

Fraction Product Paths

Multiply fractions and find parts of whole amounts.

GRADE 5 • 5.NF.B.4a

CCSS.Math.Content.5.NF.B.4a "Interpret the product $(a/b) \times q$ as a parts of a partition of q into b equal parts; equivalently, as the result of a sequence of operations $a \times q \div b$. For example, use a visual fraction model to show $(2/3) \times 4 = 8/3$..."

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PARTS OF PARTS

To find $a/b \times q$, split q into b equal parts, then take a of those parts. You can also multiply the numerators and multiply the denominators. Simplify the product when possible.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Find $3/5 \times 2/7$.

1. Imagine a rectangle split into 5 rows and 7 columns, making 35 equal squares.
2. Shade $3/5$ of the rows and $2/7$ of the columns.
3. The 6 overlapping squares represent $6/35$ of the rectangle.

Answer: $6/35$

PRACTICE 6 problems

1 Find $4/9 \times 18$.

ANSWER _____

2 Find $8/11 \times 22$.

ANSWER _____

3 Find $9/10 \times 4/13$. Simplify.

ANSWER _____

4 Find $11/12 \times 8/15$. Simplify.

ANSWER _____

5 Find $13/16 \times 8/13$. Simplify.

ANSWER _____

6 Find $4/13 \times 26$.

ANSWER _____

APPLY IT Show your work

- 1** At robotics club, $\frac{13}{14}$ of 28 battery packs are charged. How many battery packs are charged?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

- 2** An art club paints $\frac{4}{11}$ of a mural wall with a design. Blue paint will cover $\frac{8}{9}$ of that design section. What fraction of the whole wall will be blue?

WORK SPACE

ANSWER _____

CHALLENGE One step up

CHALLENGE

Find $\frac{23}{24} \times \frac{12}{23}$. In one sentence, explain why your answer makes sense.

PART 1 • PRACTICE

#	PROBLEM	ANSWER
1	Find $\frac{4}{9} \times 18$.	8
2	Find $\frac{8}{11} \times 22$.	16
3	Find $\frac{9}{10} \times \frac{4}{13}$. Simplify.	$\frac{18}{65}$
4	Find $\frac{11}{12} \times \frac{8}{15}$. Simplify.	$\frac{22}{45}$
5	Find $\frac{13}{16} \times \frac{8}{13}$. Simplify.	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	Find $\frac{4}{13} \times 26$.	8

PART 2 • APPLY IT

1. **26 battery packs** Find $\frac{13}{14} \times 28$. Divide 28 by 14 to get 2, then multiply 2×13 to get 26.
2. **$\frac{32}{99}$** Multiply $\frac{4}{11} \times \frac{8}{9}$. The product is $\frac{32}{99}$, which cannot be simplified.

CHALLENGE

$\frac{1}{2}$, because the 23s cancel and 12 is half of 24.

Accept equivalent fraction products, but have students simplify when the prompt says to simplify. For the challenge, accept a correct one-sentence explanation that shows the product is $\frac{12}{24}$, or $\frac{1}{2}$.