

# APPORT. METHODS OF JEFFERSON, ADAMS, WEBSTER [PIRNOT 10.3]

**EX 10.3.1:** Using the Jefferson ( $\alpha = -0.38$ ) method, apportion 200 seats to 4 states based on population below.

STATE:	State 1	State 2	State 3	State 4
POPULATION:	30	79	46	118
APPORTIONMENT:	<b>22</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>87</b>

1<sup>st</sup>, identify all known quantities:  $\alpha = -0.38, N = 4, M = 200, P_1 = 30, P_2 = 79, P_3 = 46, P_4 = 118$

2<sup>nd</sup>, compute **total population**:  $P = \sum_{k=1}^4 P_k = P_1 + P_2 + P_3 + P_4 = 30 + 79 + 46 + 118 = 273$

3<sup>rd</sup>, compute **standard divisor**:  $D = \frac{P}{M} = \frac{273}{200} \leftarrow$  Leave  $D$  as a **fraction!** (in order to minimize round-off error)

4<sup>th</sup>, compute **divisor**:  $D^* = D \left[ 1 + \alpha \left( \frac{N}{M} \right) \right] = \frac{273}{200} \left[ 1 + (-0.38) \left( \frac{4}{200} \right) \right] = 1.354626$

Here's how to compute the above expression for  $D^*$  on a modern calculator:  $(273/200)*(1+(-.38)*(4/200))$

NOTE: Most calculators have a (-) button for the **negative sign**. The - button is the **minus operator**.

Do not confuse these two buttons! (Otherwise the calculator will throw a **Syntax Error**.)

5<sup>th</sup>, compute the **state quotas** which are also the **state apportionments**: (rounding down)

$$A_1 = Q_1 = \left\lfloor \frac{P_1}{D^*} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{30}{1.354626} \right\rfloor = \lfloor 22.14633412 \rfloor = \mathbf{22}$$

$$A_2 = Q_2 = \left\lfloor \frac{P_2}{D^*} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{79}{1.354626} \right\rfloor = \lfloor 58.31867984 \rfloor = \mathbf{58}$$

$$A_3 = Q_3 = \left\lfloor \frac{P_3}{D^*} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{46}{1.354626} \right\rfloor = \lfloor 33.95771231 \rfloor = \mathbf{33}$$

$$A_4 = Q_4 = \left\lfloor \frac{P_4}{D^*} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{118}{1.354626} \right\rfloor = \lfloor 87.10891419 \rfloor = \mathbf{87}$$