

Re: Hard problem

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Ken Pledger wrote:

> In article <dmng2j\$dt8\$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,
> rusin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (Dave Rusin) wrote:
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>> PS -- Saturday Dec 3 is the 2005 Putnam contest in the US. People are
>> asked to refrain from posting solutions until the westernmost test-takers
>> are finished late in their afternoon....
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> Fair enough; but is there some way to recognize what is a Putnam
> problem?
>
> Ken Pledger.

A necessary condition is a math problem concisely stated and baffling.

To be sure, one needs access to a Robert Israel oracle. If a polished solution pops out before you can get your fingers off the keyboard, then it's a Putnam problem.

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