

Four The Same |

We have to prove that all the **four** coins will end up on the same *side*, either **heads(H)** or **tails(T)**, regardless of the **position** of the **coins**. We **must not** see the *side* of the **coins**; the machine will automatically notify us when all the **coins** are on the *same side*. asdfasdfsdf

We assume, **initially**, all the coins are **not** facing the same way. There is *at least* one **adjacent pair of coins** facing opposite sides.

BUILDING THE CONCEPT

We have to force the sides of all the coins to be the same side. We can take this concept as a **binary system** of four. We must force all the sides of the system to be either 0 or 1. Here we can substitute them as either **heads(0)** or **tails(1)**.

SOLUTION

We force all the coins to be heads. Solved in a minimum of 5 steps.

Flip here means, if the coin you see is heads, make it tails and vice versa.

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| 1. Pick an adjacent side. | Make those heads; we are guaranteed to have 2 heads |
| 2. Pick a diagonal. | If heads/heads, do nothing
Else, make everything heads
Guaranteed 3 heads |
| 3. Pick adjacent side. | If heads/tails then make both heads (Solution)
If heads/heads make one tails; guaranteed 2:2 heads/tails |
| 4. Pick adjacent side. | If heads/tails reverse; flip both coins (Guaranteed 2:2 diagonally)
If they are the same, flip both coins (Solution) |
| 5. Pick diagonal. | Flip them, now guaranteed to have all the coins on the same side. |