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Durvasula, Erik Metz, Naveen Raman and Sung Hyun Yoo. The Muffin Problem.

Consider the following problem:

You have 5 muffins and 3 students. You want to divide the muffins evenly so that everyone gets 5/3 of a muffin. You can clearly divide each muffin in 3 pieces and give each person 5/3. Note- the smallest piece is of size 1/3.

Is there a procedure where the smallest piece is bigger than 1/3? (Hint: You Can!)

More generally: What is the best you can do with m muffins and s students? We will talk about many of our General Theorems we have on this problem. And more concretely we will:

1. Establish what happens when the number of students is 1,2,3,4.

2. What about s=5? Hmm. Thats when things get weird. How weird? Come and find out!

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