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**MATH MATTERS**

# How Hard Can It Be?

Some problems in life are very hard (achieving world peace) while others are, at least for many of us, pretty easy (eating a good breakfast). How can we figure out which are which? Math can often tell us precisely how hard real-world problems are---but not always. We'll look at easy problems, hard problems, the sources of hardness, and puzzling instances where problems are invariably easier than today's math says they should be.

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