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Activity Week 4
Group Decision-Making

There are times when it is appropriate for an engineering team to vote on something. These can be described as ‘political’ decisions. (They contrast with ‘ethical’ decisions which have a validity irrespective of popularity.) There are many ways to organise a ‘vote.’ Today you will explore more about making such group decisions, by being part of a group deciding how to make a decision. (yes, but you understand recursion.)

During Class

Once again, form teams of 5-6 people.

First discuss the question overleaf. We will then have a classroom comparison of the different team’s ideas.

this week’s out-of-class (i.e. tutorial) question

In about 100 words explain whether you agree or disagree with the following idea:

Providing there are no arithmetic errors, a calculated number gives you the exact answer.

It has a very popular corollary:

Reducing a problem to a number lets you make an objective decision. People *want* to believe this

THE FINE PRINT

This tutorial activity is designed to help students understand different ways teams can use to reach a decision.