randomised-simple.c -o randomised-simple.exe -lm
   then test usage eq.:
   ./randomised-simple.exe 12345 10
   older qnu compilers might need -std=qnu99 for drand48 support
   ************* char length page width best for a2ps **************
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
 unsigned int iseed; /* input 1 random number seed */
 int nloops;
                       /* input 2 number of loops */
 int iloops;
 int irandcur;
 double drandcur;
 if (argc != 3) {
   fprintf(stderr, "Usage: %s <iseed> <nloops>\n", argv[0]);
   exit (EXIT_FAILURE);
 iseed = atoi(argv[1]);
 nloops = atoi(argv[2]);
 printf("Running %s with iseed=%u and nloops=%d\n", argv[0], iseed, nloops);
/* method 1 rand() generation.... see ** man rand **
* RAND MAX is defined in stdlib.h
* First generate the seed and then run off nloops*/
 printf("method1 using rand() with RAND MAX=%d\n", RAND MAX);
 srand(iseed);
 for (jloops = 0; jloops < nloops; jloops++) {</pre>
   irandcur = rand();
   drandcur = (double) rand() / ((double) RAND_MAX+1.0);
   printf("method1 int=%d, dble=%f, \n", irandcur, drandcur);
 printf("\n");
/* method 2 drand48() generation (uses long int seed)
* ** man drand48 **
* for more information about (lack of) thread safety */
 double drandcur1, drandcur2;
 long int iseedlong;
 printf("method2 using drand48()");
 iseedlong = (long int) iseed;
 srand48(iseedlong);
 for (jloops = 0; jloops < nloops; jloops++) {</pre>
   drandcur1 = drand48(); // random number between 0,1
   drandcur2 = drand48(); // random number between 0,1
   printf("method2 drandcur1=%g, drandcur2=%g,\n", drandcur1, drandcur2);
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exit (EXIT SUCCESS);
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