

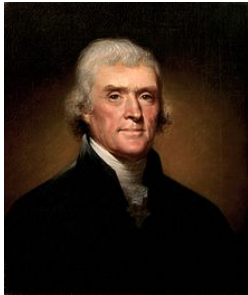
# Today's plan:

- ▶ Section 2.3.2: Jefferson's method (and start section 2.3.3).

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- ▶ When  $md$  is used, there will be no surplus, just by definition.

### Example

Determine the apportionment of the 100 computers to the school district with **Jefferson's method**.

Recall:

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<b>Md Quota</b>	18.593	28.074	11.407	16.889	14.444	16.074	
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Eventually we find that  $md = 13.94$  neither leaves a surplus nor produces deficit. Perfect.

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<b>Md Lower</b>	18	27	11	16	13	15	100

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- ▶ Use the standard divisor to find the standard lower quotas.
- ▶ Compare the sum of lower quotas with the number of seats. If there is a surplus, reduce the divisor. If there is a deficit, increase the divisor.
- ▶ When the sum of the modified lower quotas **equals** the number of seats, we're done.
- ▶ Each state's allocation is the modified lower quota.

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This apportionment was actually used for the election of 1794. Determine the number of seats allocated to each state.

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- ▶ Our first guess for a modified divisor is just the standard divisor

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State	Population	Exact quota	Lower quota
<b>M=105</b>	<b>d=34,437.333</b>		
Virginia	630,560	18.310	18
Massachusetts	475,327	13.803	13
Pennsylvania	432,879	12.570	12
North Carolina	353,523	10.266	10
New York	331,589	9.629	9
Maryland	278,514	8.088	8
Connecticut	236,841	6.877	6
South Carolina	206,236	5.989	5
New Jersey	179,570	5.214	5
New Hampshire	141,822	4.118	4
Vermont	85,533	2.484	2
Georgia	70,835	2.057	2
Kentucky	68,705	1.995	1
Rhode Island	68,446	1.988	1
Delaware	55,540	1.613	1
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Virginia	630,560	19.108	19
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North Carolina	353,523	10.713	10
New York	331,589	10.048	10
Maryland	278,514	8.440	8
Connecticut	236,841	7.177	7
South Carolina	206,236	6.250	6
New Jersey	179,570	5.442	5
New Hampshire	141,822	4.298	4
Vermont	85,533	2.592	2
Georgia	70,835	2.147	2
Kentucky	68,705	2.082	2
Rhode Island	68,446	2.074	2
Delaware	55,540	1.683	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,615,920</b>		<b>105</b>

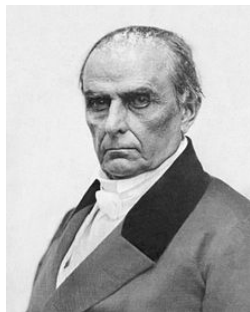
## Section 2.3.3: Other Apportionment Methods.

## Some History:

Jefferson's method was adopted in 1791, but the house kept growing and the apportionment method kept changing, throughout the 19th century and the early part of the 20th century.

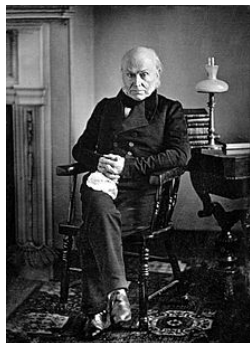
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In 1832 Daniel Webster and John Quincy Adams each presented a new proposal for apportionment.



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## Apportionment Methods Rounding

Method	Rounding of the Modified quota	Examples
Jefferson	round down	5.32 → 5 5.98 → 5
Adams	round up	5.32 → 6 5.98 → 6
Webster	round to nearest integer	5.32 → 5 5.98 → 6 5.5 → 6
Huntington-Hill	according to geometric mean $\sqrt{n(n+1)}$	5.32 → 5 5.485 → 6 $\sqrt{5 \cdot 6} = 5.477$

<b>Exact Quota</b>	<b>Jefferson Lower</b>	<b>Adams Upper</b>	<b>Webster Nearest</b>	<b>Hunt.-Hill Geom. mean</b>
4.000	4	4	4	4
4.178	4	5	4	4
4.475	4	5	4	5
4.500	4	5	5	5
4.615	4	5	5	5

$$\sqrt{4 \times 5} \approx 4.472$$

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<b>Rounded q.</b>	11	2	3	2	18 Just right!

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