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# **Probability Simulations**

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## Problem 1 – Rolling Heads

- What does **randint(0, 1)** do? How can it be used to simulate a coin toss?
- What does randInt(0, 1, 5) do?
- In the second row, record the number of heads for each number of trials. In the third row, write the experimental probabilities.

|             | 1 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 |
|-------------|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| # heads     |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |
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- What happens to the experimental probabilities as the number of trials increases?
- If your teacher instructs you to, find experimental probabilities for larger numbers of trials. (You can record on the back of this worksheet.) Update your graph on page 1.9 as needed.

### Problem 2 – Spinning a "2"

• In the second row, record the number of times the spinner lands on "2." In the third row, write the experimental probabilities.

|             | 1 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 |
|-------------|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| # of 2s     |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |
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- Does your data follow the Law of Large Numbers? Explain.
- If your teacher instructs you to, find experimental probabilities for larger numbers of trials. (You can record on the back of this worksheet.) Update your graph on page 2.4 as needed.

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### Problem 3 – Exactly Two Girls

- What does randInt(-8, 8, 5) do?
- How can it be used to simulate observing families with two children and recording if the child is a boy or a girl?
- Specify what values represent a girl and which represent a boy. Be sure that both have an equal chance of occurring.
- Predict the theoretical probability of having exactly two girls from five births. Use data from other students as well as your own.

### Extension

Use simulation to predict, on average, the number of times one needs to flip a coin before they get two heads in a row.