The Huntington-Hill Method – Version 2

Lecture 25
Section 4.5

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- Note that on each iteration only the q that was changed and its quotient need to be updated.

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- The populations of WY, VT, ND, RI, NH, and NE are 564, 626, 673, 1053, 1316, and 1826 thousand people, respectively.
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- Work this example with $M = 12$.

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- Chapter 4 Exercises 49, 50. Use Version 2 with $M = 10$.