

Name: Solutions

V : visual
V : verbal
S : symbolic

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Math 48B, Lesson 3: Dividing Polynomials, Part 1

In Math 48B Lessons 3, 4, 5, and 6, we are going to learn how to find the zeros of a polynomial by factoring that polynomial into a form:

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x^1 + a_0 x^0 = a(x - c_1) \cdot (x - c_2) \dots (x - c_n)$$

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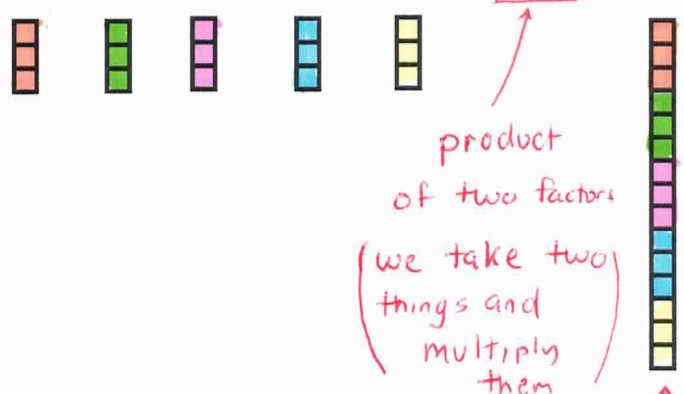
Standard Form of an nth Degree Polynomial
 (written in descending order)
 Complete Zero Factorization Form
 (Factored completely into linear factors)

To start our exploration of this topic, we explore the topic of division and build visual, verbal, and symbolic representations for the division operation. The work we do in this lesson will support our work with polynomials in the coming lesson 4.

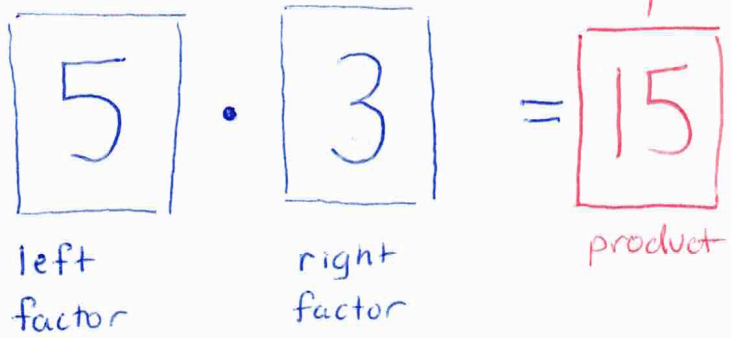
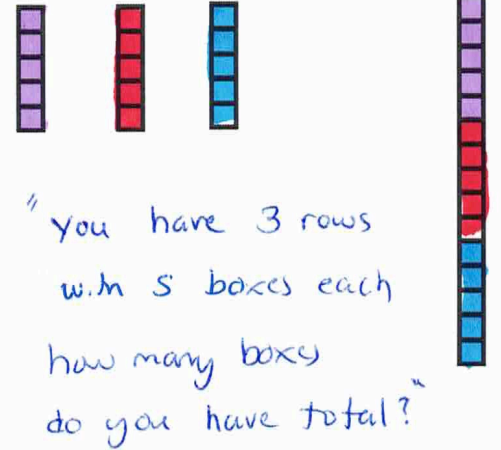
1. WHAT IS MULTIPLICATION? (See pages 2-6 for background)

1A. Use abuelita language (simple language that your grandma would understand) to describe what you see in multiplication problems below:

$3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 5 \cdot 3 = 15$



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Main Memories Make Money :
factor : a piece of a multiplication

Visual representation of multiplication

Claim: every multiplication problem is a counting problem in disguise

$$\boxed{5} \cdot \boxed{3}$$

left factor right factor

- this is the same as three five times
- this product of five times three equals the right factor added to itself the amount of times as shown in right factor
- the product represent the total number of items/units that results from this count
- when we write $5 \cdot 3$ were counting the total number of units that result from adding groups of size 3 units 5 separate times together. the product is the total number of units

Why are we exploring this? Let's return to our discussion of polynomials ...

Let's remember our work from last week:

If $P(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x^1 + a_0 x^0$

$P(x)$ is labeled "polynomial function".
The entire expression is labeled "standard form of an nth degree polynomial".
The term x^n is labeled "degree n".

then a zero of $P(x)$ is

□ like an x-intercept

Zeros of $P(x)$ is asking for what does x equal when the entire thing is set to zero:

$$P(x) = 0 = a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x^1 + a_0 x^0$$

□ Remember that an x-intercept is a point where graph touches the x-axis. Each of those points, we can write as

1st coordinate (x-value)

$(c, 0)$

2nd coordinate: y-value

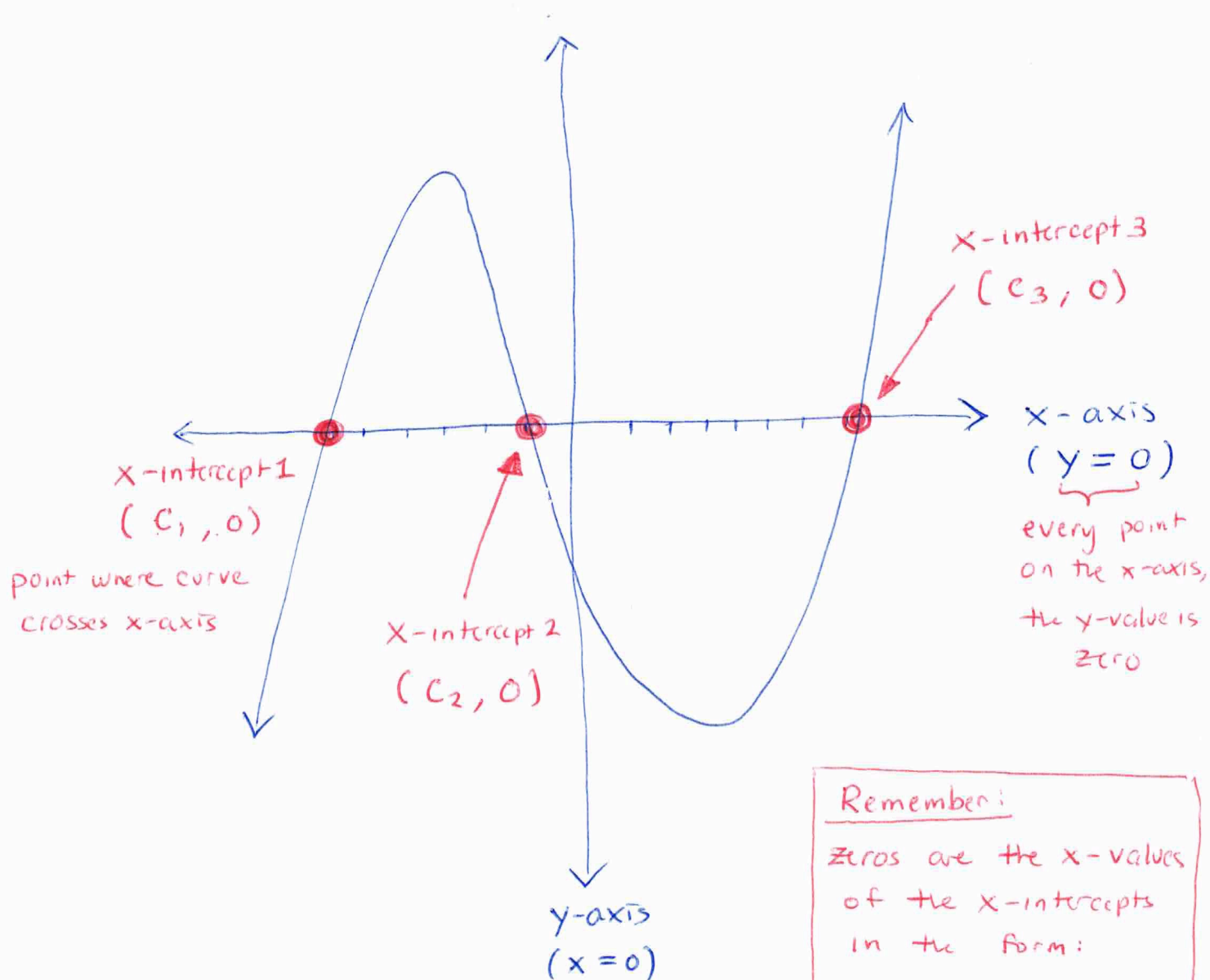
y-value of x-intercept is zero since graph is touching x-axis (and height of x-axis is zero)

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Visual representation:

We can write our zero as

$$x = c$$



The zeros of our function are given as

$$x = c_1 \quad \text{or} \quad x = c_2 \quad \text{or} \quad x = c_3$$

$$\Rightarrow x - c_1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - c_2 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - c_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - c_1) \cdot (x - c_2) \cdot (x - c_3) = 0 \cdot 0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot (x - c_1) \cdot (x - c_2) \cdot (x - c_3) = 0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a \cdot \overset{\text{Zero 1}}{(x - c_1)} \cdot \overset{\text{Zero 2}}{(x - c_2)} \cdot \overset{\text{Zero 3}}{(x - c_3)} = 0}$$

this is called the

complete zero factorization

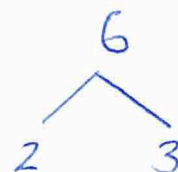
form of our Polynomial

this highlights the location of
all zeros

Analogy: Prime factorization of an integer

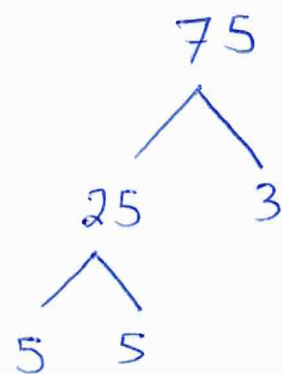
$$6 = 2 \cdot 3$$

Factor Tree



Analogy: Prime factorization

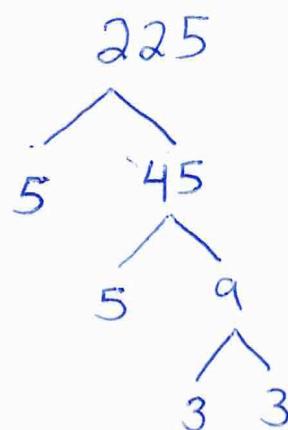
$$\square \quad 75 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$$
$$= 3^1 \cdot 5^2$$



To translate standard form into a factored form we used division.

$$\square \quad \underbrace{225}_{\text{Standard form}} = \underbrace{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5}_{\text{Factored form}}$$

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prime factors



(each part of a product is called a factor)

Long division

$$\begin{array}{r} 45 \\ 5 \overline{) 225} \\ \underline{-20} \\ 25 \end{array}$$

Claim: \square We break down an n th degree polynomial into n separate factors, each one in a zero

\square Remember: factors are the individual parts that when multiplied together form the product

We will learn to factor a polynomial

□ Forward problem: Multiply separate factors together to form a product

"in the forward, we start with both factors 1 & 2 and move forward to form a product"

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{factor 1} & \text{factor 2} & \text{Product} \\ 3 \cdot 5 & = & 15 \end{array}$$

→ forward towards

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \boxed{D} & \cdot & \boxed{Q} = \boxed{N} \\ \text{factor 1} & & \text{factor 2} \end{array}$$

□ Backward Problem:

"in the backward problem we start with one factor D and also the product N and work backward towards the other factor"

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{factor 1 (known)} & & \text{product} \\ 3 \cdot Q & = & 15 \Rightarrow Q = \frac{15}{3} \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ & \text{unknown \& desired} & \text{quotient} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D \cdot Q = N & \Leftrightarrow & Q = \frac{N}{D} \\ \text{Known factor 1} & \text{unknown factor 2} & \text{known product} \end{array}$$

← numerator
← denominator

□ We're going to learn how to divide polynomials in standard form to find the zero factors and hopefully create it's factored form.

□ Let's do a Refresher on division:

that is Lesson 3.

Homework: VVS

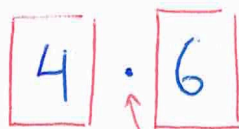
1B. Develop your own visual and verbal descriptions, like the one in problem 1A above, to describe BOTH of the multiplication problems below:

$$4 \cdot 6 = 6 \cdot 4$$

right factor counts the size of each group

left factor counts the number of groups

addition is designed to count the total number of items



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6

+

6

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6

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6

=

24



group 1



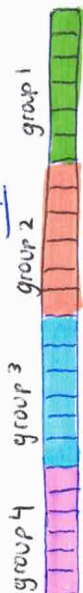
group 2



group 3



group 4



multiplication problem is designed to count the total number of items: take four groups each of one has six units... How many total units do we have?

multiplication

When we write



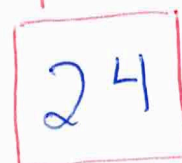
left factor

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right factor

=



product

we want to know how many total items we have if we take four groups and each group has 6 units in it. This counting problem is identical to taking four copies of the number 6 and adding those together

$$4 \cdot 6 = 6 + 6 + 6 + 6$$

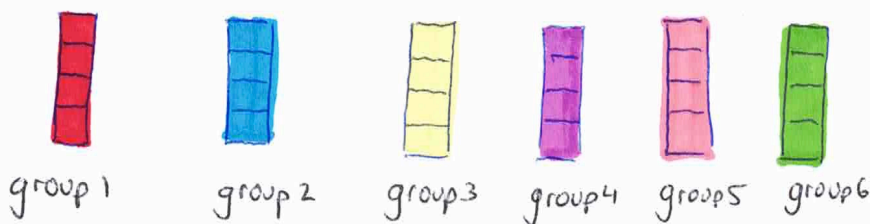
Let's take a look at the other direction:

left factor counts the number of groups

right factor indicates the size of each group

these addition operations count the total number of units represented in all summands

$$\boxed{6} \cdot \boxed{4} = 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 = 24$$



this multiplication problem is designed to count the total number of items that results from taking six groups (left factor), where each group has four units (right factor)

When we write

$$\boxed{6} \cdot \boxed{4} = \boxed{24}$$

multiplication

left factor right factor product

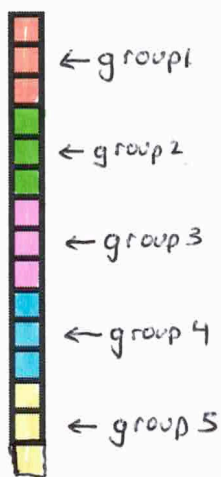
we want to figure out (count) the total number of units that result from taking six groups where each group has four units in it. This count is equivalent to combining six copies of the number 4 and adding together:

$$6 \cdot 4 = 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4$$

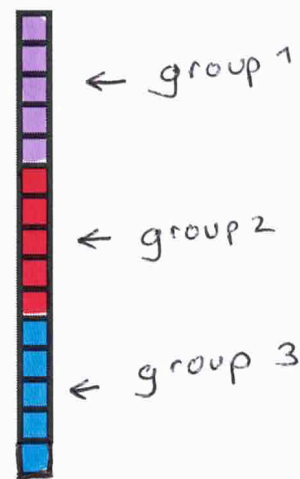
2. WHAT IS DIVISION?

2A. Develop a visual representation for the division problems you see below. Then, describe what you've done in each problem using abuelita language. In this work, make explicit connections to Problem 1A above.

$$\frac{N}{D} = \frac{15}{3} = q = 5$$



$$\frac{N}{D} = \frac{15}{5} = q = 3$$



Numerator (product)

$$\begin{array}{c} \swarrow \\ 15 \\ \hline 3 \\ \nearrow \end{array} = 5$$

quotient
(left factor)

Denominator
(right factor)

□ when we divide 15 by 3, we take 15 and separate into group of size three (groups that have 3 units) then count how many individual groups of size three we have

Home work :

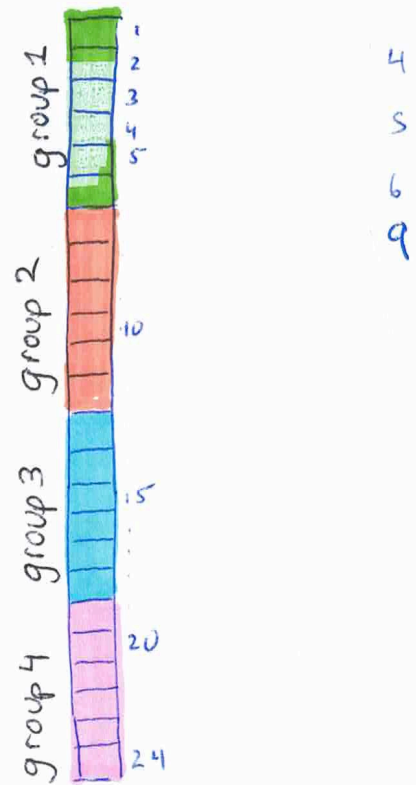
2B. Develop your own visual and verbal representations, like the work you did in problem 2A above, to describe BOTH of the division problems:

$$\frac{\boxed{N}}{\boxed{D}} = \frac{\boxed{24}}{\boxed{6}} = 4 = \boxed{q}$$

numerator (product) \rightarrow \boxed{N}
 denominator (right factor) \rightarrow \boxed{D}
 quotient (left factor) \rightarrow \boxed{q}

Separate 24 into groups of size 6:
 How many groups do we get?

we've got four separate groups, each of size 6



Notice that we have a connection between our division and multiplication problems:

$$\frac{\boxed{24}}{\boxed{6}} = \boxed{4} \iff \boxed{24} = \boxed{4} \cdot \boxed{6}$$

numerator \rightarrow $\boxed{24}$
 denominator \rightarrow $\boxed{6}$
 quotient \rightarrow $\boxed{4}$
 product \rightarrow $\boxed{24}$
 left factor \rightarrow $\boxed{4}$
 right factor \rightarrow $\boxed{6}$

□ When we divide 24 by 6, we cut 24 items into separate groups each of which has 6 units. The division problem asks us to figure out how many groups we have --

Let's take a look at the other division

Numerator

$$\begin{array}{r} \rightarrow 24 \\ \hline \end{array} =$$

$$= \boxed{6}$$

quotient

$$\rightarrow 4$$

Denominator

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Homework:

2C. Using your work in problems 2A and 2B above, develop verbal and visual interpretations of the symbols written in the division problem below. Then make explicit connections between this division problem and the corresponding multiplication problem you did in Problem 1C.

numerator → \boxed{N}
 denominator → \boxed{D} = \boxed{q}
 quotient

Note:

□ factor: is a part of a multiplication problem

Division Problem

Multiplication Problem

numerator (product) \boxed{N}
 denominator (left factor) \boxed{D} = \boxed{q}
 quotient (right term)

\boxed{D} • \boxed{q} = \boxed{N}
 left factor (denominator) right factor (quotient) product (numerator)

verbal intuition

□ separate N units into groups of size D.
 after we separate N into groups, each group has D units, we find we have q number of groups

□ division is really special because the denominator is guaranteed amount: the number of units in each group

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4. HOW TO USE REMAINDER NOTATION?

Take a look at the following notation:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{numerator} \rightarrow N \\ \text{denominator} \rightarrow D \end{array} \frac{N}{D} = \boxed{q} + \frac{\boxed{r}}{D} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Addition} \\ \text{notation} \end{array}$$

quotient

$$= \boxed{q} \frac{\boxed{r}}{D} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Mixed-number} \\ \text{notation} \end{array}$$

quotient *remainder*

$$= \boxed{q} \text{ R } \boxed{r} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Remainder} \\ \text{notation} \end{array}$$

quotient *remainder*

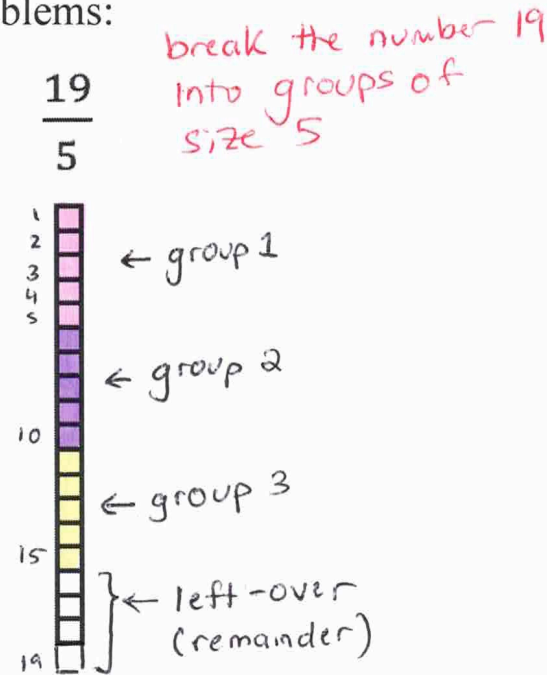
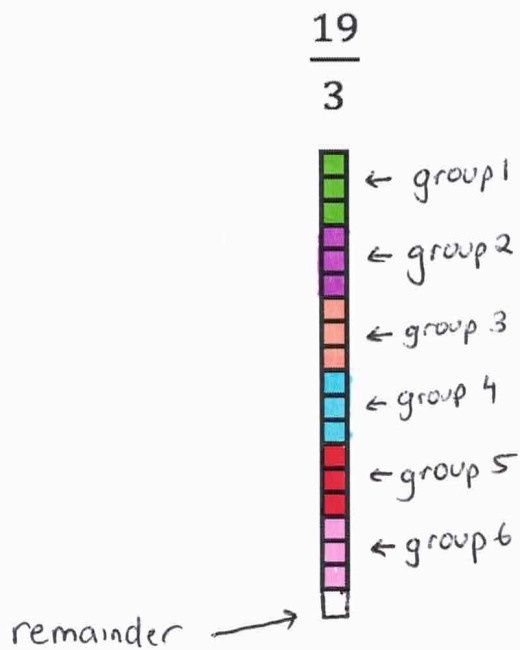
This is called remainder notation.

Division Problem

Multiplication Problem

$$\frac{N}{D} = q \text{ R } r \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad N = D \cdot q + r$$

4A. Use using this notation, develop a verbal, visual, and symbolic description for the solutions of each of the following division problems:



numerator

$$\frac{N}{D} = \frac{19}{3}$$

denominator

□ break 19 into groups of size 3

□ in the case of 19, there are uneven groups: we're left over with an extra one

□ we can't break 19 into equal-sized groups of 3 without having something left over (remainder)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{19}{3} = 6 \text{ remainder } 1 = 6R1 = 6\frac{1}{3} = 6 + \frac{1}{3}$$

Question: Does it matter which way we write our factors? In other words, can we write left & right factors in reverse order?

Answer:
$$\boxed{19} = \overset{\text{left factor}}{\boxed{5}} \cdot \overset{\text{right factor}}{\boxed{3}} + \overset{\text{remainder}}{\downarrow} \boxed{4} \quad \frac{19}{5} = 3R4$$

$$= \boxed{3 \cdot 5} + 4$$

Note:
$$\overset{\text{LHS}_1}{\boxed{5 \cdot 3}} = \overset{\text{RHS}_1}{\boxed{15}} \quad \text{equation 1}$$

$$\underset{\text{LHS}_2}{\boxed{3 \cdot 5}} = \underset{\text{RHS}_2}{\boxed{15}} \quad \text{equation 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underset{\text{LHS}_1}{\boxed{5 \cdot 3}} = \underset{\text{RHS}_1}{\boxed{15}} = \underset{\text{RHS}_2}{\boxed{15}} = \underset{\text{LHS}_2}{\boxed{3 \cdot 5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 \cdot 3 = 3 \cdot 5 \leftarrow \text{transitivity of equals sign}$$

Transitivity of equals sign

if $a = b$ and $b = c$,
 then $a = b = c$ and $a = c$ ↗ see reverse (17)

$$\frac{19}{5} = \textcircled{3} + \frac{\textcircled{4}}{5}$$

quotient addition remainder

← addition notation

$$= \boxed{3} \boxed{\frac{4}{5}}$$

fraction remainder

← mixed-number notation

integer

we say this is mixed because there is a combined integer & fraction

CAREFUL:
 this is not multiplication
 this is a lazy person's way of writing remainders without addition symbol

$$\frac{19}{5} = 3 R 4$$

← remainder notation

"nineteen divided by five" is "three remainder four"

$$\frac{19}{5} = 3 \text{ remainder } 4$$

$$= 3 \text{ with } 4 \text{ left over}$$

$$= 3R4$$

$$= 3\frac{4}{5}$$

$$= 3 + \frac{4}{5}$$

Note:

- product is an output of a "pure" multiplication problem (multiplying a chain of factors)

Multiplication Problem

Division Problem

numerator (product) → $\boxed{19}$ = $\boxed{3}R\boxed{4}$ ← quotient (right factor)

→ $\boxed{5}$ ← denominator (left factor) (remainder (left over))

$\boxed{19}$ = $\boxed{5} \cdot \boxed{3} + \boxed{4}$

"product" left factor right factor remainder

"nineteen divided by five is three remainder four"

$$\Leftrightarrow 19 = 15 + 4$$

Long Division: Math Memories Make Money

side note: mental math

$$\begin{array}{r}
 081 \\
 7 \overline{) 572} \\
 \underline{- 56} \\
 12 \\
 \underline{- 7} \\
 5
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 81 \cdot 7 &= (80 + 1) \cdot 7 \\
 &= (10 \cdot 8 + 1) \cdot 7 \\
 &= 10 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 + 1 \cdot 7 \\
 &= 10 \cdot 56 + 7 \\
 &= 560 + 7 \\
 &= 567
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{572}{7} = 81 \text{ R } 5 \quad \leftarrow \text{remainder notation}$$

$$= 81 \frac{5}{7} \quad \leftarrow \text{mixed-number notation}$$

$$= 81 + \frac{5}{7} \quad \leftarrow \text{addition notation}$$

Division Problem

Multiplication Problem

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{numerator} \\
 \downarrow \\
 \boxed{572} \\
 \uparrow \\
 \boxed{7} \\
 \text{denominator}
 \end{array}
 = \boxed{81} \text{ R } \boxed{5}$$

quotient remainder

\Leftrightarrow

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{numerator} \\
 \boxed{572} \\
 \text{numerator}
 \end{array}
 = \begin{array}{l}
 \text{quotient} \\
 \boxed{81} \\
 \text{quotient}
 \end{array} \cdot \begin{array}{l}
 \text{denom} \\
 \boxed{7} \\
 \text{denom}
 \end{array} + \begin{array}{l}
 \text{remainder} \\
 \boxed{5} \\
 \text{remainder}
 \end{array}$$

$$= 567 + 5$$