

LARSON—MATH 255—CLASSROOM WORKSHEET 29
Problems.

1. (a) Start the Chrome browser.
(b) Go to `http://cocalc.com`
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(d) Click on our class Project.
(e) Click “New”, then “Worksheets”, then call it **c29**.
(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**.

Problems

2. (**Euclid**) Let p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k be a list of any k primes. The product p of these primes plus one is

$$p = p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot \dots \cdot p_k + 1$$

p is either a prime (different from each of these k primes) or it has a prime factor q also different from each of p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k (If p is prime then q is just p). This is the main idea in Euclid’s proof that there are infinitely many primes. Write a program to find this prime number q given any list, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k , of primes.

3. The Fibonacci sequence F_n is defined as follows $F_0 = 0$, $F_1 = 1$ and $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$ for $n > 1$. What is the first term in the Fibonacci sequence to contain 1000 digits?
4. $n!$ means $n \times (n-1) \times \dots \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$. For example, $10! = 10 \times 9 \times \dots \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 3628800$, and the sum of the digits in the number $10!$ is $3 + 6 + 2 + 8 + 8 + 0 + 0 = 27$. Find the sum of the digits in the number $100!$ (100-factorial).
5. (**Goldbach**). Goldbach conjectured that every even number larger than 2 is the sum of two primes. So $4 = 2 + 2$, $6 = 3 + 3$, $8 = 5 + 3$, etc. Despite much work (with real progress in the last 100 years) the conjecture remains unresolved (open). It is known to be true up to some ginormous n .

Write a program `goldbach(n)` that takes an even integer greater than 2 as input and returns two primes p_1 and p_2 so that $n = p_1 + p_2$.

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).
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- (c) Remember to attach today’s classroom worksheet!