

The Blind Cowboy Solutions

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In the original version, the four pens contain 2, 2, 2, and 6 cows. The key fact is that the blind cowboy needed to ask about a single cow in any pen. There is a second arrangement 1, 3, 4, and 4 which has a matching product, namely 48. All other possible products have unique partitions.

The Blind Cowboy Returns

In the ensuing cattle drive, the cowboy arrives with 121 head. The hand puts 120 in one corral and a single cow in another and tells the cowboy the product 120. Snidely was able to steal 59 cows the first night, leaving 60 in one corral and 2 in the other. The product remained 120. Can you work out how many Snidely stole on each of the next 6 nights?