

LARSON—MATH 255—CLASSROOM WORKSHEET 19
Experiments.

1.
 - (a) Start the Chrome browser.
 - (b) Go to `http://cocalc.com`
 - (c) Login using **your VCU email address** .
 - (d) Click on our class Project.
 - (e) Click “New”, then “Worksheets”, then call it **c19**.
 - (f) For each problem number, label it in the Sage cell where the work is. So for Problem 2, the first line of the cell should be **#Problem 2**.

It is often useful to generate **random integers**. It only makes sense to generate random integers from within some range of integers. We do this with `randint()`.

2. Evaluate `randint(5,100)` a few times; your results will vary. This will generate random integers in the range $[5, 100]$, including both endpoints.
3. **Investigate.** Does `randint()` produce a *uniform distribution*? (That is, as you repeat experiments of `randint(a,b)` are the number of produced outcomes of each possible integer roughly the same? Do some experiments! How will you keep track of the data?)
4. **Problem.** Find the sum of the *even* Fibonacci numbers that are no more than four million.

Coin Flip Questions

- If you flip a coin 100 times, you would expect about 50 heads. Its possible that you could get 100 heads. But this would be rare. How rare? We can *simulate* flipping a coin a hundred times, write down how many heads we got, and then repeating this experiment. This will give us a *distribution* of various possible outcomes.
5. Use your `coin_flip()` function (from previous classes) to define a new function `coin_flips(n)` which *returns* a **list** of n random H's or T's (representing the result of n coin flips).
Check that it works.
 6. Now define a function `number_of_heads(n)` that counts and *returns* the number of heads you get after flipping a coin n times.
 7. Write a function `heads_tails(n)` which *prints* the numbers of both heads and tails you get after flipping a coin n times.
 8. **Problem: If you flip a coin 100 times, you would expect about 50 heads. Its possible that you could get 100 heads. But this would be rare. How rare?** Let one *experiment* be a flip of 100 coins. Do the experiments and record the number of heads in a list called `experiment_results`. Do 1000 experiments total (that is, 1000 repetitions of a single 100-flip experiment) and record each result (how many heads there were) in your list.

Getting your classwork recorded

When you are done, before you leave class...

- (a) Click the “Make pdf” (Adobe symbol) icon and make a pdf of this worksheet. (If Cocalc hangs, click the printer icon, then “Open”, then print or make a pdf using your browser).
- (b) Send me an email with an informative header like “Math 255 - c19 worksheet attached” (so that it will be properly recorded).
- (c) Remember to attach today's classroom worksheet!