

# Iteration and simulation

# Warm-up question

**Problem:** 10 people are at a party, and all of them are wearing hats. They each place their hat in a pile; when they leave, they choose a hat at random. What is the probability at least one person selected the correct hat?

**Question:** Work with your neighbor to discuss the following question:

- Without calculating probabilities, how could you design an experiment to estimate this probability?

# Designing an experiment

Step 1 :

need 10 hats!

In R ;  
(vector #s 1-10)

Person 1

Person 2

...

hat 1  $\pi$

Hat 2  $\pi$

Step 2 :

randomly "shuffle" hats  
(randomly assign a hat to each person)

(Sampling in R)

$\frac{\pi}{10}$

$\frac{\pi}{4}$

$\frac{\pi}{3}$

...

$\frac{\pi}{9}$

Step 3 :

who got their original hat?

(compare original #s to new ordering)

Step 4 :

Repeat many times!  
for loop!

# Step 1: representing the hats

```
1 hats <- 1:10
```

```
2
```

```
3 hats
```

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

```
1 hats[3]
```

```
[1] 3
```

- hats is a **vector**, containing the numbers 1 to 10
- entries in a vector are accessed by their index

## Step 2: everyone draws a random hat

```
1 hats <- 1:10
2 randomized_hats <- sample(hats, size = 10, replace = FALSE)
3
4 hats
```

# items to sample

↑ object to sample from

without replacement  
(people can't

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

Share a  
hat)

```
1 randomized_hats
```

```
[1] 4 7 1 3 8 10 9 2 5 6
```

- The `sample` function creates a random sample from a vector
- How many people selected their original hat? ○

idea: check if  $\text{randomized\_hats}[1] == 1$   
 $\text{randomized\_hats}[2] == 2$

implementation:  $\text{randomized\_hats} == \text{hats}$

# Step 3: check who got their original hat

```
1 hats <- 1:10
2 randomized_hats <- sample(hats, size = 10, replace = FALSE)
```

```
1 hats
```

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

```
1 randomized_hats
```

```
[1] 4 7 1 3 8 10 9 2 5 6
```

```
1 hats == randomized_hats
```

← test for equality (done for each element)

```
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

```
1 # TRUE is 1, FALSE is 0
```

```
2 sum(hats == randomized_hats)
```

← how many got their original hat

```
[1] 0
```

```
1 # did at least one person get their hat?
```

```
2 sum(hats == randomized_hats) > 0
```

← did at least one person

```
[1] FALSE
```

got their original hat?

# Code so far

```
1 hats <- 1:10
2 randomized_hats <- sample(hats, size = 10, replace = FALSE)
1 sum(hats == randomized_hats) > 0
```

} repeat these  
two lines  
many  
times

[1] FALSE

- Is this a good estimate of the probability?

No! Need to repeat

# Step 4: iteration

A for loop repeats code many times:

```
1 nsim <- 10000 # number of simulations
2 for(i in 1:nsim){
3
4
5 }
```

repeat the following code for  $i=1, i=2, \dots, i=nsim$



results: NA NA NA ... NA

## Step 4: iteration

A for loop repeats code many times:

```
1 nsim <- 10000 # number of simulations
2 hats <- 1:10
3 results <- rep(NA, nsim) # vector to store results
4                                     ~repeat NA nsim times~
5 for(i in 1:nsim){
6   randomized_hats <- sample(hats, size = 10, replace = FALSE)
7   results[i] <- sum(hats == randomized_hats) > 0
8 }
9
10 head(results)
```

```
[1] TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE
```

i = 1 : (check)

TRUE NA NA NA ... NA

i = 2 : (check)

TRUE TRUE NA NA ... NA

⋮  
i = 10000

# Step 4: iteration

A for loop repeats code many times:

```
1 nsim <- 10000 # number of simulations
2 hats <- 1:10
3 results <- rep(NA, nsim) # vector to store results
4
5 for(i in 1:nsim){
6   randomized_hats <- sample(hats, size = 10, replace = FALSE)
7   results[i] <- sum(hats == randomized_hats) > 0
8 }
9
10 mean(results)
```

$\sigma$ :  $\text{sum}(\text{results}) / \text{nsim}$

[1] 0.6231

$P(\text{at least one person receives original hat}) \approx 0.623$

- What if I wanted to repeat the simulation, with a different number of people?

# Removing magic numbers

Without magic numbers:

```
1 nsim <- 10000 # number of simulations
2 n_people <- 10 # number of people
3 hats <- 1:n_people
4 results <- rep(NA, nsim) # vector to store results
5
6 for(i in 1:nsim){
7   randomized_hats <- sample(hats,
8                             size = n_people,
9                             replace = FALSE)
10  results[i] <- sum(hats ==
11                  randomized_hats) > 0
12 }
13
14 mean(results)
```

```
[1] 0.6316
```

- Why did I get different results?

# Final code

each time I run a process w/ "random" functions,  
I get same result

```
1 set.seed(3) # set a seed for reproducibility
2
3 n_people <- 10 # number of people at the party
4 hats <- 1:n_people # numbered hats
5 nsim <- 10000 # number of simulations
6 results <- rep(NA, nsim) # vector to store the results
7
8 for(i in 1:nsim){
9   # hats are randomly assigned to each person
10  randomized_hats <- sample(hats, n_people, replace = F)
11
12  # did at least one person get their hat back?
13  results[i] <- sum(randomized_hats == hats) > 0
14 }
15
16 mean(results)
```

# Map?

```
1 set.seed(3) # set a seed for reproducibility
2
3 n_people <- 10 # number of people at the party
4 hats <- 1:n_people # numbered hats
5 nsim <- 10000 # number of simulations
6 results <- rep(NA, nsim) # vector to store the results
7
8 for(i in 1:nsim){
9   # hats are randomly assigned to each person
10   randomized_hats <- sample(hats, n_people, replace = F)
11
12   # did at least one person get their hat back?
13   results[i] <- sum(randomized_hats == hats) > 0
14 }
15
16 mean(results)
```

How could we do this with map instead?

*need to write a function!*

# Map: writing a function

```
1 set.seed(3)
2
3 hat_match <- function(n){
4   hats <- 1:n
5   randomized_hats <- sample(hats, n, replace = F)
6   sum(randomized_hats == hats) > 0
7 }
8
9 hat_match(10)
```

*performs inner part of for loop*

```
[1] FALSE
```

```
1 hat_match(10)
```

```
[1] FALSE
```

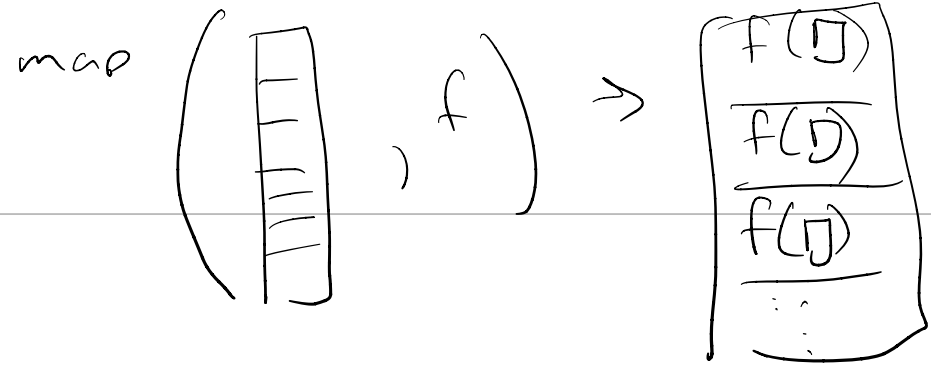
```
1 hat_match(10)
```

```
[1] FALSE
```

```
1 hat_match(10)
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

# Map: iterating



```
1 set.seed(3)
2 nsim <- 20
3
4 hat_match <- function(n){
5   hats <- 1:n
6   randomized_hats <- sample(hats, n, replace = F)
7   sum(randomized_hats == hats) > 0
8 }
9
10 map(1:nsim, hat_match)
```

Will this do what I want?

1	→	hat_match(1)	1 hat
2		hat_match(2)	2 hats
3			
⋮		⋮	⋮
⋮		⋮	⋮
20		hat_match(20)	20 hats

# Map: iterating

```
1 set.seed(3)
2 nsim <- 20
3 n_people <- 10
4
5 hat_match <- function(n){
6   hats <- 1:n
7   randomized_hats <- sample(hats, n, replace = F)
8   sum(randomized_hats == hats) > 0
9 }
10 vector of booleans
11 map_lgl(1:nsim, function(i) hat_match(n_people))
```

```
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE
TRUE
```

```
[13] TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE
```

1	map	function(1)	hat_match(10)
2	→	function(2)	hat_match(10)
3			
⋮			
20		function(20)	hat_match(10)



# Map: iterating

```
1 set.seed(3)
2 nsim <- 1000
3 n_people <- 10
4
5 hat_match <- function(n){
6   hats <- 1:n
7   randomized_hats <- sample(hats, n, replace = F)
8   sum(randomized_hats == hats) > 0
9 }
10
11 map_lgl(1:nsim, function(i) hat_match(n_people)) |>
12   mean()
```

```
[1] 0.605
```

# Class activity

[https://sta279-f25.github.io/class\\_activities/ca\\_12.html](https://sta279-f25.github.io/class_activities/ca_12.html)

- Work with a neighbor on the class activity
- At the end of class, submit your work as an HTML file on Canvas (one per group, list all your names)