

PROJECT SPECIFICATION

1. General information

- Counting game is a game for 2 players. In this project, this is the game between human and computer, human player has the chance to start first.
- **Rules:** There will be a **number N**. Starting from 1, who counts to N first will be the loser. In each turn, each player must pick at least 1 number and at most "**max**" number.
- **For example:** Given $N=10$ and $\text{max}=2$
 - +Player 1: 1
 - +Player 2: 2,3
 - +Player 1: 4,5
 - +Player 2: 6
 - +Player 1: 7,8
 - +Player 2: 9
 - +Player 1: 10***Player 1** reaches $N=10$ first, so Player 1 is the loser.

2. Idea

- Take $N=30$, $\text{max}=2$ as an example.
- **To win the game**, player needs to reach 29, so that the opponent has no choice but to pick 30 and loses.
- To get to 29, he needs to get to 26, so
 - + If the opponent picks 27, he can pick 28, 29 (done)
 - + If the opponent pick 27, 28, he can pick 29 (done)
- To get to 26, we need get to 23, 20, ... , 2. I call these numbers "potential numbers"

3. Implementation

- This project implements the game with general cases. I will allow user to set N and max and give user the chance to go first
- Computer will try to reach potential numbers to win. If in a round, the computer cannot get to a potential number, it can reach to a random number.

4. Coding

- The project will be separated in smaller sections (files) (s1.m, s2.m , etc.). Those files will also be used to test itself before putting in the main file.
- At the end, every part will be gathered in 1 file called letscount2.m

5. Testing (assume that each player will enter the valid inputs)

- Try different numbers to check if it works or not. Results of tests are saved in .txt files.