

# Samuel Method of Multiplication by Dividing Digits

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**Abstract** - Multiplication is one of four main elementary arithmetic operations. Most people learn basic multiplication algorithms in elementary school and these are used at all education levels. Among the various techniques, long multiplication is the method of multiplication that is commonly taught to elementary school students globally. It can be used on two numbers of arbitrarily large size or number of decimal digits. Long multiplication of two  $n$ -digit numbers take approximately  $n^2$  multiplication operations. This is said to be a time complexity of order  $n^2$  or  $O(n^2)$ . In this paper, a new method of multiplication which works for two, three, four and five digit numbers is shown and proven. This method allows the multiplication of numbers quickly and easily in comparison to the usual method. The distribution property of multiplication over addition and subtraction are deployed; writing numbers in expanded form according to their place values is used to prove the theorems.

**Index Terms** - Arithmetic, place value, expanded form, digit, algorithm, theorem, complexity of order

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## 1. Introduction

Multiplication algorithm is a method to multiply two numbers. The algorithms implemented depend on factors like the size of the numbers. Efficient multiplication algorithms have existed since the advent of the decimal system.

There is the basic form of doing multiplication tasks taught at basic schooling levels which involves long form method that involves "carrying" over different digits. However different techniques have been introduced for easy learning and assimilations. Some of these methods of multiplications are the box method, Karatsuba algorithm, The Grid system, lattice multiplication, binary multiplication, shift and add multiplication, quarter space multiplication, toom-cook multiplication, Fourier transform methods, lower bounds method, polynomial methods, Optimizing space complexity and The Trachtenberg System .

This journal provides a new method of multiplication that is easy to use for teachers and learners. There are four theorems which I have illustrated with their proofs and examples which can clearly show how to use the formulas before coming to the conclusion.

## 2. Theorems, Assumptions and Proofs

### *Theorem 1:*

If  $ab$  and  $cd$  are two digit numbers, their product can be obtained by the formula,  
 $ab \times cd = (ab + d)(cd - d) + b \times d + 10(a - c)d$ , (where  $ab \geq cd$ ).

### *Assumption:*

If  $a = c$ , the formula is reduced to  $(ab + d)(cd - d) + b \times d$ .

*Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned} ab \times cd &= (ab + d)(cd - d) + b \times d + 10(a - c)d = ab(cd-d) + d(cd-d) + b \times d + 10(a-c)d \\ &= ab \times cd - ab \times d + d \times cd - d \times d + b \times d + 10a \times d - 10c \times d \\ &= ab \times cd - (10a + b)d + d(10c + d) - d \times d + b \times d + 10a \times d - 10c \times d \\ &= ab \times cd - 10a \times d - b \times d + 10c \times d + d \times d - d \times d + b \times d + 10a \times d - 10c \times d \\ &= ab \times cd - 10a \times d + 10a \times d - b \times d + b \times d + 10c \times d - 10c \times d + d \times d - d \times d \\ \therefore ab \times cd &= ab \times cd \end{aligned}$$

*Example 1:* Find the outcome of  $58 \times 57$

$$\begin{aligned} 58 \times 57 &= (58 + 7)(57 - 7) + 8 \times 7 \\ &= 65 \times 50 + 56 \\ &= 3,306 \end{aligned}$$

*Example 2:* Find the outcome of  $84 \times 78$

$$\begin{aligned} 84 \times 78 &= (84 + 8)(78 - 8) + 4 \times 8 + 10(8 - 7) \times 8 \\ &= 92 \times 70 + 32 + 80 \\ &= 6,552 \end{aligned}$$

*Example 3:* Find the outcome of  $92 \times 88$

$$\begin{aligned} 92 \times 88 &= (92 + 8)(88 - 8) + 2 \times 8 + 10(9 - 8) \times 8 \\ &= 100 \times 80 + 16 + 10 \times 1 \times 8 \\ &= 8,000 + 16 + 10 \times 1 \times 8 \\ &= 8,096 \end{aligned}$$

*Example 4:* Find the outcome of  $73 \times 44$

$$\begin{aligned} 73 \times 44 &= (73 + 4)(44 - 4) + 3 \times 4 + 10(7 - 4) \times 4 \\ &= 77 \times 40 + 12 + 10 \times 3 \times 4 \\ &= 3,212 \end{aligned}$$

*Example 5:* Find the outcome of  $89 \times 58$

$$\begin{aligned} 89 \times 58 &= (89 + 8)(58 - 8) + 9 \times 8 + 10(8 - 5) \times 8 \\ &= 97 \times 50 + 72 + 10 \times 3 \times 8 \\ &= 4,850 + 72 + 240 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 5,162$$

**Theorem 2:**

If  $abc$  and  $def$  are three digit numbers, their product can be solved by:

$$abc \times def = (abc + ef)(def - ef) + bc \times ef + 100(a - d) \times ef, \text{ (Where } abc \geq def \text{)}.$$

*Assumption:*

If  $a = d$ , the formula is reduced to  $(abc + ef)(def - ef) + bc \times ef$

*Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned} abc \times def &= (abc + ef)(def - ef) + bc \times ef + 100(a - d) \times ef \\ &= abc(def - ef) + ef(def - ef) + bc \times ef + 100(a - d) \times ef \\ &= abc \times def - abc \times ef + ef \times def - ef \times ef + bc \times ef + 100a \times ef - 100d \times ef \\ &= abc \times def - (100a + bc) \times ef + ef(100d + ef) - ef \times ef + bc \times ef + 100a \times ef \\ &\quad - 100d \times ef \\ &= abc \times def - 100a \times ef - bc \times ef + 100d \times ef + ef \times ef - ef \times ef + bc \times ef + \\ &\quad 100a \times ef - 100d \times ef \\ &= abc \times def - 100a \times ef + 100a \times ef - bc \times ef + bc \times ef + 100d \times ef - 100d \times ef + \\ &\quad ef \times ef - ef \times ef \\ \therefore abc \times def &= abc \times def \end{aligned}$$

*Example 1:* Find the outcome of  $125 \times 125$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (125 + 25)(125 - 25) + 25 \times 25 + 100(1 - 1) \times 25 \\ &= 150 \times 100 + 625 + 0 \\ &= 15,000 + 625 \\ &= 15,625 \end{aligned}$$

*Example 2:* Find the outcome of  $351 \times 298$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (351 + 98)(298 - 98) + 51 \times 98 + 100(3 - 2) \times 98 \\ &= 449 \times 200 + 4,998 + 100 \times 1 \times 98 \\ &= 89,800 + 4,998 + 9,800 \\ &= 104,598 \end{aligned}$$

*Example 3:* Find the outcome of  $452 \times 377$

$$= (452 + 77)(377 - 77) + 52 \times 77 + 100(4 - 3) \times 77$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 529 \times 300 + 4,004 + 100 \times 1 \times 77 \\
 &= 158,700 + 4,004 + 7,700 \\
 &= 170,404
 \end{aligned}$$

*Example 4:* Find the outcome of  $999 \times 888$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (999 + 88) (888 - 88) + 99 \times 88 + 100(9 - 8) \times 88 \\
 &= 1,087 \times 800 + 8,712 + 100 \times 1 \times 88 \\
 &= 869,600 + 8,712 + 8,800 \\
 &= 887,112
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3:**

If  $abcd$  and  $efgh$  are four digit numbers, their product can be solved by:

$$abcd \times efgh = (abcd + fgh)(efgh - fgh) + bcd \times fgh + 1000(a - e) \times fgh$$

(Where  $abcd \geq efgh$ ).

*Assumption:*

If  $a = e$ , the formula is reduced to  $(abcd + fgh)(efgh - fgh) + bcd \times fgh$ .

*Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 abcd \times efgh &= (abcd + fgh)(efgh - fgh) + bcd \times fgh + 1000(a - e) \times fgh \\
 &= abcd(efgh - fgh) + fgh(efgh - fgh) + bcd \times fgh + 1000(a - e) \times fgh \\
 &= abcd \times efgh - abcd \times fgh + fgh \times efgh - fgh \times fgh + bcd \times fgh + 1000a \times fgh - \\
 &1000e \times fgh \\
 &= abcd \times efgh - (1000a + bcd) \times fgh + fgh \times (1000e + fgh) - fgh \times fgh + bcd \times fgh \\
 &1000a \times fgh - 1000e \times fgh \\
 &= abcd \times efgh - 1000a \times fgh - bcd \times fgh + 1000e \times fgh + fgh \times fgh - fgh \times fgh \\
 &\quad + bcd \times fgh + 1000a \times fgh - 1000e \times fgh \\
 &= abcd \times efgh - 1000a \times fgh + 1000a \times fgh - bcd \times fgh + bcd \times fgh + \\
 &1000e \times fgh - 1000e \times fgh + fgh \times fgh - fgh \times fgh \\
 \therefore abcd \times efgh &= abcd \times efgh
 \end{aligned}$$

*Example 1:* Find the outcome of  $1,689 \times 1,456$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (1,689 + 456) (1,456 - 456) + 689 \times 456 + 1000(1 - 1) \times 456 \\
 &= 2,145 \times 1000 + 314,184 + 1000 \times 0 \times 456 \\
 &= 2,145,000 + 314,184 + 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2,459,184$$

*Example 2:* Find the outcome of  $4,678 \times 3,175$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (4,678 + 175) (3,175 - 175) + 678 \times 175 + 1000 (4 - 3) \times 175 \\ &= 4,853 \times 3,000 + 118,650 + 1000 \times 1 \times 175 \\ &= 14,559,000 + 118,650 + 175,000 \\ &= 14,852,650 \end{aligned}$$

*Example 3:* Find the outcome of  $7,685 \times 5,789$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (7,685 + 789) (5,789 - 789) + 685 \times 789 + 1000 (7 - 5) \times 789 \\ &= 8,474 \times 5,000 + 540,465 + 1000 \times 2 \times 789 \\ &= 42,370,000 + 540,465 + 1,578,000 \\ &= 44,488,465 \end{aligned}$$

*Example 4:* Find the outcome of  $9,876 \times 6,782$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (9,876 + 782) (6,782 - 782) + 876 \times 782 + 1000 (9 - 6) \times 782 \\ &= 10,658 \times 6,000 + 685,032 + 1000 \times 3 \times 782 \\ &= 63,948,000 + 685,032 + 2,346,000 \\ &= 66,979,032 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4:**

If  $abcde$  and  $fghij$  are five digit numbers, their product can be solved by:

$$abcdexfghij = (abcde + ghij) (fghij - ghij) + bcde \times ghij + 10000 (a - f) \times ghij \quad ,$$

(Where  $abcde \geq fghij$ )

*Assumption:*

If  $a = f$ , the formula is reduced to:  $(abcde + ghij) (fghij - ghij) + bcde \times ghij$

*Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned} Abcde \times fghij &= (abcde + ghij) (fghij - ghij) + bcde \times ghij + 10000 (a - f) \times ghij \\ &= abcde (fghij - ghij) + ghij (fghij - ghij) + bcde \times ghij + 10000 (a - f) \times ghij \\ &= abcde \times fghij - abcde \times ghij + ghij \times fghij - ghij \times ghij + bcde \times ghij \\ &\quad + 10,000a \times ghij - 10,000f \times ghij \\ &= abcde \times fghij - (10,000a + bcde) \times ghij + ghij(10,000f + ghij) - ghij \times ghij \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+bcde \times ghij + 10,000a \times ghij - 10,000f \times ghij \\ &= abcde \times fghij - 10,000a \times ghij - bcde \times ghij + 10,000f \times ghij + \\ &ghij \times ghij - ghij \times ghij + bcde \times ghij + 10,000a \times ghij - 10,000f \times ghij \\ &= abcde \times fghij - 10,000a \times ghij + 10,000a \times ghij - bcde \times ghij + bcde \times ghij \\ &+10,000f \times ghij - 10,000f \times ghij + ghij \times ghij - ghij \times ghij \\ \therefore abcde \times fghij &= abcde \times fghij \end{aligned}$$

*Example 1:* Find the outcome of  $35,500 \times 35,500$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (35,500 + 5,500) (35,500 - 5,500) + 5,500 \times 5,500 + 10,000 (3 - 3) \times 5,500 \\ &= 41,000 \times 30,000 + 30,250,000 \\ &= 1,230,000,000 + 30,250,000 \\ &= 1,260,250,000 \end{aligned}$$

*Example 2:* Find the outcome of  $85,750 \times 66,800$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (85,750 + 6,800) (66,800 - 6,800) + 6,800 \times 6,800 + 10,000 (8 - 6) \times 6,800 \\ &= 92,550 \times 60,000 + 39,100,000 + 136,000,000 \\ &= 5,553,000,000 + 39,100,000 + 136,000,000 \\ &= 5,728,100,000 \end{aligned}$$

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### **3. Further work**

This new method for multiplication in mathematical calculations can be applied in digital settings like the computer. Hence, using the online algorithm, the multiplication procedures explained in this paper can be applicable to digital devices. .

### **4. Conclusion**

The multiplication methods enable to multiply two, three, four and five digit numbers. The formulas stated in four theorems based on number of digits in a number with examples. It is recommended that it should be found one general formula that is applicable for all digit numbers. Hopefully, these formulas will serve as a good reference for mathematicians who want work on this area.

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## **Psalm 14**

**1**The fool says in his heart,

**“There is no God.”**

**They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;  
there is no one who does good.**

**2**The Lord looks down from heaven  
on all mankind

**to see if there are any who understand,  
any who seek God.**

**3**All have turned away, all have become corrupt;  
there is no one who does good,  
not even one.

**4**Do all these evildoers know nothing?  
They devour my people as though eating bread;  
they never call on the Lord.

**5**But there they are, overwhelmed with dread,  
for God is present in the company of the righteous.

**6**You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,  
but the Lord is their refuge.

**7**Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

**When the Lord restores his people,  
let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad !**

**The Holy Bible, New International Version( NIV)**

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