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IS A POP-TART A RAVIOLI?



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With exams and classes ramping up and overall life in Lee becoming a little stressful, now is a great time to take a small break and apply your engineering thought process to a slightly different challenge. Ah yes, the complex and multi-sided question: Is a Pop-Tart a ravioli?

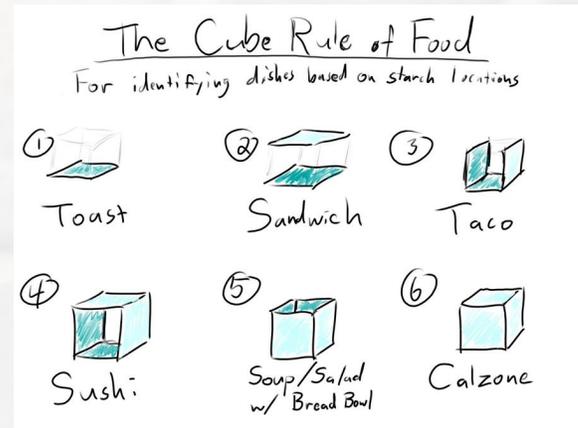
To begin our discussion I will start by covering the controversy around this question. Pop-Tarts, similar to ravioli, contain filling on the inside and have two sheets of dough covering the top and bottom. Both undergo heating processes where they are prepared for consumption. When taking these similarities under consideration; dumplings and empanadas could also be ravioli. However, some argue the similarity of shape is not enough to make one fall in the same category as the other. Sauce and toppings could also be factors that influence this conversation. If PopTarts are indeed ravioli, then

topping must be considered a sauce. Which leads us down an even more complex path. On the other side, Pop-Tarts themselves



have come out and claimed that ravioli are a type of Pop-Tart. These arguments are unnecessarily complicated and only lead to additional confusion.

The argument I find most promising is The Cube Rule.



The cube rule enables you to identify foods based on the location of structural starch (refer to the image shared by @phosphatide on twitter). As engineers, I want you to use your spatial visualization skills and progress through this thought exercise. Popular examples of Type 1 (toast) include pizzas, pumpkin pies. Type 2 (sandwich) include quesadillas and lasagnas. Type 3 (taco) include hotdogs and slice of pies (also referred to a taco on its side). Type 4 (sushi) include wraps, enchiladas, and pigs in a blanket, Type 5 (quiche) include bread bowls and pita pockets. And last but not least, is Type 6 (calzone) in this group resides corndogs, dumplings, ravioli, and most importantly the Pop-Tart.

I conclude this discussion with the understanding that a Pop-Tart is actually a calzone.

It may not be the answer we need, but it's the answer we deserve.

STEM Pun of the Week:

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when he got shocked?
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GETTING HOME FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK



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Hello Galipatians! Thanksgiving break is only two weeks away. Many of you will be heading home for break, and it is important to figure out how you are getting back sooner rather than later. Since all of you live on campus, you probably don't have a car to drive back yourself. So, here are a few options for heading back home.

For some of you, air travel may be your best option. While there isn't an airport in Blacksburg, there is an airport in Roanoke. Prices are likely to be high closer to thanksgiving simply due to the high number of students that will be heading home, so make sure to check and compare prices as soon as possible.

Dulles Airport is another option for air travel. IAD is a bigger airport, so it is likely there will be more

options. Megabus has buses to IAD, so this might be a better option for some of you.

Speaking of buses, this is a really common way to get back home for many people in NOVA. Megabus has many timings but delaying buying a ticket can be risky. If you plan to head home by bus, make sure to book your ticket in advance.

Carpooling is a great way to get home too. Tons of upperclassmen post on the Virginia Tech Carpool page on Facebook about when they are heading home. If you see that someone is heading to the same area as you, make sure to contact them and ask for a ride.



FRIENDSGIVING



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Gobble gobble Galipatians! It is time for the oh-so-underrated holiday of Thanksgiving; a time to be thankful for all of those around us and for the things we take for granted. And what better way to show your friends here at Tech how much you appreciate them than a good Thanksgiving meal? Grab some friends and have a potluck dinner of all your favorite Thanksgiving foods!

Make sure to take advantage of the kitchen in the second floor lounge to create your feast; and if worst comes to worst, a small rotisserie chicken from Kroger will do just fine in place of a turkey. And one could argue the side dishes are even more important than the turkey (especially my vegetarian friends)! Make sure to include foods like creamed corn, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cornbread, sweet potato casserole, and everyone's favorite, mac and cheese.

But you can't forget the most important part of the meal: the dessert! Kroger has some good pies this season, such as pumpkin pie, apple pie, and pecan pie. And for those of you who aren't pie people, making brownies or cookies are a good option as well.

I hope you all have some great Friendsgivings with those most important to you! And always remember, if you can't cook, pizza makes a good meal too.

