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| Name(s) Stanley J. Wang | Project Number S1526 |
| Project Title Lost and Found: The Math behind Search and Detection | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Abstract</p> <p>Objectives/Goals This project uses mathematical concepts, specifically theoretical probability, to create an optimal search model for a target. Computer programs in C++ are also used to perform simulations and calculations.</p> <p>Methods/Materials I wrote my own code in C++ to perform sample calculations for simulations.</p> <p>Results We have created an optimal search and detection model using probability theory and other mathematical concepts.</p> <p>Conclusions/Discussion An optimal search strategy has been formulated, and can be used to find a lost target in almost any situation. This includes, but is not limited to, the work of rescue teams, the police, and the Navy.</p> | |
| Summary Statement I have developed an optimal search strategy, using both a mathematical method and with implementation in a C++. | |
| Help Received Professor Atkinson from the Operations Research Department at the Naval Postgraduate School reviewed my results and provided his feedback. | |