

Alex, Blair, Charlie, and Devin won the trivia night and came away with three fabulous prizes: an all-you-can-eat dinner coupon, a clean t-shirt, and a USB charger. Hooray! Much happiness! Such joy! Except everyone felt they contributed equally and the prizes cannot be split amongst 4 people.

The trivia team decides to use side-payments to even up the division.

| | Full | | | Own | | | Else | | |
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| | dinner | t-shirt | charger | dinner | t-shirt | charger | dinner | t-shirt | charger |
| Alex | \$14.00 | \$8.00 | \$5.00 | \$3.50 | \$2.00 | \$1.25 | \$10.50 | \$6.00 | \$3.75 |
| Blair | \$18.00 | \$12.00 | \$9.00 | \$4.50 | \$3.00 | \$2.25 | \$13.50 | \$9.00 | \$6.75 |
| Charlie | \$2.00 | \$4.00 | \$17.00 | \$0.50 | \$1.00 | \$4.25 | \$1.50 | \$3.00 | \$12.75 |
| Devin | \$6.00 | \$16.00 | \$13.00 | \$1.50 | \$4.00 | \$3.25 | \$4.50 | \$12.00 | \$9.75 |
| Average | \$10.00 | \$10.00 | \$11.00 | | | | | | |

They use Knaster's method to decide who gets what and how much cash.

Blair gets the dinner, Devin gets the t-shirt, and Charlie gets the charger.

| | | dinner | | t-shirt | | charger | | bonus | | net |
|----------------|---|---------|---|---------|---|---------|---|--------|---|---------|
| Alex gets paid | + | \$3.50 | + | \$2.00 | + | \$1.25 | + | \$5.00 | = | \$11.75 |
| Blair pays | + | \$13.50 | - | \$3.00 | - | \$2.25 | - | \$5.00 | = | \$3.25 |
| Charlie pays | - | \$0.50 | - | \$1.00 | + | \$12.75 | - | \$5.00 | = | \$6.25 |
| Devin pays | - | \$1.50 | + | \$12.00 | - | \$3.25 | - | \$5.00 | = | \$2.25 |

1. In dollars, how much does Charlie thinks their own situation has improved? Show your calculation.

2. In dollars, how much does Charlie think Alex's situation has improved? Show your calculation.

3. Would Charlie prefer to get their own share (charger minus \$6.25) or Alex's share (\$11.75)?

4. Would Alex prefer to get their own share (\$11.75) or Charlie's share (charger minus \$6.25)?

Meanwhile in a parallel universe: Alex, Blair, Charlie, and Devin won the trivia night and came away with three fabulous prizes: an all-you-can-eat dinner coupon, a clean t-shirt, and a USB charger. Hooray! Much happiness! Such joy! Except everyone felt they contributed equally and the prizes cannot be split amongst 4 people.

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| Blair pays | + | \$13.50 | | + | \$12.00 | - | \$1.25 | - | \$5.00 | = | \$19.25 |
| Charlie pays | - | \$0.50 | | - | \$2.00 | + | \$12.75 | - | \$5.00 | = | \$5.25 |
| Devin gets paid | + | \$1.50 | | + | \$3.00 | + | \$3.25 | + | \$5.00 | = | \$12.75 |

5. In dollars, how much does each person think their own situation improved?

6. In dollars, how much does each person think Devin's situation improved?

7. Who is envious of Devin's share? Calculate their perception of their share versus their perception of Devin's share.

8. Was there a simple way to make everyone happy with their own share?

These are all the perception calculations so you can see the variety.

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| Alex thinks Charlie effectively got | − \$3.50 | − \$2.00 | +\$3.75 | − \$6.25 | = −\$8.00 |
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| Blair thinks Devin effectively got | − \$4.50 | +\$9.00 | − \$2.25 | − \$2.25 | = +\$0.00 |
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| Charlie thinks Blair effectively got | +\$1.50 | − \$1.00 | − \$4.25 | − \$3.25 | = −\$7.00 |
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| Charlie thinks Devin effectively got | − \$0.50 | +\$3.00 | − \$4.25 | − \$2.25 | = −\$4.00 |
| Devin thinks Alex effectively got | − \$1.50 | − \$4.00 | − \$3.25 | +\$11.75 | = +\$3.00 |
| Devin thinks Blair effectively got | +\$4.50 | − \$4.00 | − \$3.25 | − \$3.25 | = −\$6.00 |
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| Blair thinks Blair effectively got | +\$13.50 | +\$12.00 | − \$1.25 | −\$19.25 | = + \$5.00 |
| Blair thinks Charlie effectively got | − \$4.50 | − \$4.00 | +\$3.75 | − \$5.25 | = −\$10.00 |
| Blair thinks Devin effectively got | − \$4.50 | − \$4.00 | − \$1.25 | +\$12.75 | = + \$3.00 |
| Charlie thinks Alex effectively got | − \$0.50 | − \$2.00 | − \$4.25 | +\$11.75 | = + \$5.00 |
| Charlie thinks Blair effectively got | +\$1.50 | +\$6.00 | − \$4.25 | −\$19.25 | = −\$16.00 |
| Charlie thinks Charlie effectively got | − \$0.50 | − \$2.00 | +\$12.75 | − \$5.25 | = + \$5.00 |
| Charlie thinks Devin effectively got | − \$0.50 | − \$2.00 | − \$4.25 | +\$12.75 | = + \$6.00 |
| Devin thinks Alex effectively got | − \$1.50 | − \$3.00 | − \$3.25 | +\$11.75 | = + \$4.00 |
| Devin thinks Blair effectively got | +\$4.50 | +\$9.00 | − \$3.25 | −\$19.25 | = − \$9.00 |
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