

EXERCISE 1 Assume that you are given a randomized primitive $\text{BIAS}()$, returning 1 with probability p , and 0 with probability $1-p$, independently at each call. Assume that p is not known. Design an algorithm $\text{UNBIAS}()$ that calls $\text{BIAS}()$ repeatedly and returns 0/1 with probability $1/2$ (clearly, UNBIAS cannot use $\text{RANDOM}(\{0,1\})$). Analyze the number of calls to $\text{BIAS}()$ needed as a function of the unknown parameter p .

ADDITIONAL EXERCISES:

1. Implement $\text{RANDOM}(\{0, 1, 2\})$ using $\text{BIAS}()$
2. Implement $\text{RANDOM}(\{0, \dots, M-1\})$ using $\text{RANDOM}(\{0, 1\})$ (M ARBITRARY)

EXERCISE 2 (Partial coupon collecting)

Given a constant $c > 1$ determine an upper bound $m_c(n)$ to the number of calls to $\text{RANDOM}(\{1, \dots, n\})$ so that the expected number of distinct values returned is at least $\frac{n}{c}$