

**LARSON—MATH 353—CLASSROOM WORKSHEET 09**  
**Getting Started—Faking Data.**

1. Log in to CoCalc.
  - (a) Start the Chrome browser.
  - (b) Go to `https://cocalc.com`
  - (c) Login (**your VCU email address** is probably your username).
  - (d) You should see an existing Project for our class. Click on that.
  - (e) Click “New”, then “Worksheets”, then call it **c09**.
  
2. **A problem to think about: Faking Data:** If you flip a coin 100 times and record the data, what would you *expect* the data to look like? How long on average will the longest streak of heads or tails be? In faked data, these tend to be short.

How can we write a program to simulate 100 coin flips, and then to determine if the results contain a streak of at least 6 heads or at least six tails?

Run lots of experiments and record the percentage of experiments with a streak of at least 6 heads or at least six tails?

**More:** What is the average length of a longest streak in a 100-flip experiment?

**Matrices**

3. We can represent the system of linear equations 
$$\begin{cases} 2x + y = 5 \\ x + 3y = 7 \end{cases}$$

with the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

Enter this in Sage using: `A=matrix(2,3,[2, 1, 5, 1, 3, 7])`

Use `A.rref()` to find a matrix that represents an equivalent system in *row-reduced echelon form*.

4. Consider the system: 
$$\begin{cases} x + 3y = 5 \\ x + 3y = 7 \end{cases}$$

Find a matrix that represents this system, find the row-reduced echelon form of this matrix, rewrite this as an equivalent system of linear equations and interpret.

5. Consider the system: 
$$\begin{cases} x + y = 5 \\ 2x + 2y = 10 \end{cases}$$

Find a matrix that represents this system, find the row-reduced echelon form of this matrix, rewrite this as an equivalent system of linear equations and interpret.

6. Consider the system: 
$$\begin{cases} 9a + 3b + 1c = 32 \\ 4a + 2b + 1c = 15 \\ 1a + 1b + 1c = 6 \end{cases}$$

Find a matrix that represents this system, find the row-reduced echelon form of this matrix, rewrite this as an equivalent system of linear equations and interpret.

7. Let  $A = \text{matrix}(2,2,[1,2,3,4])$ , and  $b = \text{vector}([5,6])$ . Solve the matrix equation  $A\hat{x} = \hat{b}$  using  $A.\text{solve\_right}(b)$

## Programming

A *for loop* is what we use when we want our code to run through every item  $x$  in a list.

8. The function `list_evens(n)` that returns all the even integers from 0 to  $n$ . Evaluate and test the following code.

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def list_evens(n):
    M=[]
    for x in [0..n]:
        if x%2==0:
            M.append(x)
    return M
```

9. Write a function `list_primes(n)` that **returns a list** of all the primes up to  $n$ . Test it.
10. Write a function `count_primes(n)` that **returns a count** of all the primes up to  $n$ . Test it.

## 11. Getting your classwork recorded

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

- 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).
- Send me an email with an informative header like “Math 353—c09 worksheet attached” (so that it will be properly recorded).
- Remember to attach today’s classroom worksheet!