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The Field Axioms: A reference
framework of coherence



The
Complete
Mathematics
Conference

The field axioms give the mathematician a rules-based approach to working with number and variables.

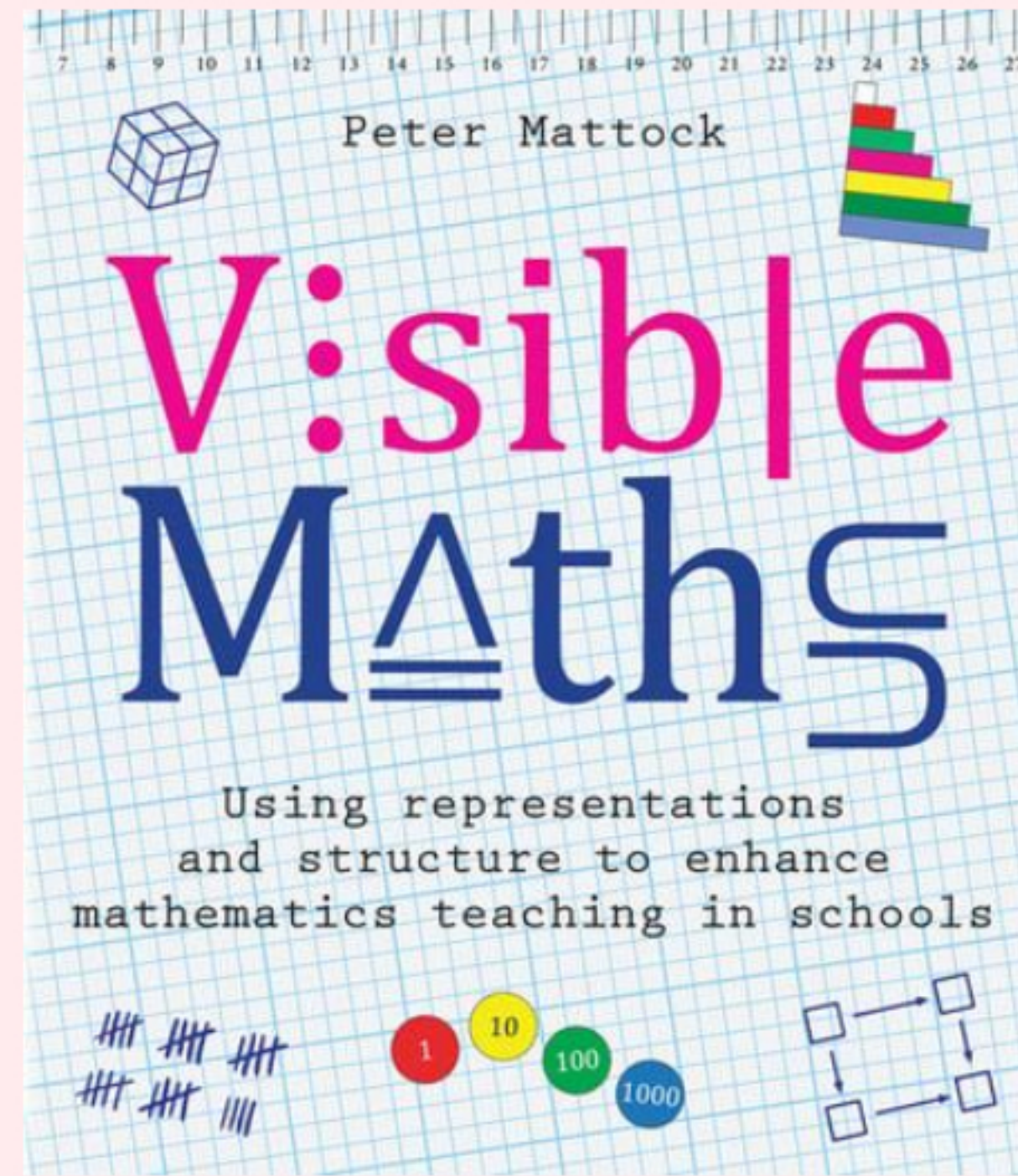
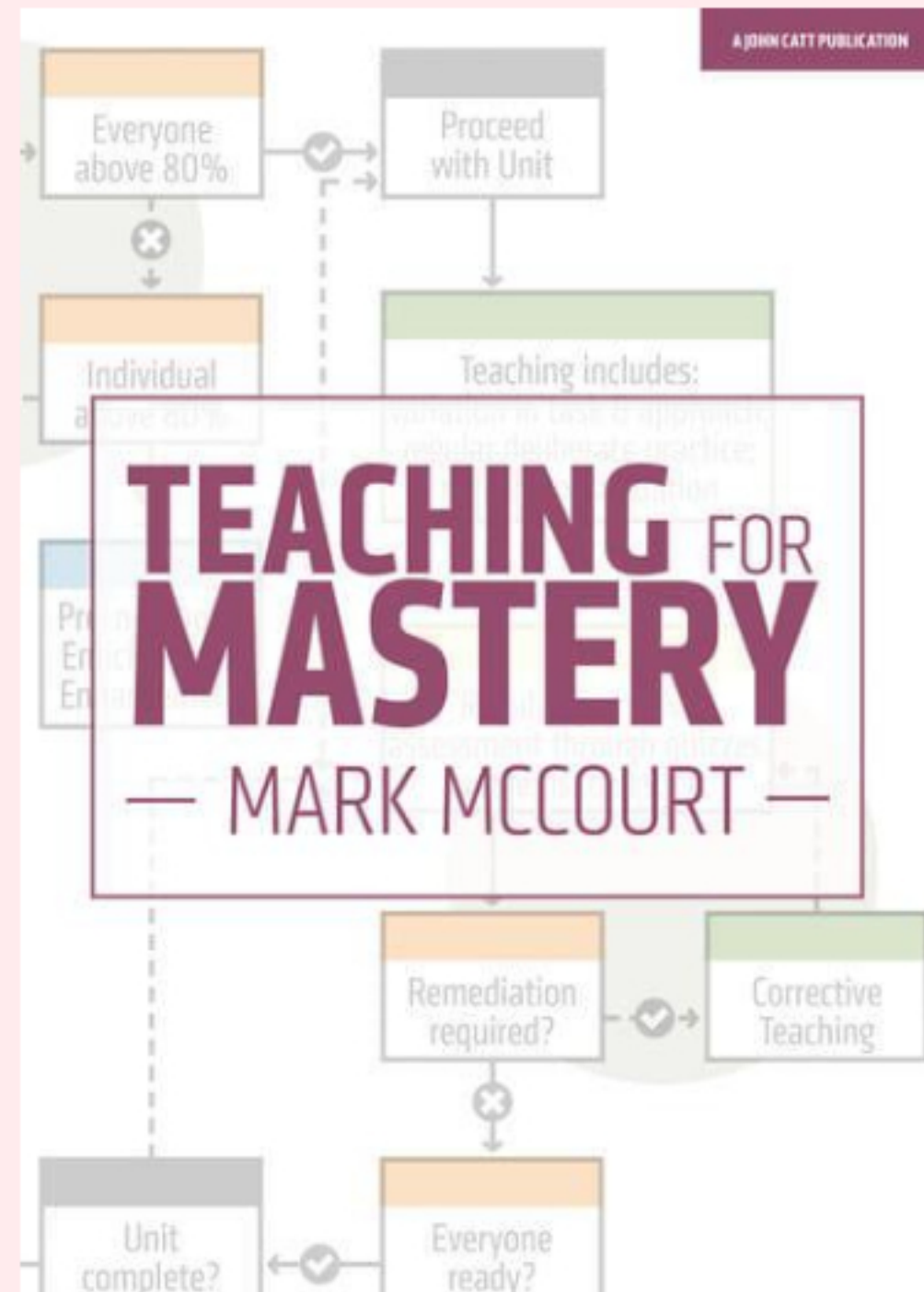
Knowing and being able to work with the field axioms means that a pupil can attack any arithmetical or algebraic problem they might face in school-level mathematics.

These properties always hold true; they are the same properties at the beginning of primary mathematics as they are at the beginning of calculus.

They hold for whole numbers, fractions, negative numbers, rational numbers, letters and expressions.

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Bernie Westacott
Podcast video
with Mr. Barton

What does axiom mean?

"In mathematics or logic, an axiom is an unprovable rule or first principle accepted as true because it is self-evident or particularly useful."

Etymology for axiom

from the Greek word ἀξίωμα (axíōma)

"to deem worthy", but also "to require", which in turn comes from ἄξιος (áxios), meaning "being in balance"

Wikipedia/Merriam-Webster

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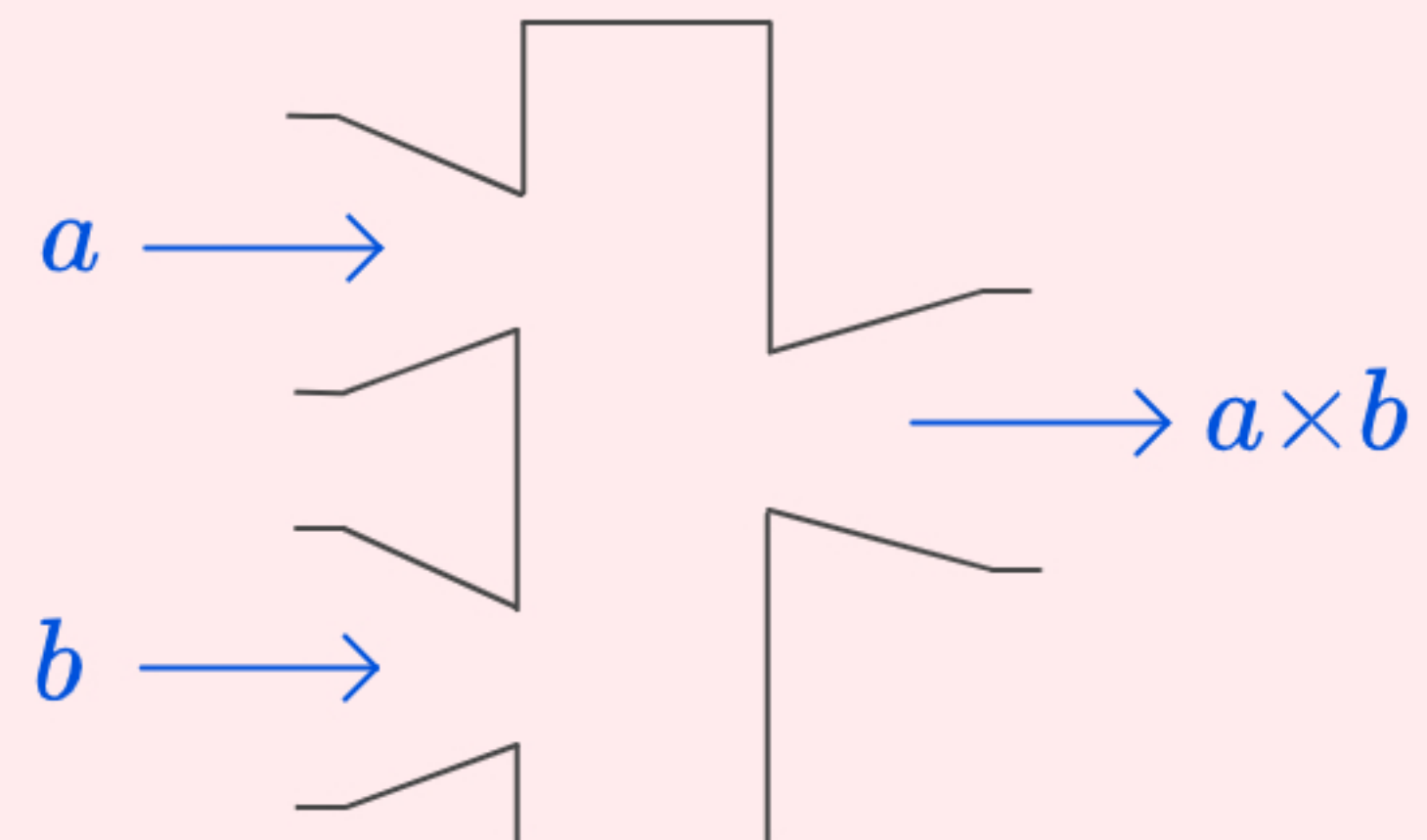
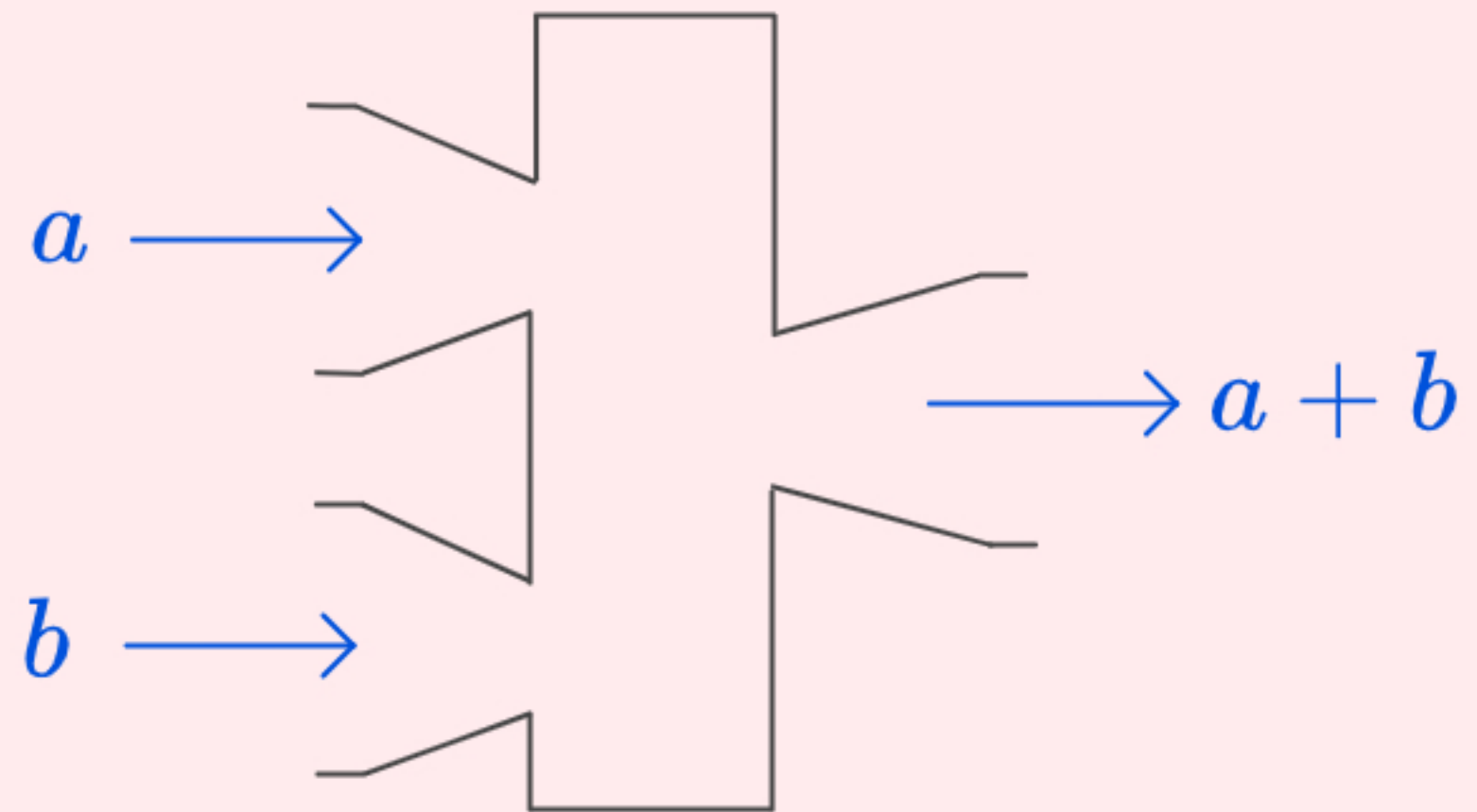
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Binary operation



Equals

The equals symbol, '=', denotes that, for any two given expressions, applying an isomorphic function to each will maintain equality.

Equivalence (relation)

A binary relation that is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. These three conditions must be met:

1. $a = a$ (reflexive property),
2. if $a = b$ then $b = a$ (symmetric property)
3. if $a = b$ and $b = c$ then $a = c$ (transitive property)

Equality

Two expressions have equality if they have the same value or represent the same mathematical object.

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To "associate" or group together



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Commutative property of addition

"Commute"



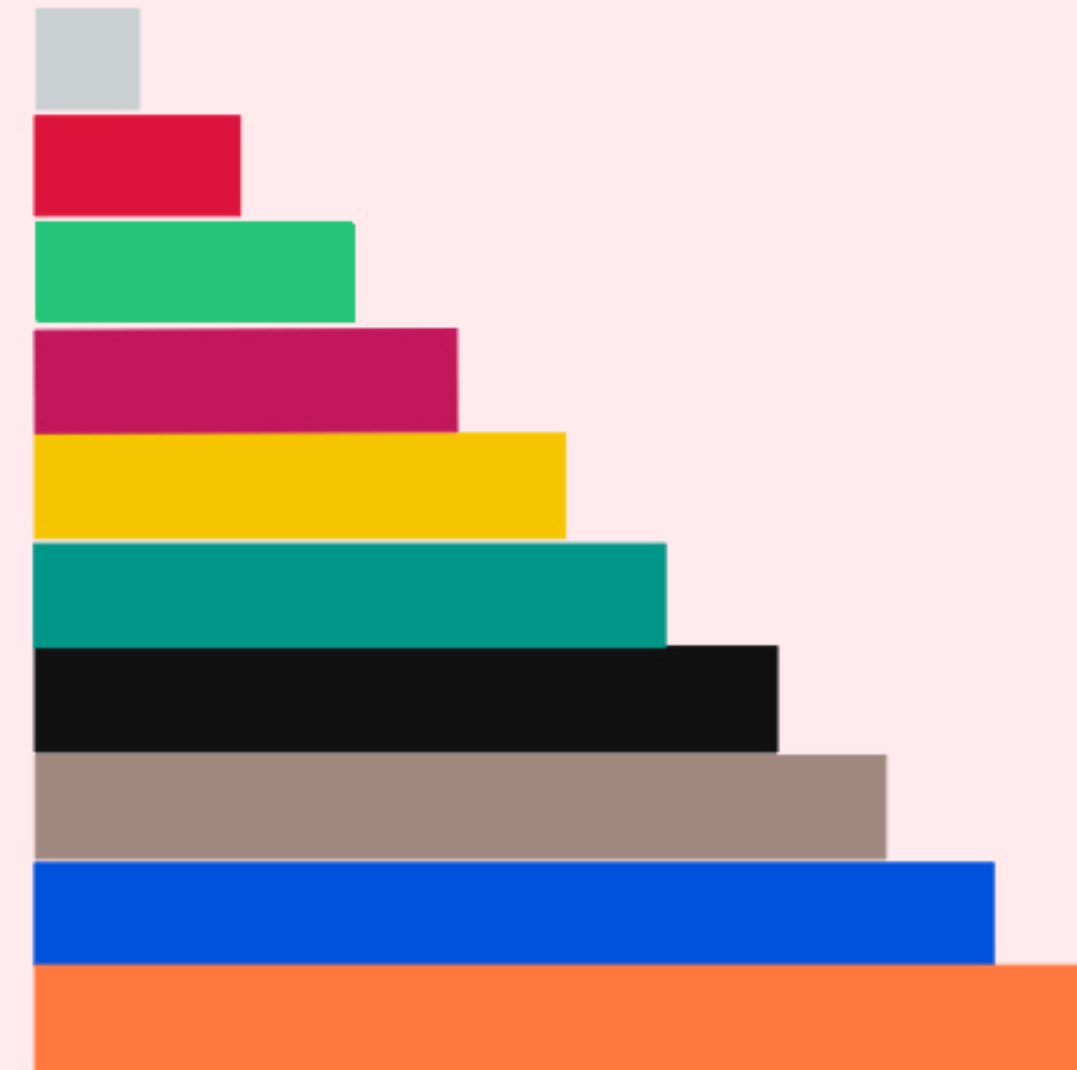
Commutative property of addition

$$y + r = r + y$$



$$r + r + y = bl$$

$$2r + y = bl$$



$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 2 + 3 + 1 + 4$$

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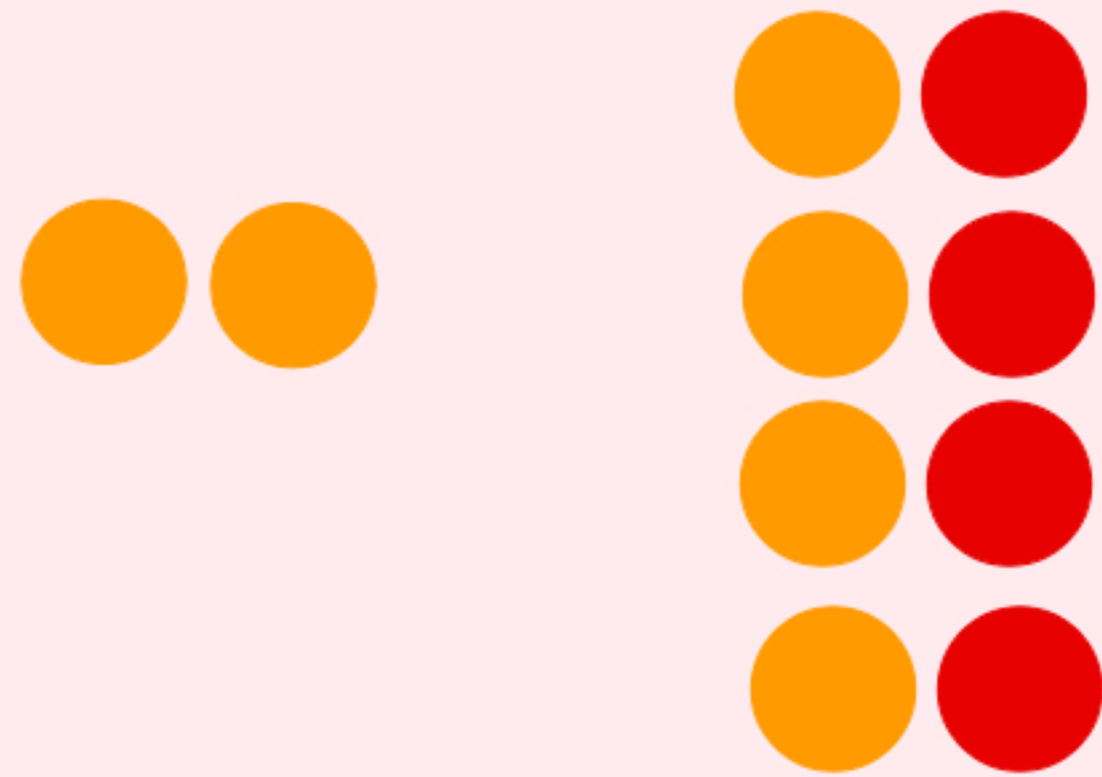
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$$\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{1} = 2$$

$$\textcircled{1} + = 1$$

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Zero pairs with counters and algebra tiles (mathsbot)



Turning subtraction into addition with additive inverses

$$3 - (-2)$$



$$3 + (2)$$

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(A) $2x - 2 = 10$
 $\begin{array}{rcl} & +2 & +2 \\ 2x & +0 & = 12 \\ \hline & 2 & 2 \end{array}$
 $x = 6$

(B) $2x - 2 = 10$
 $2x - 2 + 2 = 10 + 2$
 $2x = 12$
 $\frac{1}{2} \times 2x = \frac{1}{2} \times 12$
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(C) $2x - 2 = 10$ $\xrightarrow{\text{'Ping!'}} +2$
 $2x = 12 \div 2$ $\xrightarrow{\text{'Ping!'}}$
 $x = 6$

(D) $2x - 2 = 10$
 $\square - 2 = 10$
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 $2 \times \square = 12$
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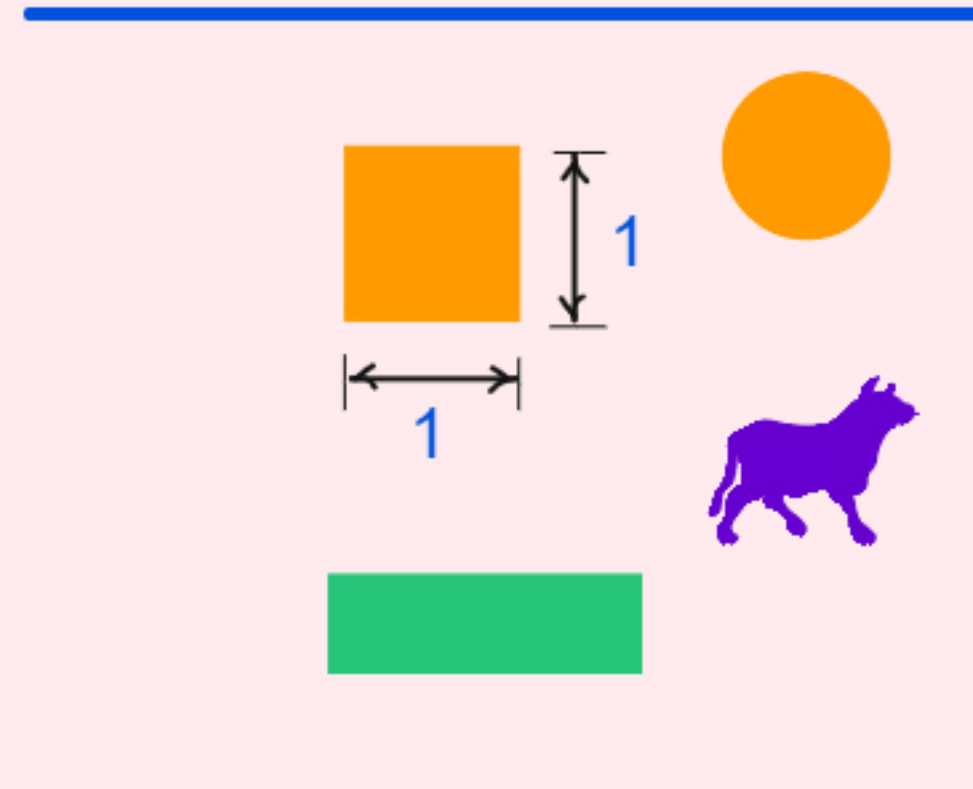
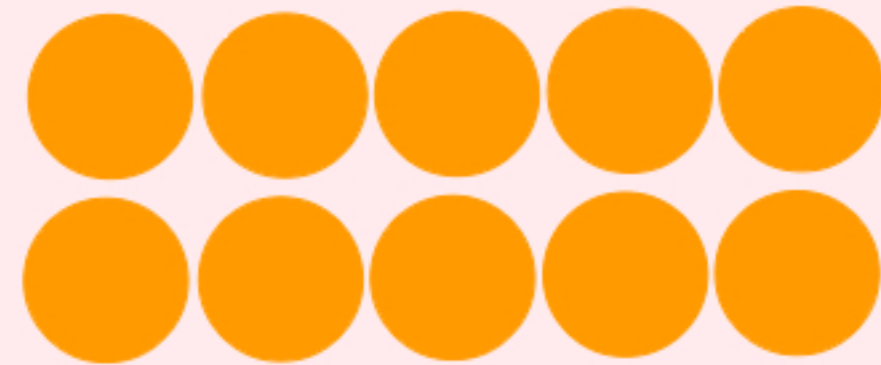
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Representations for multiplication

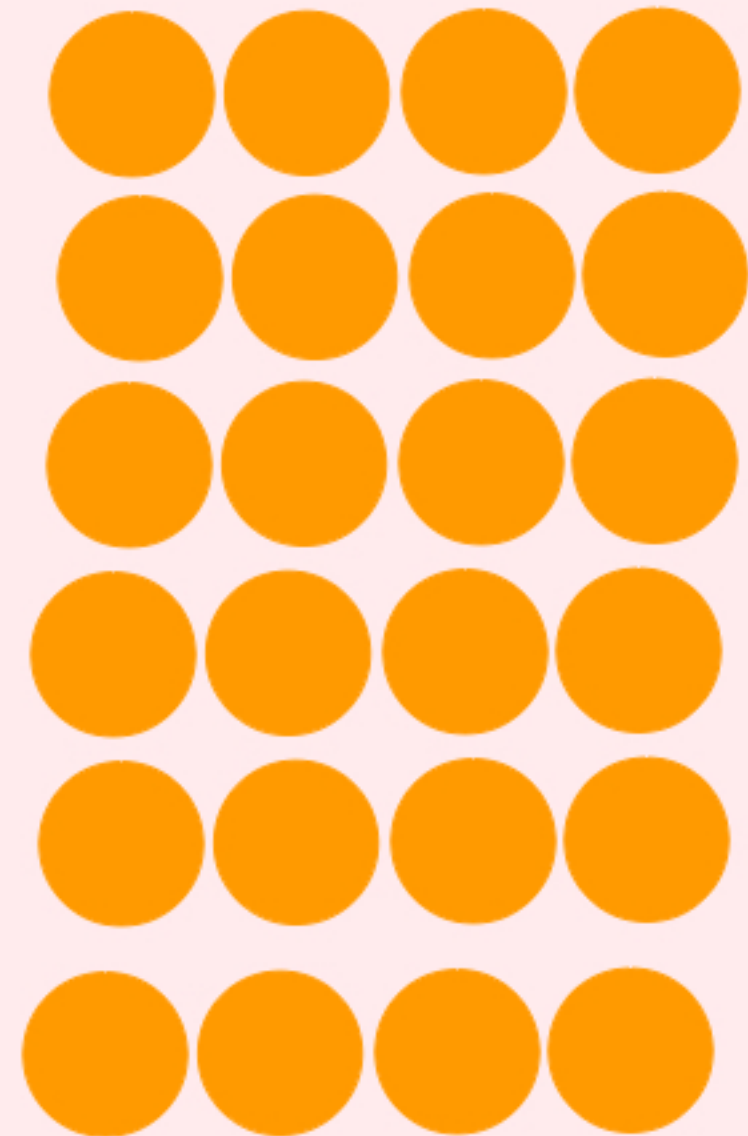


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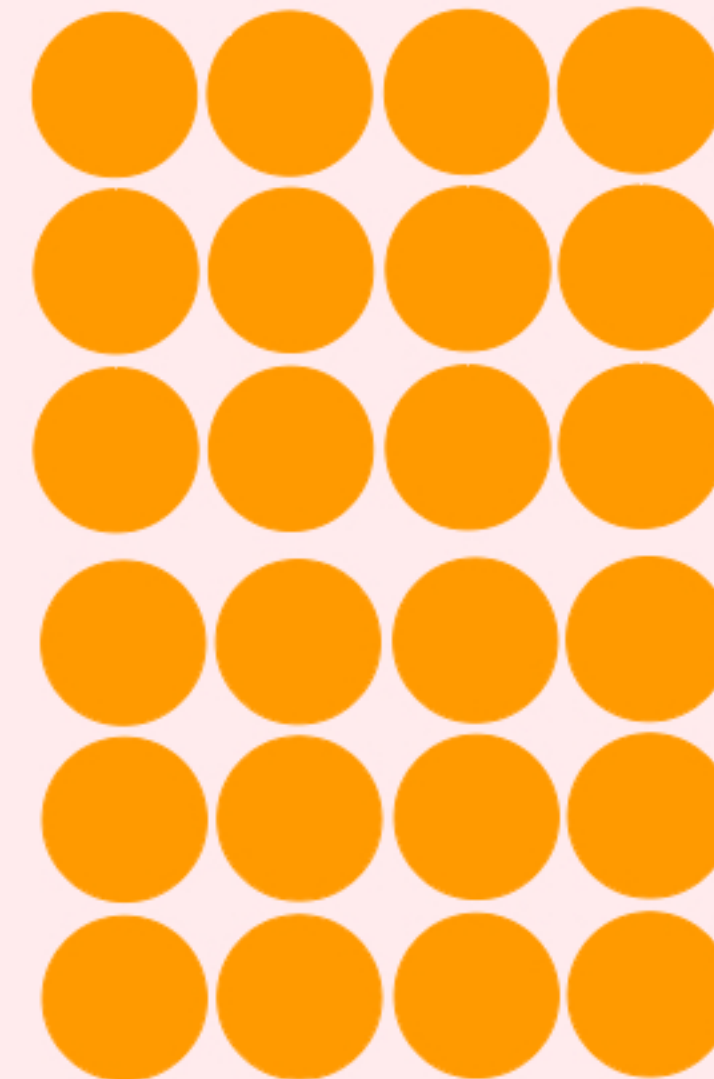
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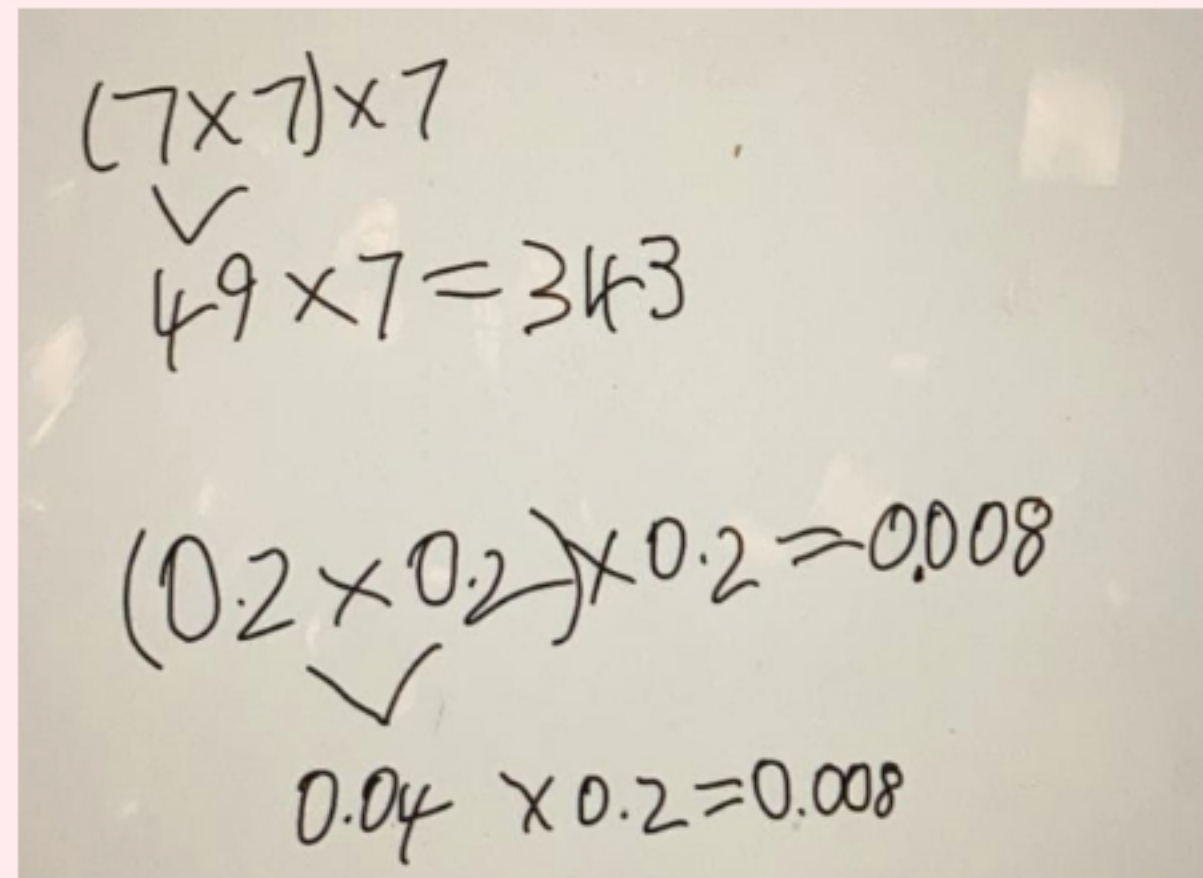
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Exponentiation

$$2^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2$$

$(2 \times 2) \times 2$

$2 \times (2 \times 2)$



Handwritten examples of the associative property of multiplication:

$$(7 \times 7) \times 7$$

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$$49 \times 7 = 343$$

$$(0.2 \times 0.2) \times 0.2 = 0.008$$

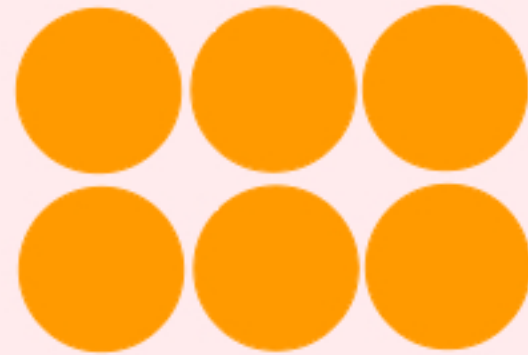
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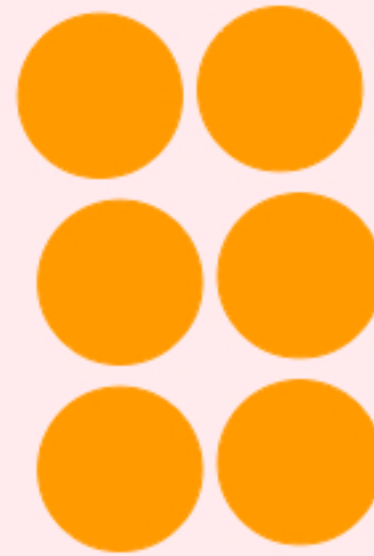
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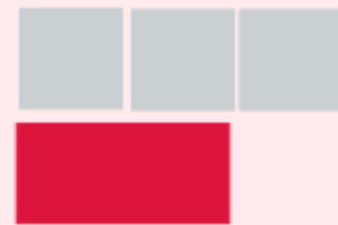
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Show me a rod one half of red



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(i.e two halves of red)

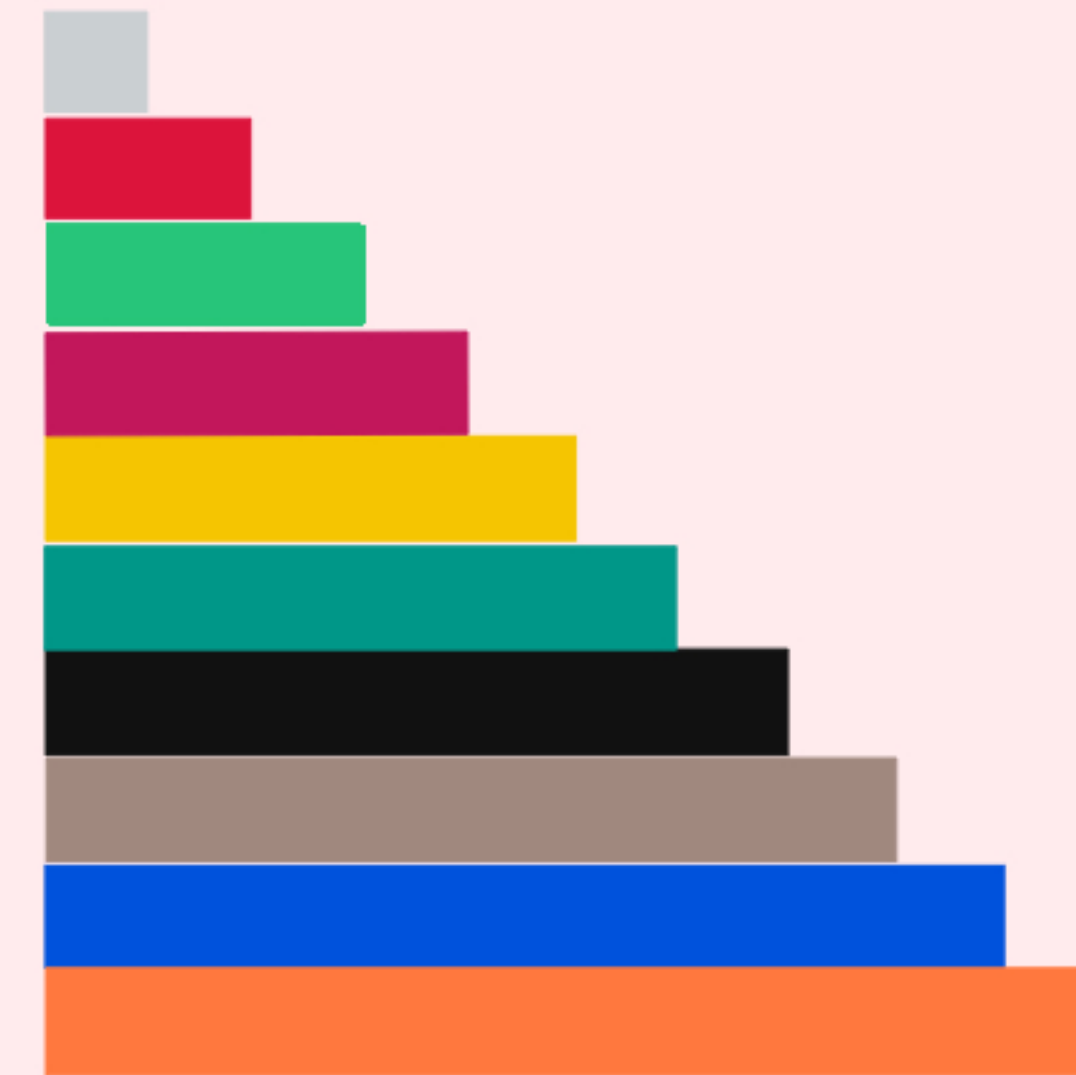


Show me another half of red
(i.e three halves of red)



$$g = \frac{3}{2}r$$

Not a number on its own
Relational context



'Halfness'



white = one half of red
 $w = \frac{1}{2}r$



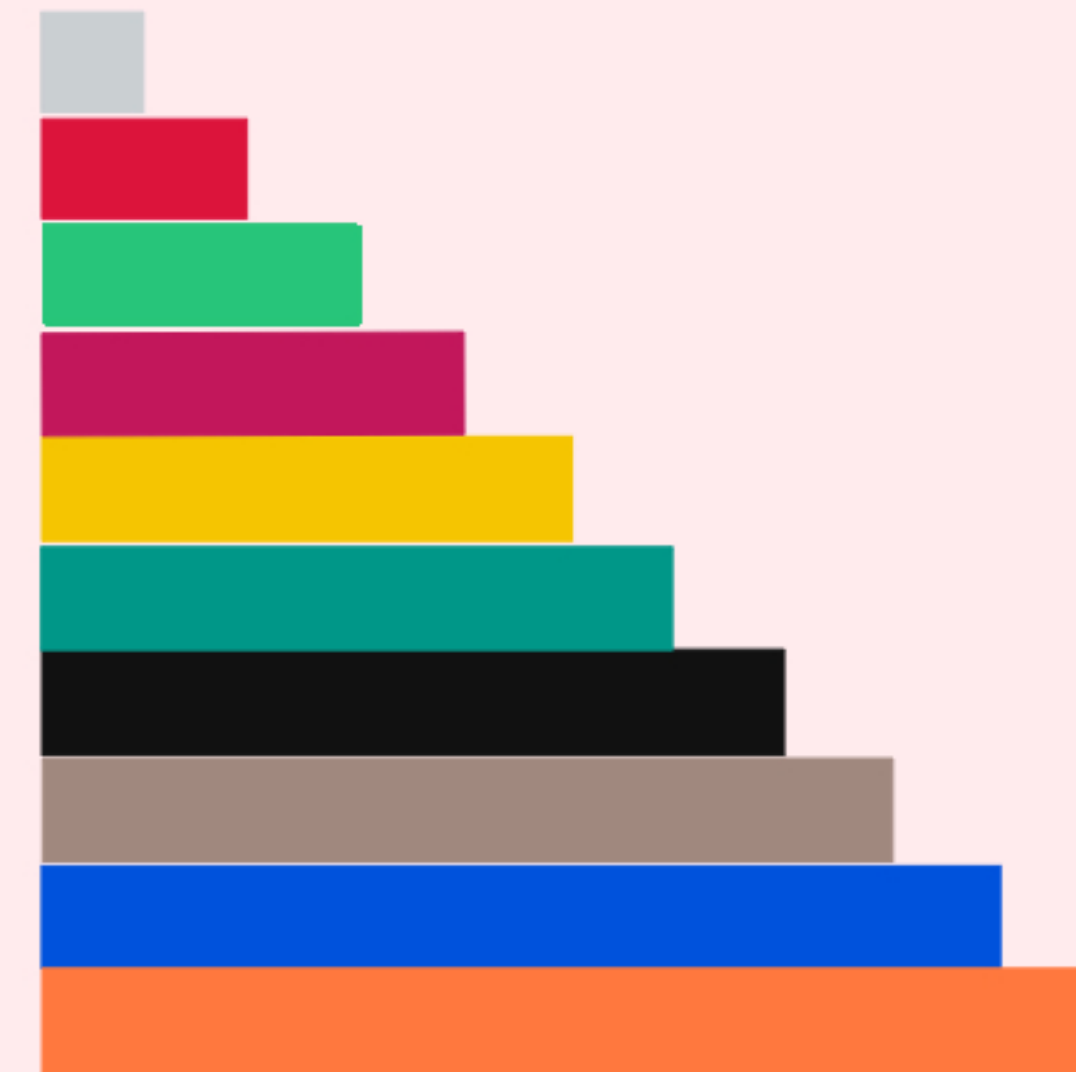
red = one half of purple
 $r = \frac{1}{2}p$



light green = one half of dark green
 $lg = \frac{1}{2}dg$



purple = one half of brown
 $p = \frac{1}{2}br$



'Thirdness'



white = one third of light green

$$w = \frac{1}{3}lg$$



red = one third of dark green

$$r = \frac{1}{3}dg$$



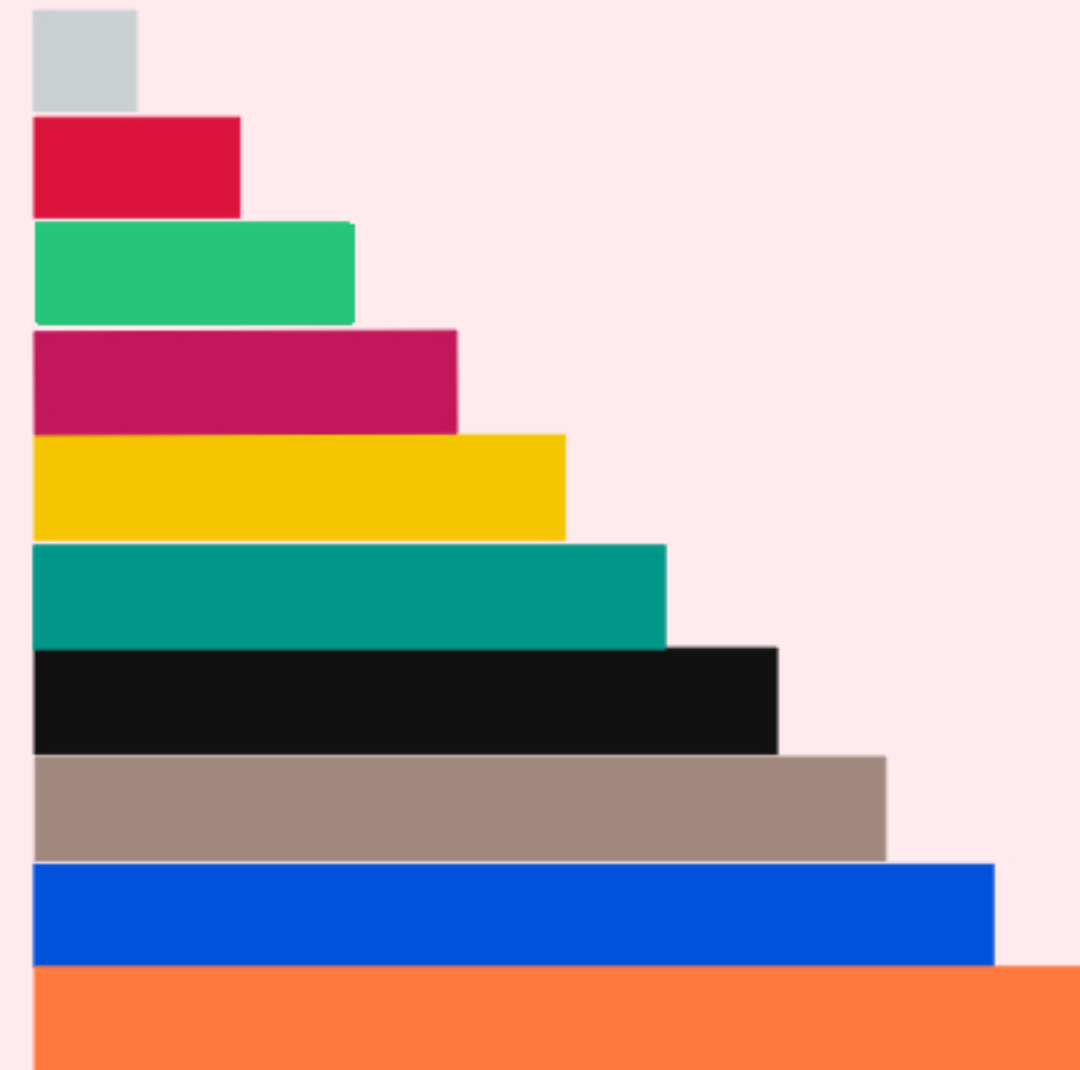
light green = one third of blue

$$lg = \frac{1}{3}blue$$



purple = one third of orange + red

$$p = \frac{1}{3}(o + r)$$



$$\frac{1}{2}p = r$$



$$\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2}$$



$$\frac{2}{2}$$



$$\frac{3}{2}$$



$$\frac{4}{2}$$



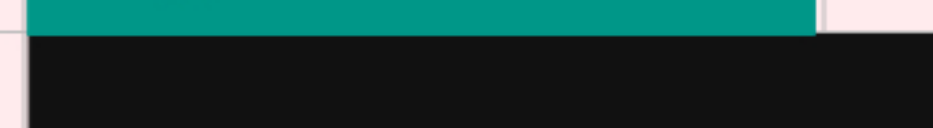
$$\frac{5}{2}$$



$$\frac{6}{2}$$



$$\frac{7}{2}$$



$$\frac{8}{2}$$



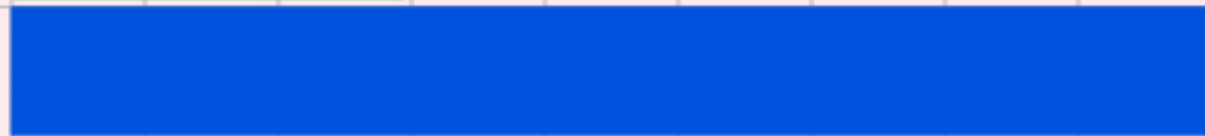
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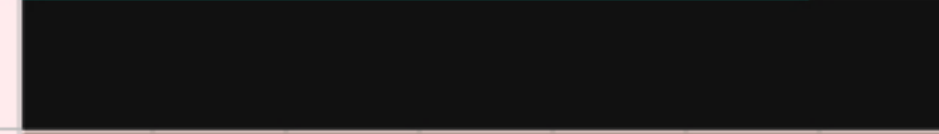
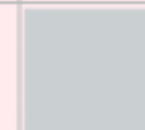
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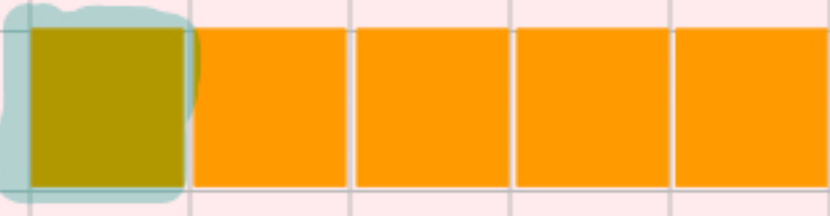


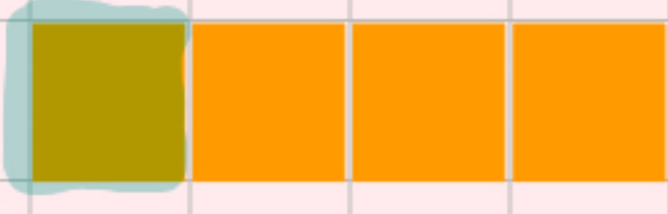
$$\frac{1}{3} blu = lg$$

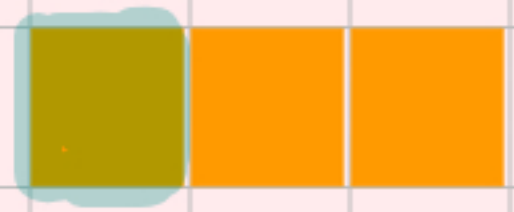


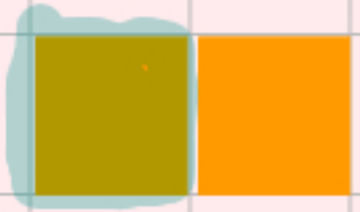
$$\frac{1}{3} \times 3 = 1$$




$$\frac{1}{5} \times 5 = 1$$


$$\frac{1}{4} \times 4 = 1$$


$$\frac{1}{3} \times 3 = 1$$


$$\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$$


$$\frac{1}{1} \times 1 = 1$$


$$\frac{1}{\text{anything}} \times \text{anything} = 1 \quad (\text{anything} \neq 0)$$

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'Once you know the 1 of something'

1% of 400

1 part in a ratio 

$\frac{1}{5}$ of 400

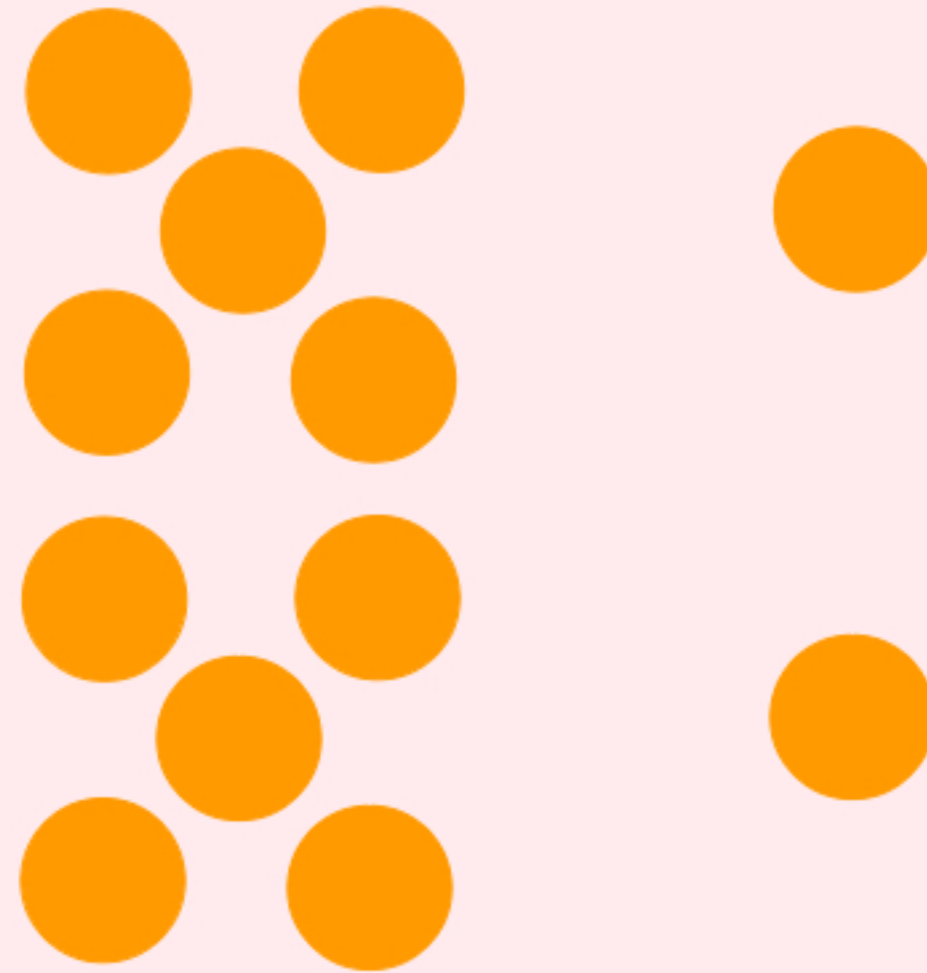
The ingredients for cooking 1 pancake

Change in y for every 1 unit change in x

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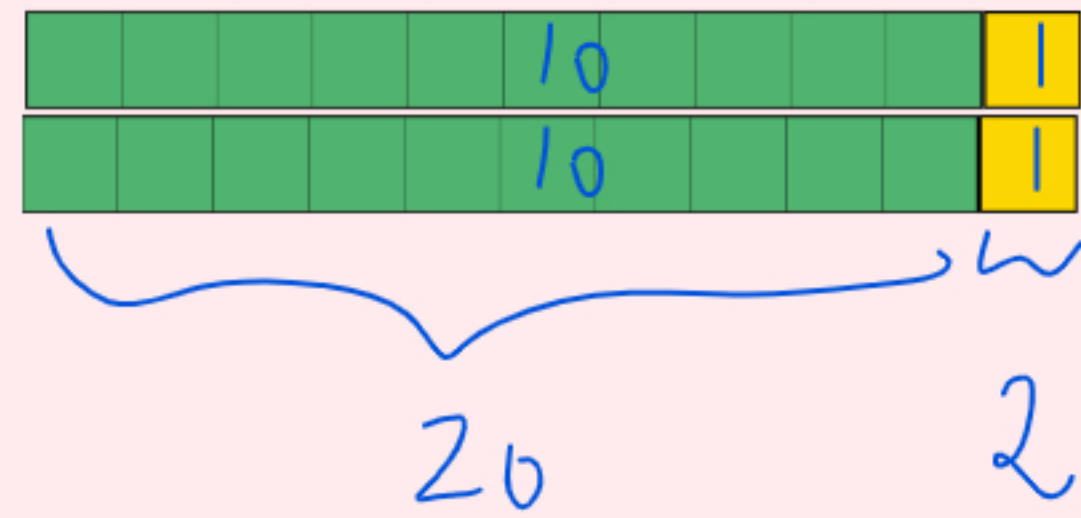
Distributive property of multiplication over addition

Conceptual Subitising

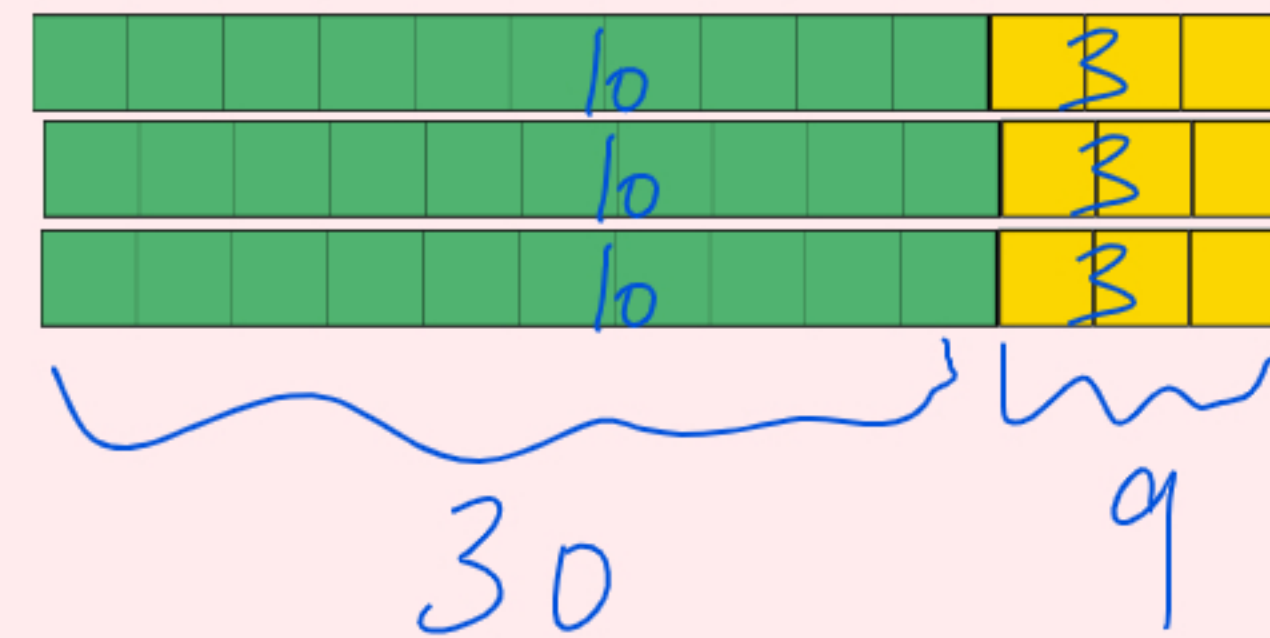


Matt Swain and Christopher Such
Making Friends with Numbers
#MathsConfMini

2x11



3x13



$$3(x+1)$$

x	1
x	1
x	1

$3x \quad 3$

$$4(-x + y + -1)$$

$-x$	y	-1
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$4x-2 \quad 4xy \quad 4x-1$

$$-4x + 4y + -4$$

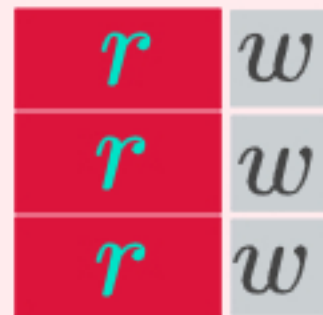
$$-4x + 4y - 4$$

Distributive Axiom



3 multiples of red

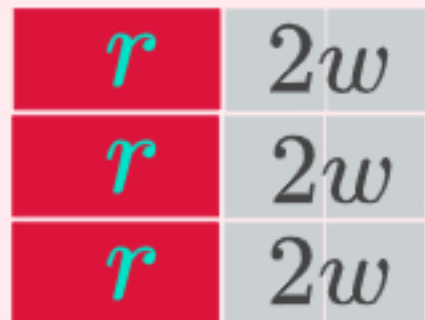
$$3r$$



3 multiples of (red + white)

$$3(r + w)$$

$$3r + 3w$$

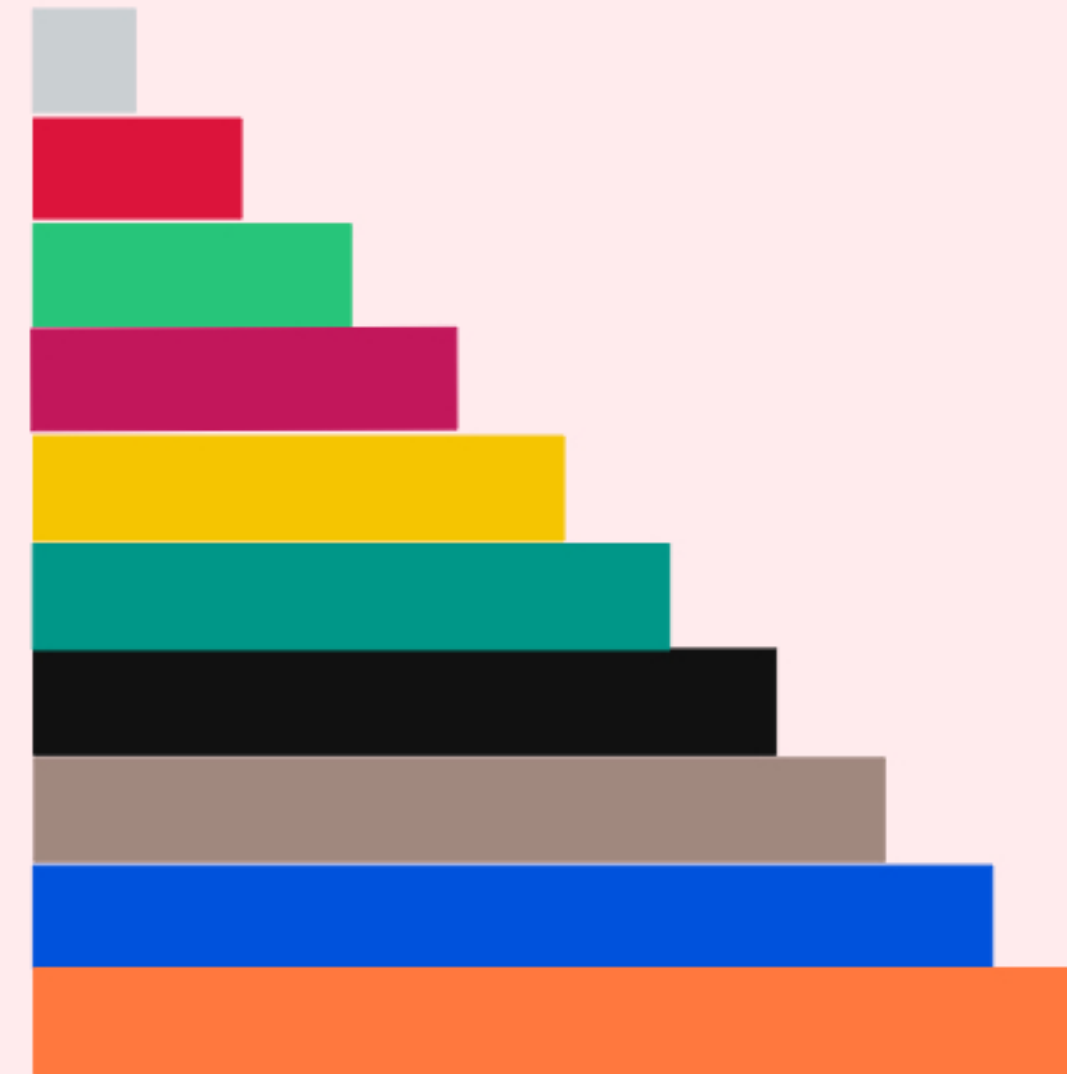


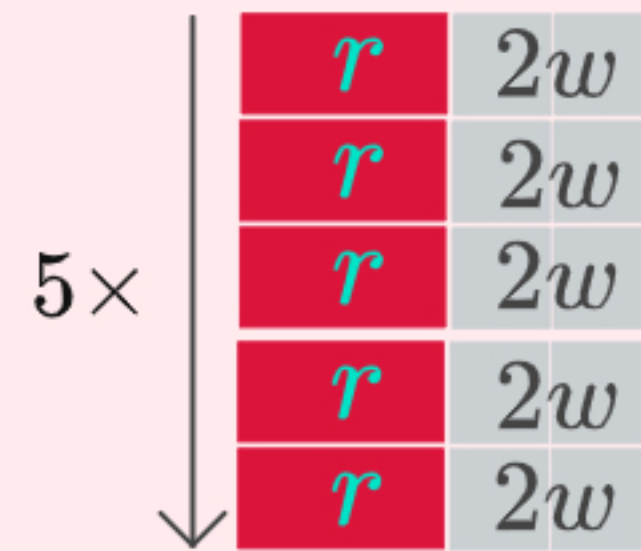
3 multiples of (red + two whites)

$$3(r + 2w)$$

$$3(r) + 3(2w)$$

$$3r + 6w$$



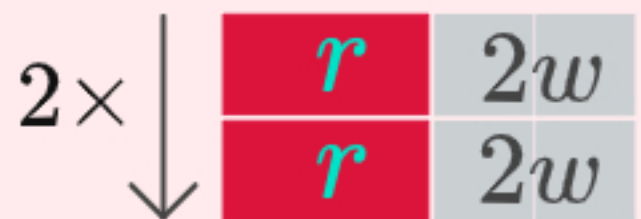


$$\begin{aligned} &(3+2)(r+2w) \\ &5(r+2w) \\ &5r+5(2w) \\ &5r+10w \end{aligned}$$

$$(3+2)(r+2w)$$



$$\begin{aligned} &3(r+2w) \\ &3r+3(2w) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &2(r+2w) \\ &2r+2(2w) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} + \quad 3r+6w \\ \quad 2r+4w \\ \hline 5r+10w \end{array}$$

$$(a + b)(c + d) = a(c + d) + b(c + d)$$

$$(5x + 2)(x + 3) = 5x(x + 3) + 2(x + 3)$$

$$(x + 2)(3x^2 + 5x + 4) = x(3x^2 + 5x + 4) + 2(3x^2 + 5x + 4)$$

Task Two

Example

Two possible attempts at “factorising” 80 are shown.
Each time a different factor has been used outside of the brackets.

$$\begin{aligned} 80 \\ &= 8 \times 10 \\ &= 8(4 + 6) \\ &= 8 \times 4 + 8 \times 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 80 \\ &= 5 \times 16 \\ &= 5(10 + 6) \\ &= 5 \times 10 + 5 \times 6 \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Create two more factorisations of 80.
- (b) Create three factorisations of 60.
- (c) Create a factorisation of $10q$

<http://chrismcgrane.blogspot.com/2019/05/alg.html>
A Progression from Long Multiplication to Algebraic Long Division

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$8 \div 2(2 + 2)$



<https://digitalsynopsis.com/tools/punctuation-marks-importance-rules-usage/>

$$s = vt - \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$5 \times 2 - \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times 2^2$$

$$2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times (2) \times 2\right)$$

$$2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 - (1 \times 1 \times 2)$$

$$2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 - (2)$$

$$2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + (-2)$$

$$v = 5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$t = 2 \text{ s}$$

$$a = 1 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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