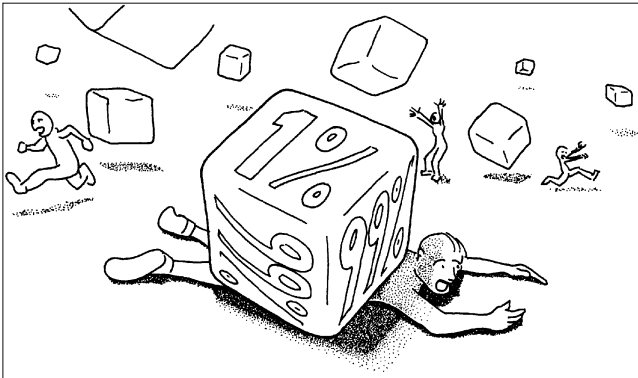


## The April Contest Winner Is...

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## Most cited 2015 publication (75 hits as of January 6, 2017):

Larry Guth and Nets Hawk Katz, On the Erdős distinct distances problem in the plane, *Ann. of Math.* [From MathSciNet®.]

## QUESTIONABLE MATHEMATICS

# General Characteristics of the Population

For New York City residents

	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2005 <sup>2</sup>	5-year change
<b>Population</b>	8,008,278	8,213,839	+2.6%
<b>Male</b>	3,794,204	3,778,081	-0.4%
<b>Female</b>	4,214,074	4,178,032	-0.9%

*Crain's New York Business Special Issue*, Vol. XXIII, July 2–8, 2007.

Michael Levitan submitted this impossible example of population increasing with the number of males and females both decreasing, well beyond the effect of a growing number of persons that might choose other categories. The footnotes (not shown here) explain that conflicting bases were used for population and gender.

**What crazy things happen to you?** Readers are invited to submit original short amusing stories, math jokes, cartoons, and other material to: [not-i-backpage@ams.org](mailto:not-i-backpage@ams.org).