

Problem Solving & Coding – Level I

[Language Foundations]

(Simulation)

Solve the following problems using computer with help of Python/C++/Java/C# language as means of communication.

Problem 1: Random License Plate

In a particular jurisdiction, older license plates consist of three letters followed by three digits and new license plate format consists of four digits followed by three letters. Create a function named *randomLicencePlate* that generates a random license plate. Your function should have approximately equal odds of generating a sequence of characters for an old license plate or a new license plate.

Write a main program that calls your function and displays the randomly generated license plate.

Problem 2: Rock Paper Scissors

Rock paper scissors is a hand game for two or more players. Participants say “rock, paper, scissors” and then simultaneously form their hands into the shape of a rock (a fist), a piece of paper (palm facing downward), or a pair of scissors (two fingers extended). The rules are straightforward:

- **Rock** smashes scissors
- **Paper** covers rock
- **Scissors** cut paper
- If both players say **same thing**, then it is a draw

Let us simulate the game between a player and computer as an opponent. Create a function named *getUserMove* which reads user move from command line and returns that move. Create a function named *getComputerMove* which returns the random move of computer. Create a function named *getResult* that takes both user and computer moves as input, then returns 1, 0 or -1 for win, loss and draw respectively.

Write a main function that simulates the game for about 10 times and displays the number of wins, losses and draws of a player.

Problem 3: Coin Flip

In this program, you have to simulate a random process of flipping a coin until you get the same outcome (either both are heads or both are tails) in two consecutive flips. Create a function named *getNumOfFlips* that simulates the process and returns the number of flips required to get two consecutive heads or two consecutive tails.

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Each call to your function may return varied number of flips. So, write a main program that calls your function 10 times and displays minimum, maximum and average number of flips required to get the desired outcome.