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- X proofs: see above

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Proof.

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- 4 q+1, is either
 - a prime number itself; or
 - can be divided by a prime number bigger than p

Kepler's cannonballs

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Four colours suffice



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EXCLUSIVE OR

Long's Babylonian marriage auction



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Theorem (Vickrey, 1961 AD)

In a second-price auction, it is weakly dominant for each buyer to bid its valuation. Furthermore, the auction is efficient.

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