

COS 488 - Homework 9 - Program IV.1

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 * Description: Computes an estimations of the percentage of permutations  
 * having so singleton or doubleton cycles. Takes two command-line arguments  
 * representing the number of items in the permutations and the number of  
 * random permutations to check.  
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 * Usage example:  
 *   java-algs4 NoShortCycles 10 1000000  
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 * *****/  
  
import edu.princeton.cs.algs4.StdRandom;  
import edu.princeton.cs.algs4.StdOut;  
  
public class NoShortCycles  
{  
    private static boolean ShortCycles(int[] perm)  
    {  
        for (int i = 0; i < perm.length; i++)  
        {  
            if (perm[perm[i]] == i) return true;  
        }  
        return false;  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
    {  
        int N      = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);  
        int total = Integer.parseInt(args[1]);  
  
        int count = 0;  
        for (int i = 0; i < total; i++)  
        {  
            int[] perm = new int[N];  
            for (int j = 0; j < N; j++) perm[j] = j;  
            StdRandom.shuffle(perm);  
            if (ShortCycles(perm)) count++;  
        }  
  
        StdOut.printf("%f", 1 - ((double) count) / total);  
    }  
}
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With 10,000,000 iterations, this outputs approximately 22.32% both when $N = 10$ and when $N = 20$. A permutation with neither singleton nor doubleton cycles can be constructed as a set of cycles of lengths at least 3, so the EGF for the permutations with neither singleton nor doubleton cycles is

$$\Omega(z) = e^{\ln(1/(1-z)) - z^2/2 - z} = \frac{e^{-z^2/2 - z}}{1 - z}.$$

Since 1 is the unique pole of $\Omega(z)$ and it has order 1, we have by the transfer theorem in lecture that the percentage of permutations of size N with neither singleton nor doubleton cycles is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N! [z^N] \Omega(z)}{N!} &= [z^N] \Omega(z) \\ &\sim -\frac{e^{-1^2/2 - 1}}{-1} 1^N \\ &= e^{-3/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $e^{-3/2} \sim 22.31\%$, this agrees with the values computed empirically.