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2. How does the answer change if currently M has 10%, H has 20% and R has 70%?
3. What if *all* students are currently enrolled at R?
4. What will the impact be to the scenario in #1 if M improves its retention so that 10% of its students transfer to H and 5% transfer to R?