

This worksheet should help you prepare for the first mini-exam. It doesn't have every possible type of question, but it has a good selection. To be sure you're prepared, review all your class notes, worksheets and WeBWork.

Movies showing at a theater in Lexington today include Dunkirk (D), Logan Lucky (L), The Emoji Movie (E), and Spider Man Homecoming (S). A club president has his members rank these movies in order of preference, with the following results:

	9	2	3	3	3
1 st	L	D	S	S	E
2 nd	D	S	D	D	S
3 rd	E	E	E	L	D
4 th	S	L	L	E	L

1. If we use the **Plurality method**, which movie will the club see?

First place votes: L 9, D 2, S 6, E 3

They will see Logan Lucky (L).

2. If we use the **Borda count method**, how many Borda points does the movie Spider Man (S) get? Show your work, not just the final answer.

$$S: 9(1) + 2(3) + 3(4) + 3(4) + 3(3) \\ = 9 + 6 + 12 + 12 + 9 = 48$$

3. If we used the **Method of Pairwise Comparisons**, find the winner of each of these matchups (if it is a tie, state so). Show a bit of work. (You do not need to finish by computing the pairwise points.)

L vs D: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L \ 9 \\ D \ 2+3+3+3 = 11 \end{array} \right.$

D vs E: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} D \ 9+2+3+3 = 17 \\ E \ 3 \end{array} \right.$

L vs E: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L \ 9+3 = 12 \\ E \ 2+3+3 = 8 \end{array} \right.$

D vs S: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} D \ 9+2 = 11 \\ S \ 3+3+3 = 9 \end{array} \right.$

L vs S: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L \ 9 \\ S \ 2+3+3+3 = 11 \end{array} \right.$

E vs S: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E \ 9+3 = 12 \\ S \ 2+3+3 = 8 \end{array} \right.$

4. Does this election have a **Condorcet candidate**? If so, which? If not, why?

Yes, Dunkirk (D) won all three head-to-head matchups that it was in.

5. Does this election have a **Majority candidate**? If so, which? If not, why?

Total # voters: $9+2+3+3+3 = 20$

1st place votes needed for majority: 11

No candidate has 11 or more first place votes.

SOLUTIONS

6. Actually, the president decided to use the **Plurality with Elimination** method. **Show all the steps clearly** of implementing this method and determine the winner.

No majority, so first eliminate D

9	2	3	3	3
L	S	S	S	E
E	E	E	L	S
S	L	L	E	L

L: 9
S: 8
E: 3

still no majority, eliminate E

9	2	3	3	3
L	S	S	S	S
S	L	L	L	L

L: 9
S: 11

winner is Spiderman

9	2	3	3	3	
1 st	L	D	S	S	E
2 nd	D	S	D	D	S
3 rd	E	E	E	L	D
4 th	S	L	L	E	L

7. Suppose the president had allowed the club members to rank all 18 movies showing at this theater, instead of narrowing it down to four candidates. (Assume the same number of members are voting.)
- a. For the method of pairwise comparisons, **how many different pairs** would we have to check for these eighteen movies? Show both the formula and the answer.

$$\frac{C(C-1)}{2} = \frac{18(18-1)}{2} = \frac{18(17)}{2} = \boxed{153}$$

- b. For the Borda count method, what is the total number of Borda points in this election? Show the formula.

voters \cdot (1 + 2 + ... + c) # candidates

$$20 \cdot (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + \dots + 18)$$

8. Now suppose we have a different club with **21 members**, and they plan to watch a movie from Netflix instead of going to a theater. They want to choose between The Prestige (P), Zootopia (Z) and Memento (M). **Construct an example** of an election where **Memento would win using plurality**, but **Zootopia would win using plurality with elimination**. Show steps to justify your answer.

one possibility:
(the circled entries are the key to this working.)

less than majority

10	9	2
M	Z	P
P	P	Z
Z	M	M

plurality:

M wins with 10 first place votes.

plurality w/ elim:
majority requires 11 first place votes, so eliminate P:

10	9	2
M	Z	Z
Z	M	M

Now Z wins (Z 11, M 10)