

KEYS:

1. Author (*Jordan Ellenberg, the author of How Not to Be Wrong: The Power of Mathematical Thinking ...*)
2. Apparently non-mathematical systems (... *a lot of the apparently non-mathematical systems that underpin our daily lives are actually deeply mathematical...*)
3. One of these: Prime numbers, extra dimensions or relative infinities (*Ellenberg deals with cutting-edge thinking about subjects like prime numbers, extra dimensions, and relative infinities*)
4. Millions of dollars (... *one led by an MIT student, one by a medical researcher, and one by a guy from Michigan—to game the system and win millions of dollars*)
5. By hand (... *the team of students filled out its tickets by hand*)
6. Alternative tax policies (... *it's great to have somebody advocating for looking at the numbers, explaining the relative costs of things like alternative tax policies...*)