

## Math 100 — Mathematical Scavenger Hunt, due Sept. 18, 2012

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Find a graduate student or professor in the department who can explain to you the meaning of your “mystery term” and then write a short 2-3 paragraph description of this topic that is suitable for publication on our department website or in our department newsletter.

Here are some additional “rules” for this assignment:

1. You must **get your information from a real person in the department** (part of this exercise is for you to meet different people in the department, and for them to meet you!). Do not look up information on the internet or in a book.
2. Provide “proof” of having consulted a “live” source by having that person sign your description.
3. It may be difficult to find the “right” person to answer your question. Ask around, and try at least two different graduate students and two professors. If by then you are still clueless, come to me and I will point you in the “right” direction.
4. Insist on an explanation that you can understand. Don’t be afraid to ask questions. No one expects you to know any of this. In fact, you will probably learn that even graduate students and professors might not know (see “rule” #3).
5. Add an illustrative picture if appropriate.
6. Our class will vote on the winner whose description will be published in the next department newsletter.