

Problem 1) A fair coin is tossed n times. Given that there were k heads. What is the probability that the first toss was heads? *Bonus: What if the coin were biased heads with probability p ?*

Problem 2) You have r red balls and w white balls in a bag. You continue to draw balls from the bag until the bag contains a ball of only one color. What is the probability that you run out of white balls first?

Problem 3) There are 100 noodles in a bowl. At each step you randomly select two noodle ends from the bowl and tie them together. What is the expected number of closed loops you end up with?

Problem 4) Meta Given a set of points P in the 2D plane. Write a program to determine the k closest points to the origin. [Test it here!](#)

Problem 5) Palantir Given positive integer n , find the smallest number of perfect squares that sum to n . For examples, for $n = 7$, you should return 4 since $7 = 4 + 1 + 1 + 1$. For $n = 13$ you should return 2 since $13 = 9 + 4$.

Problem 6) Meta (From Shagun) Given an integer array A , return all the triplets $(A[i], A[j], A[k])$ such that $i \neq j$, $i \neq k$, and $j \neq k$, and $A[i] + A[j] + A[k] = 0$. Notice that the solution set must not contain duplicate triplets. [Test it here!](#)
