## Table of Contents

A $\star$, here and in the text, indicates a special topic. As indicated by the double star, section 18 involves a more complicated situation.

Section 01: A sample Octave session
Section 02: Common functions
Section 03: Defining your own functions
Section 04: Vectors - basic concepts
Section 05: Functions of vectors; data analysis; statistics, part 1
Section 06: Vectors of indices; products of elements
Section 06A: Pick a number, part $1 \star$
Section 07: Graphing
Section 08: Finding the roots of a polynomial and the zeros of a function
Section 09: Working with vector logic
Section 10: Matrices; statistics, part 2
Section 11: Simultaneous equations
Section 12: Programs; for-loops
Section 13: More on for-loops
Section 14: Conditional statements; input from the keyboard
Section 15: While-loops; alphanumeric texts
Section 15A: Pick a number, part $2 \star$
Section 16: Binomial coefficients and probabilities $\star$
Section 17: Tossing coins on a computer, part $1 \star$
Section 18: Tossing coins on a computer, part $2 \star \star$
Section 19: Statistics, part 3; bar graphs

## Typographical notes

This book was set in pure $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$.
The main part of the text is set in "ptmr8t at 12.5pt" (Times with the 256 character Cork encoding). Bold and italics were "ptmb8t at 12.5 pt " and "ptmri8t at 12.5 pt " respectively.

Programs and Octave output are set in "cmtt10 at 12.5pt" (Computer Modern typewriter, i.e. equally spaced, type).

Graphs were saved in *.eps ("encapsulated postscript") format and imported using $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ and PSTricks commands of the form:
$\backslash$ centerline $\{\backslash$ epsfxsize $=11.0$ truecm $\backslash$ epsfbox $\{$ birthday_connected.eps $\}\}\}$
The diagram in section 17 was drawn using the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ and PSTricks commands:
$\backslash$ hskip 2.7 truecm
$\backslash \mathrm{psline}[$ linewidth $=5 \mathrm{pt}](0,0)(4,0)$
$\backslash$ psline[linewidth $=2 \mathrm{pt}](4,0)(10,0)$
Special spacing and font macros were written by the author and imported into the $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{X}$ files.

