

4. Tossing a coin

a.) We toss the coin 2 times and there are only 4 situations that can happen:

- ① the first toss is head, the second toss is tail
- ② the first toss is tail, the second toss is head
- ③ Both toss are heads
- ④ Both toss are tails.

The probability of ① happens is: $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{9}$

The probability of ② happens is: $\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{9}$

The probability of ③ happens is: $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{9}$

The probability of ④ happens is: $\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{9}$

we can see that ①② happens with equal probability.

As a result, we can toss a coin 2 times, if it ~~not~~ outputs (head, tail) we output 1, if it output (~~head~~ tail, head), we output 0. For cases that output (0,0), (1,1) we do the experiment again. Here is the pseudo code:

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→ a = toss-unfair-coin
   b = toss-unfair-coin
   if [a == b == head] or [a == b == tail]:
       repeat.
   if [a = head] and [b = tail]:
       output 1
   if [a = tail] and [b = head]:
       output 0
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no. expected experiment

The average number of coin flips to output a number is: $\frac{9}{4} \times 2 = 4.5$

↑
number of tosses
in each experiment

b) Following the same reasoning from the first part:

The probability of [head, tail] in 2 flips is:

$$P(1-P)$$

which is the same as the probability of [tail, head] in 2 flips:

$$(1-P) \cdot P$$

The general picture of the algorithm is as follows:

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a = toss - unfair - coin
b = toss - unfair - coin
if [a == head and b == head] or [a == headtail and b == tail]:
    repeat
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if [a = head] and [b = tail]: (with probability of $P(1-P)$ ~~output 1~~)
output 1.

if [a = tail] and [b = head]: (with probability of $(1-P) \cdot P$)

The expected number of experiments to get [HT or TH]:

$$\frac{1}{P(1-P) + (1-P) \cdot P} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot P(1-P)}$$

Each experiment requires to flip the coin twice:

$$\frac{1}{2 \cdot P(1-P)} \times 2 = \frac{1}{P(1-P)}$$

Which is the avg. of coin flips.