English 5th Grade M-Z
Vocabulary Cards and Word Walls

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mass

mass



mass



The amount of matter in an object. Usually measured by comparing with an object of known mass. While gravity influences weight, it does not affect mass.

meter (m)

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meter (m)



A baseball bat is *about* 1 meter long.

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meter (m)

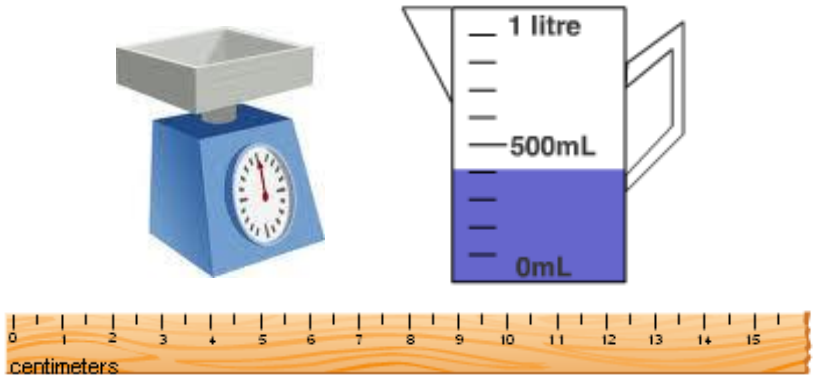


A standard unit of length
in the metric system.

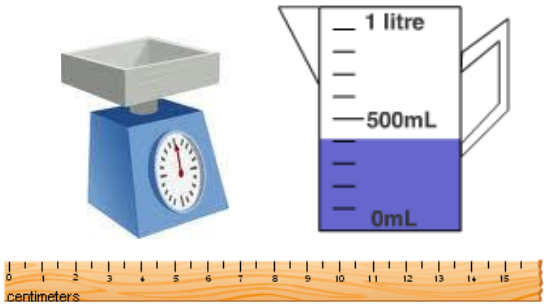
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metric system

metric system



metric system



A system of measurement based on tens. The basic unit of capacity is the liter. The basic unit of length is the meter. The basic unit of mass is the gram.

mile

mile



Two times around the average roller coaster is *about* 1 mile.

mile



Two times around the average roller coaster is *about* 1 mile.

A customary unit of length.
1 mile = 5,280 feet

milligram (mg)

milligram (mg)



The mass of a single grain of salt is about 1 milligram.

milligram (mg)



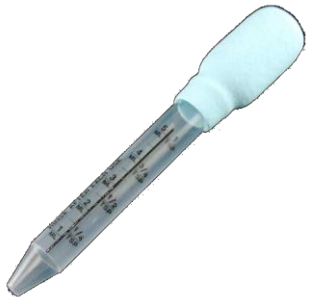
The mass of a single grain of salt is about 1 milligram.

A metric unit of weight.
1,000 milligrams = 1 gram

milliliter (mL)

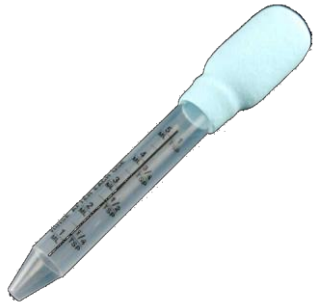
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milliliter (mL)



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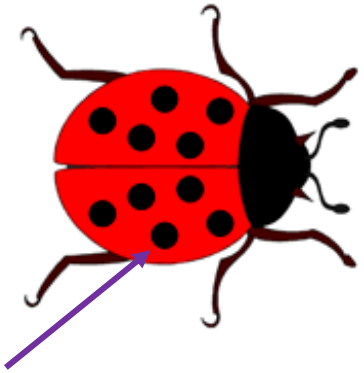
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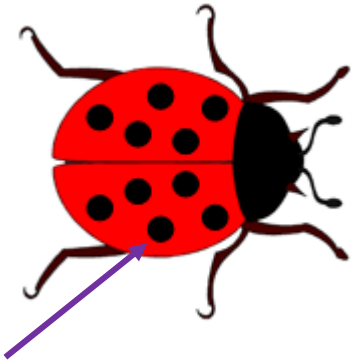
millimeter (mm)

millimeter (mm)



The dot on a ladybug is *about* 1 millimeter wide.

millimeter (mm)



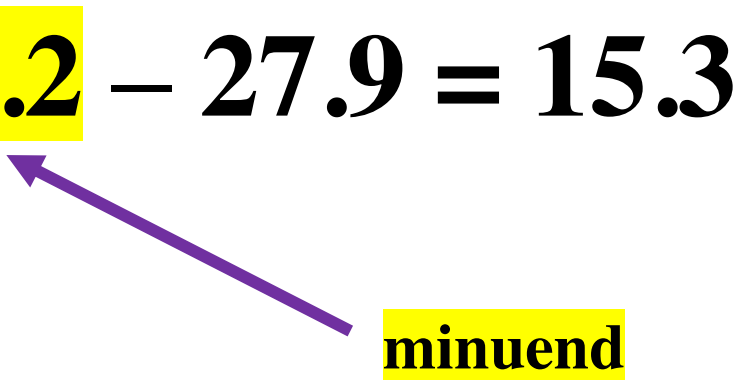
The dot on the ladybug is *about* 1 millimeter wide.

A metric unit of length.
1,000 millimeters = 1 meter

minuend

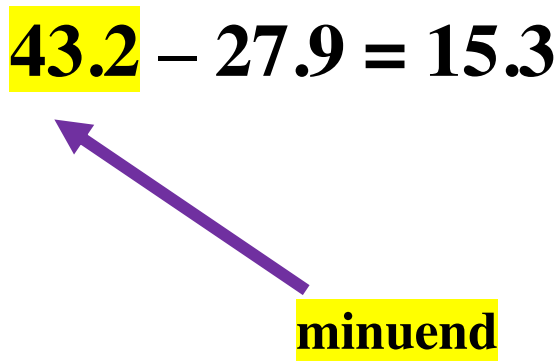
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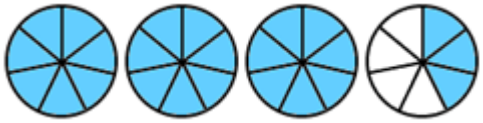
The quantity from which another quantity, the subtrahend, is to be subtracted.

mixed number

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mixed number

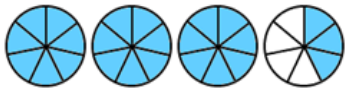
$3\frac{3}{7}$



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mixed number

$3\frac{3}{7}$



A number with an integer and a fraction part.

multiple

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multiple

Multiples of 

7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49…

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multiple

Multiples of 

7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49…

The product of a whole number and any other whole number.

Multiplicative Identity Property of 1

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1 group of 3 = 3
1 × 3 = 3

Multiplicative Identity Property of 1

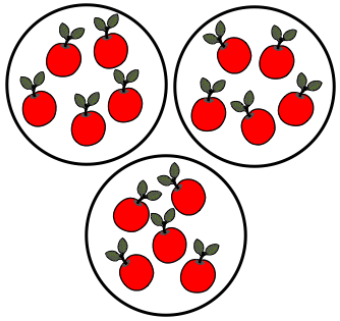


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1 × 3 = 3

Multiplying a factor by one gives a product identical to the given factor.

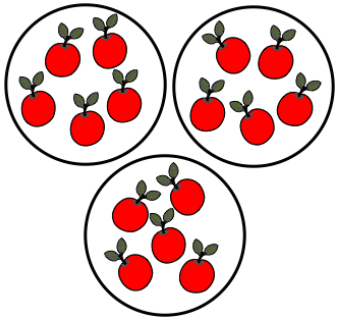
multiply

multiply



$3 \times 5 = 5 + 5 + 5$

multiply

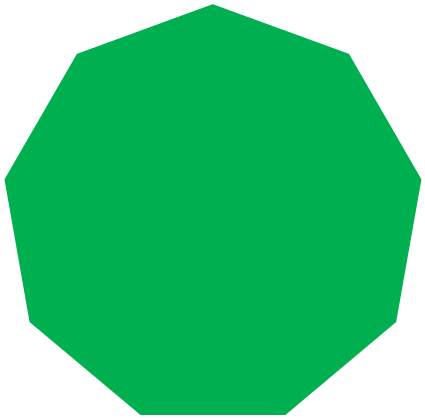


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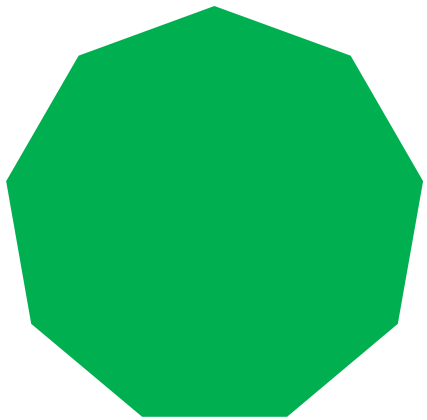
The operation of repeated addition of the same number.

nonagon

nonagon



nonagon



A polygon
with 9 sides.

number line

number line



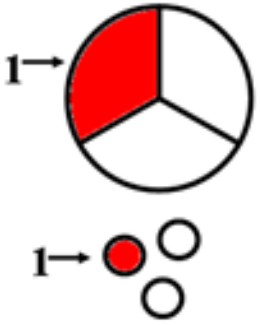
number line



A diagram that represents numbers as points on a line.

numerator

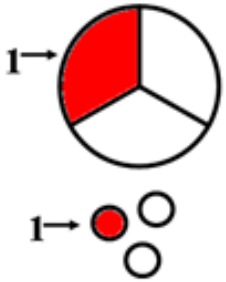
numerator



$\frac{1}{3}$

- Equal parts described in fraction
- Equal parts in the whole

numerator



$\frac{1}{3}$

- Equal parts described in fraction
- Equal parts in the whole

The number written above the line in a fraction. It tells how many equal parts are described in the fraction.

numerical expression

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numerical expression

5 + 9

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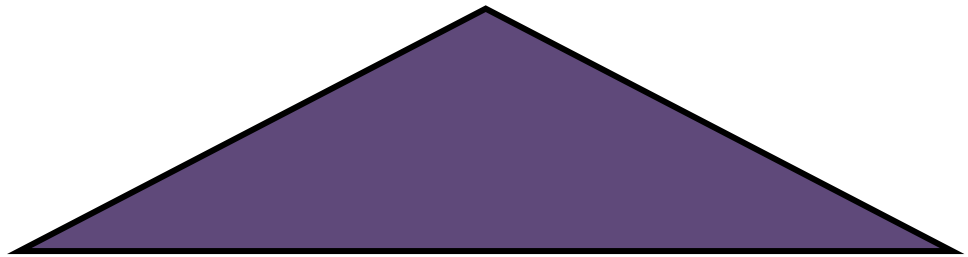
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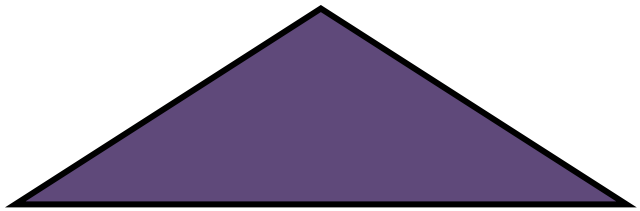
A mathematical statement including numbers and operations.

obtuse triangle

obtuse triangle



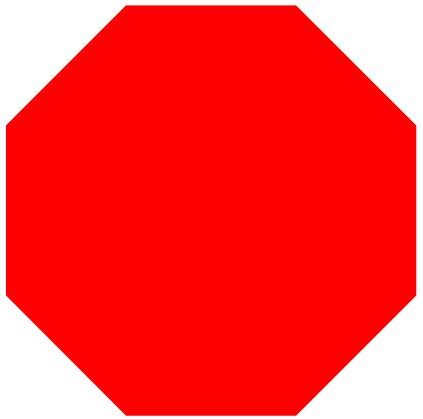
obtuse triangle



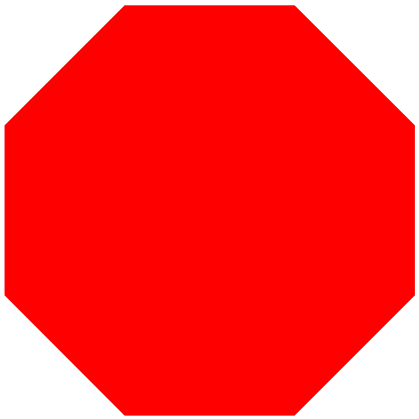
A triangle that has an angle greater than 90º (obtuse angle).

octagon

octagon



octagon

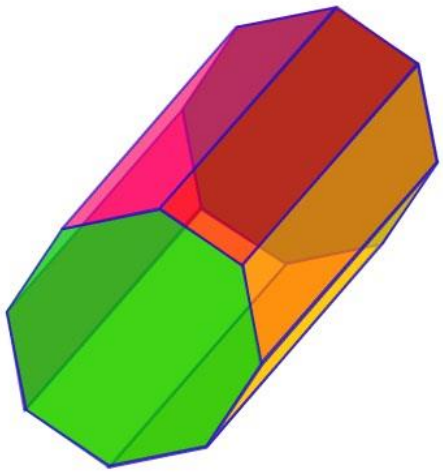


A polygon
with 8 sides.

octagonal prism

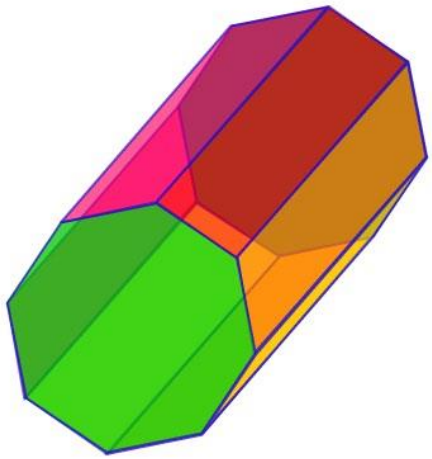
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octagonal prism



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octagonal prism



A prism whose two bases are octagons.

Order of Operations

Order of Operations



How to do a math problem with more than one operation in the correct order.

Parenthesis
Exponents
Multiply/**D**ivide
Add/**S**ubtract

Order of Operations



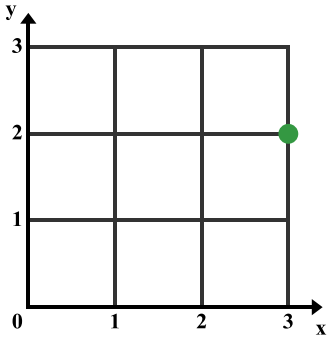
How to do a math problem with more than one operation in the correct order.

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An order, agreed on by mathematicians, for performing operations to simplify expressions.

ordered pair

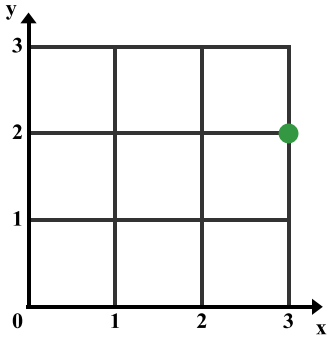
ordered pair



(3, 2)

(x , y)

ordered pair



(3, 2)

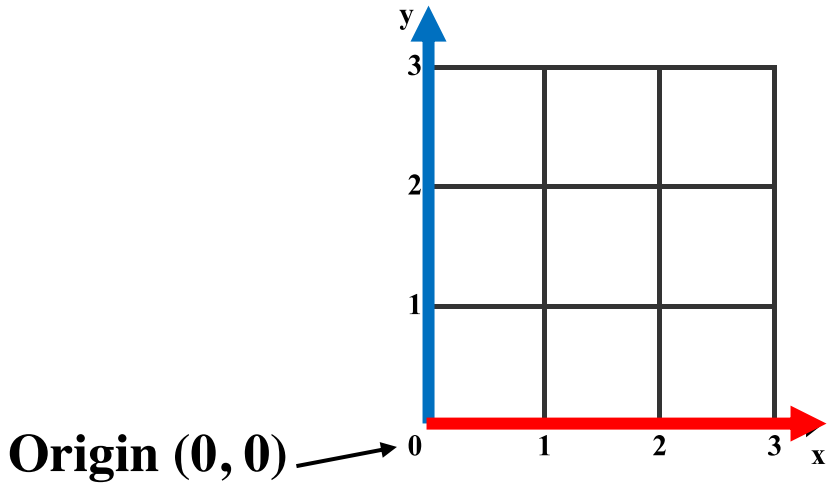
(x , y)

A pair of numbers that gives the coordinates of a point on a grid in this order (horizontal coordinate, vertical coordinate).

origin

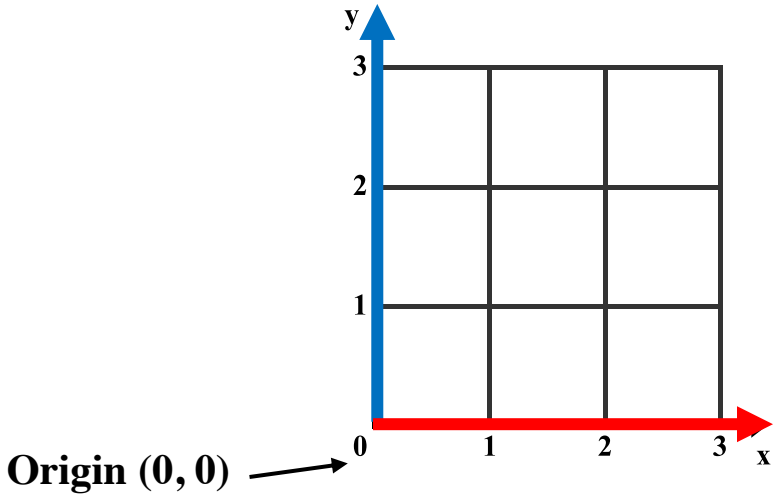
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origin



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origin



The intersection of the *x*- and *y*-axes in a coordinate plane, described by the ordered pair (0, 0).

ounce (oz)

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ounce (oz)



A strawberry weighs *about* 1 ounce.

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ounce (oz)

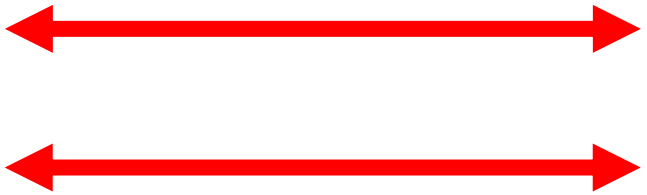


A strawberry weighs *about* 1 ounce.

A customary unit of weight equal to one sixteenth of a pound.
16 ounces = 1 pound

parallel lines

parallel lines



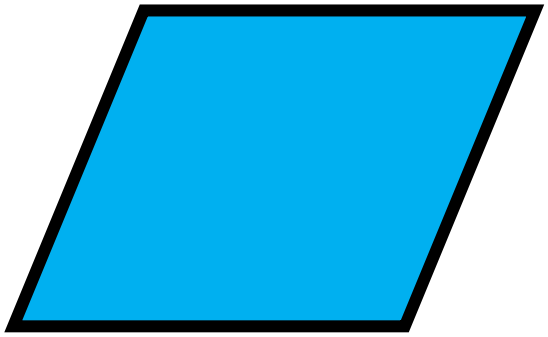
parallel lines



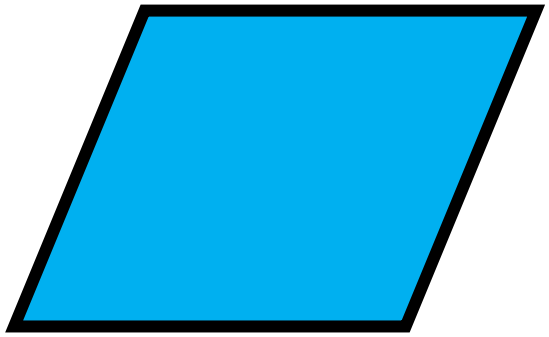
Lines that are always the same distance apart. They do not intersect.

parallelogram

parallelogram



parallelogram



A quadrilateral with 2 pairs of parallel and congruent sides.

parentheses

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parentheses

$$(2 + 3) \times 4$$
$$5 \times 4$$
$$20$$

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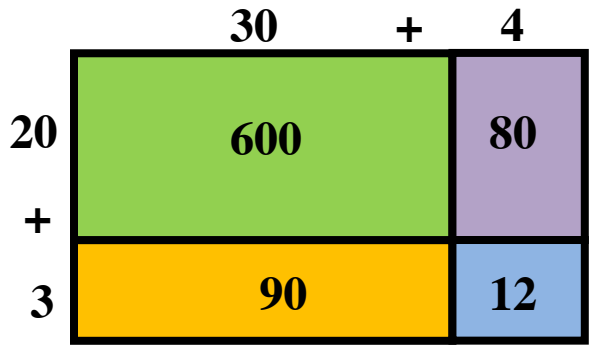
parentheses

$$(2 + 3) \times 4$$
$$5 \times 4$$
$$20$$

Used in mathematics as grouping symbols for operations. When simplifying an expression, the operations within the parentheses are performed first.

partial product

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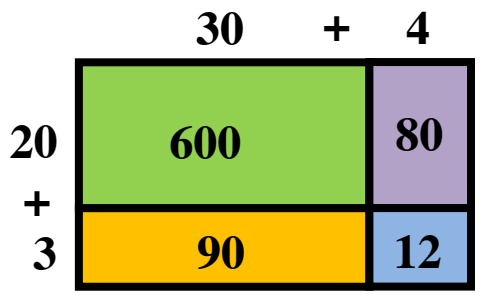


23 × 34 = 782

$$\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ \times\ 23 \\ \hline 600 \\ 80 \\ 90 \\ +\ 12 \\ \hline 782 \end{array}$$

partial products

partial product



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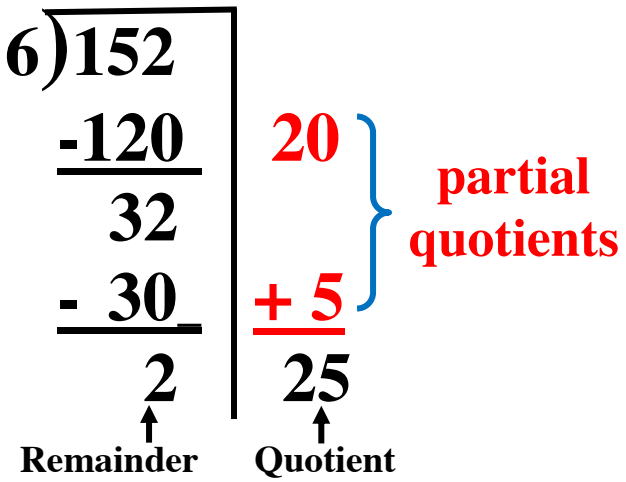
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partial products

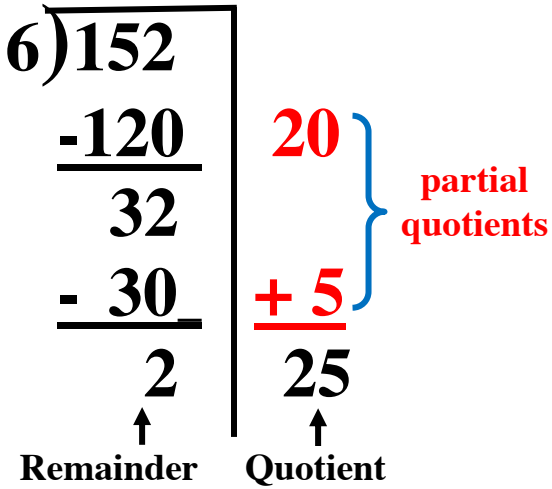
A method of multiplying in which the value of each digit in a factor is multiplied separately, and then the partial products are added together.

partial quotient

partial quotient



partial quotient



A method of dividing in which multiples of the divisor are subtracted from the dividend, and then the partial quotients are added together.

pattern

pattern

Ten Thousands	One Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones
	8,000	800	80	0

10 times as much as

$\frac{1}{10}$ of

pattern

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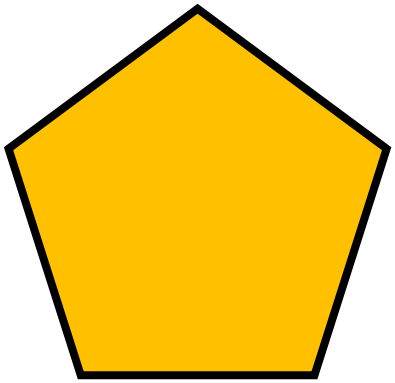
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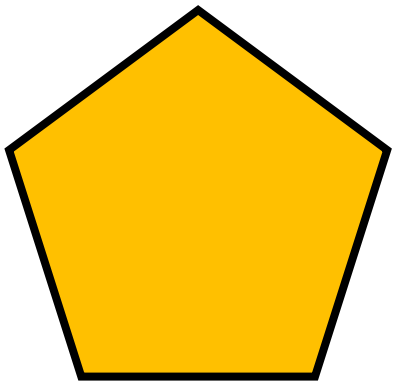
A repeating or growing sequence. An ordered set of numbers arranged according to a rule.

pentagon

pentagon



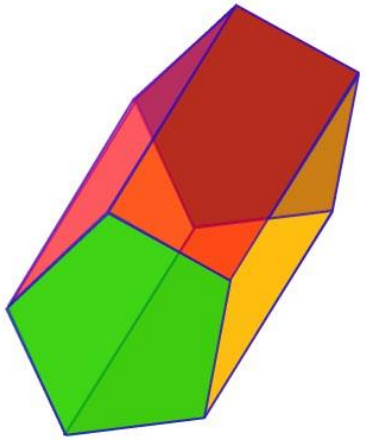
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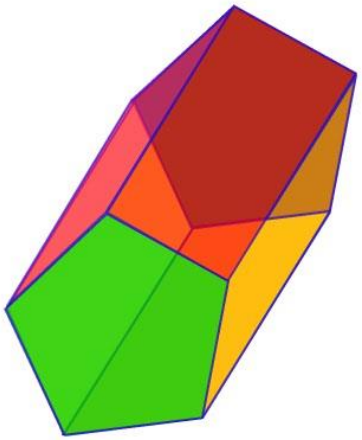
A polygon with 5 sides.

pentagonal prism

pentagonal prism



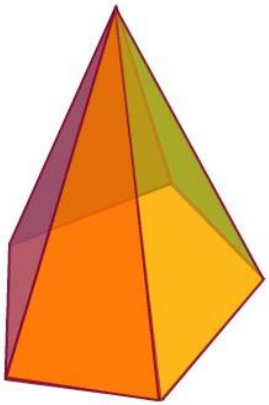
pentagonal prism



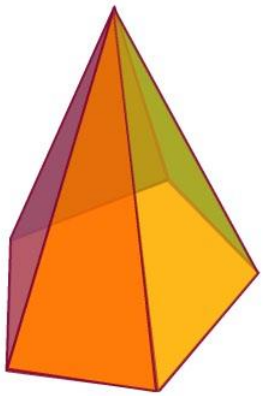
A prism whose two bases are pentagons.

pentagonal pyramid

pentagonal pyramid



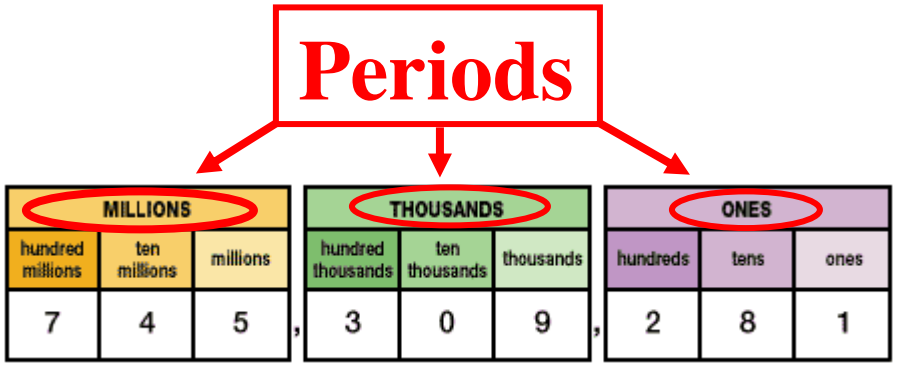
pentagonal pyramid



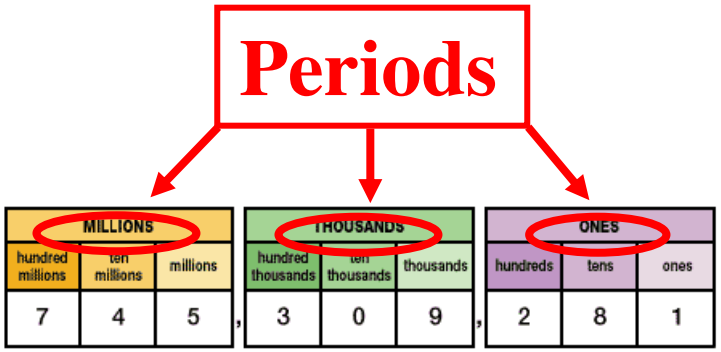
A pyramid that has a pentagonal base.

period

period



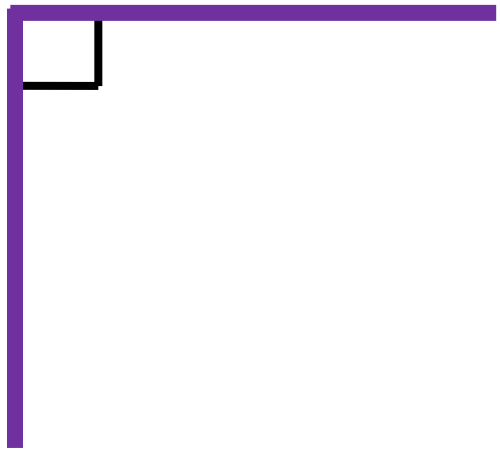
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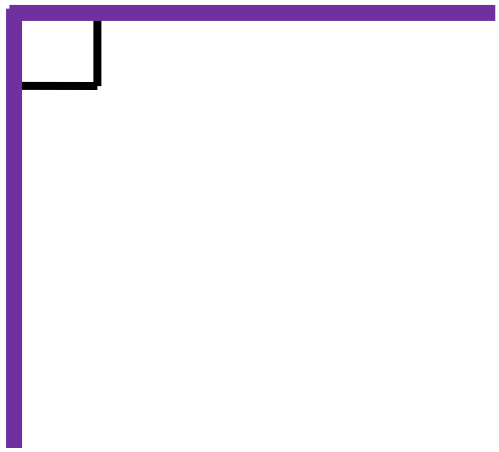
In a large number, periods are groups of 3 digits separated by commas or by spaces.

perpendicular

perpendicular



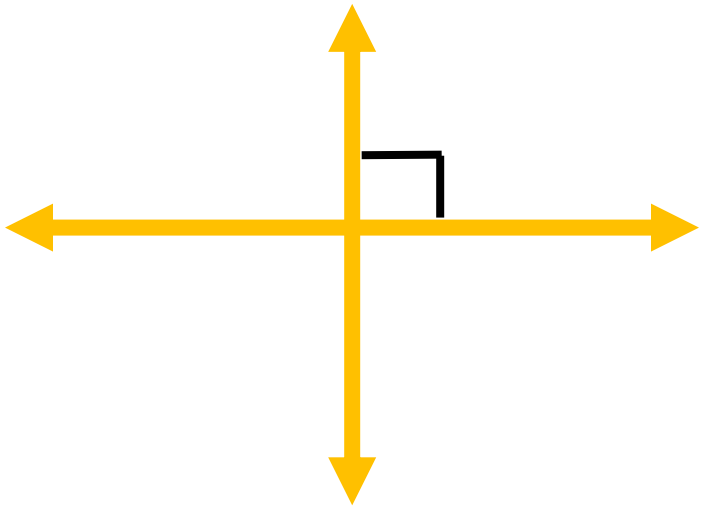
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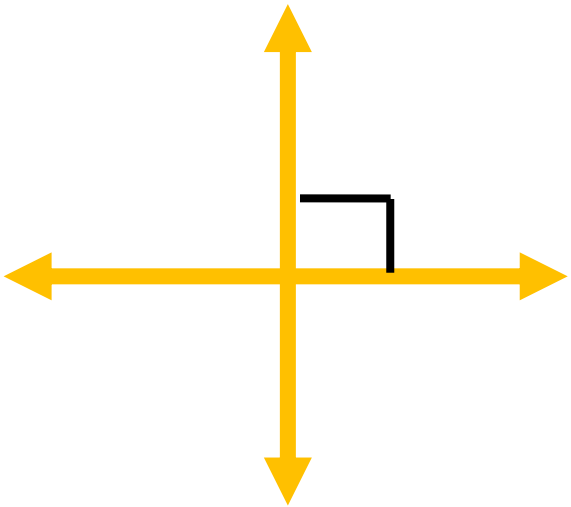
Forming right angles.

perpendicular lines

perpendicular lines



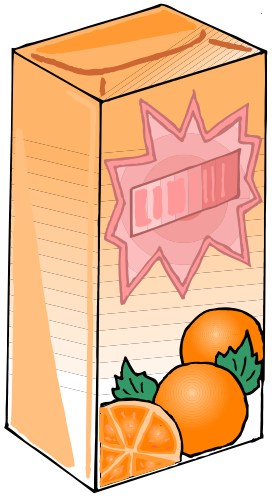
perpendicular lines



Two lines that form right angles.

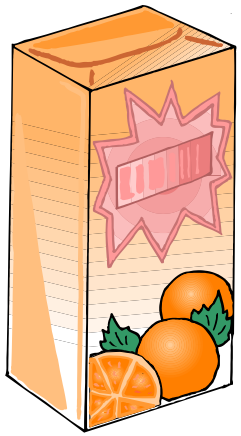
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A customary unit of capacity.
1 pint = 2 cups

place value

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MILLIONS				THOUSANDS				ONES		
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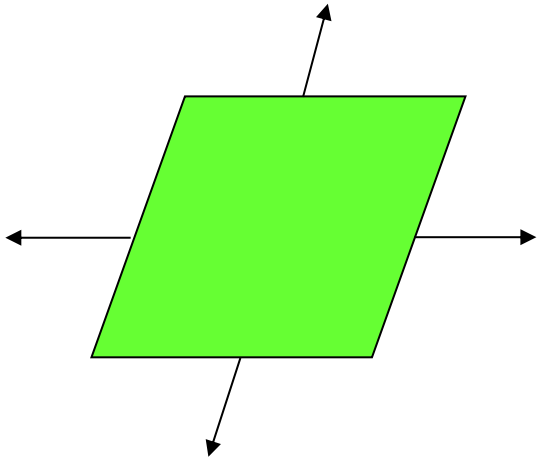
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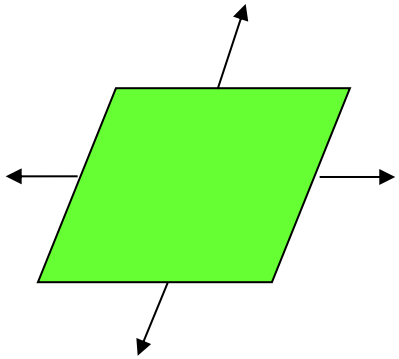
The value of the place of a digit in a number.

plane

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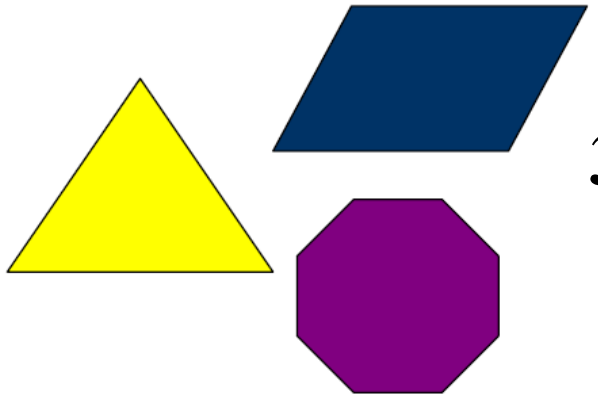


A flat surface that extends infinitely in all directions.

polygon

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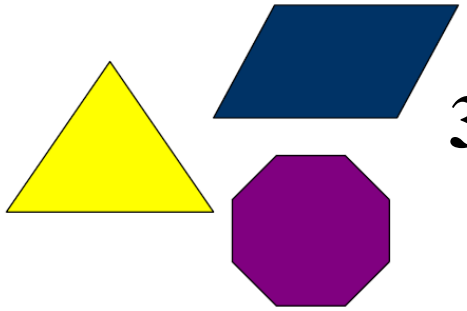
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3 + sides

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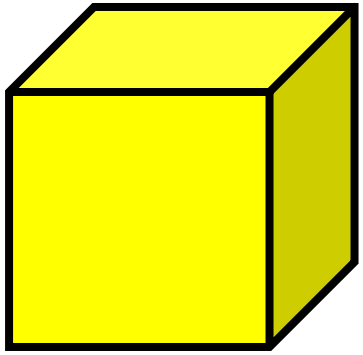


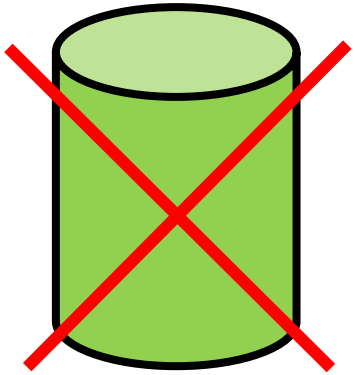
3 + sides

A closed plane figure made by line segments.

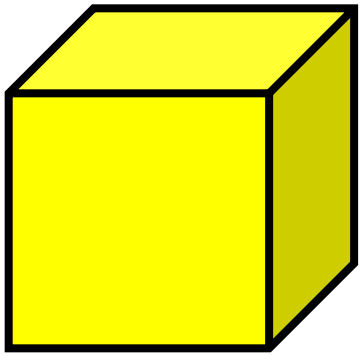
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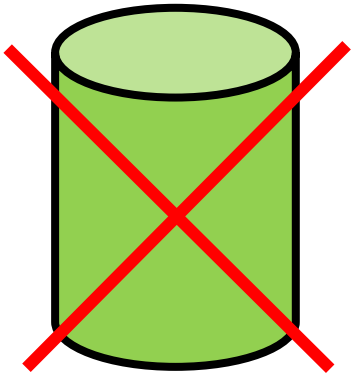
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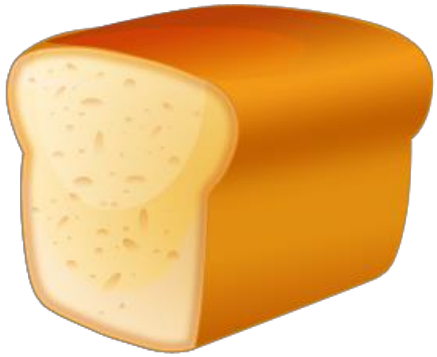


A three-dimensional figure in which all the faces are polygons. Polyhedrons have **no** curved surfaces.

pound (lb)

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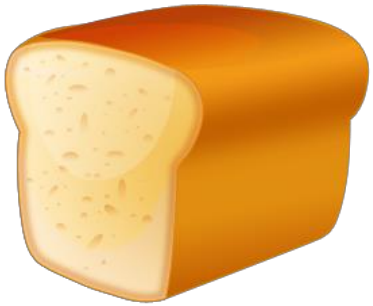
pound (lb)



A loaf of bread weighs *about* 1 pound.

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pound (lb)



A customary unit
of weight.
1 pound = 16 ounces

A loaf of bread weighs *about* 1 pound.

powers of ten

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Using a base number of 10 with an exponent. Our number system is based on the powers of 10.

prime number

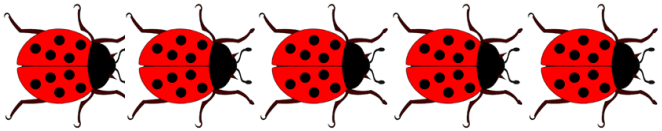
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$1 \times 5 = 5$

5 is a prime number.

prime number



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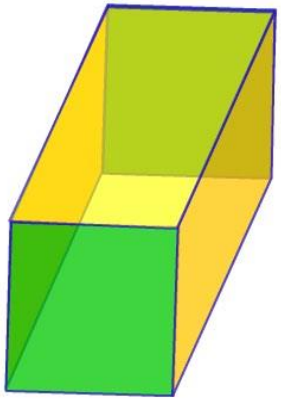
5 is a prime number.

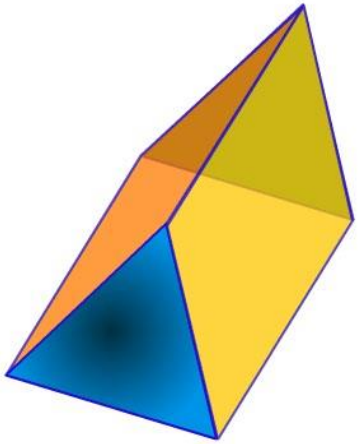
A whole number greater than 0 that has exactly two different factors, 1 and itself.

prism

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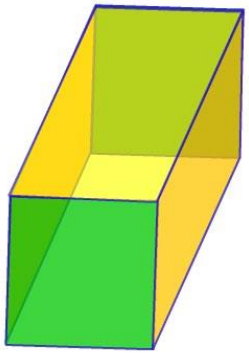
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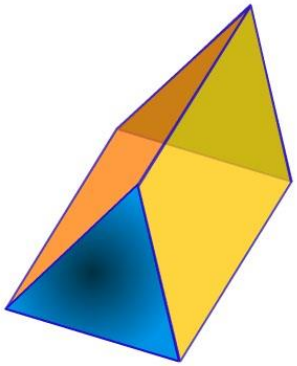




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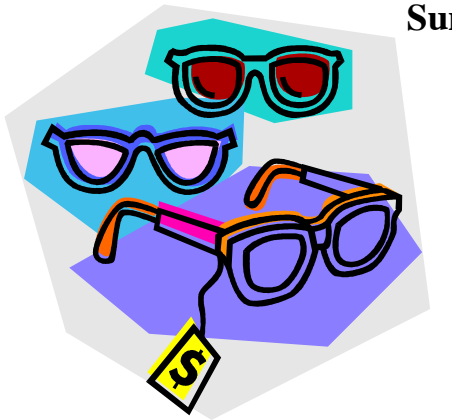




A three-dimensional figure that has two congruent and parallel faces that are polygons. The remaining faces are parallelograms.

product

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Sunglasses are $9.95 a pair.

$$\begin{array}{r} \$\ 9.95 \\ \times \quad 3 \\ \hline \$29.85 \end{array}$$

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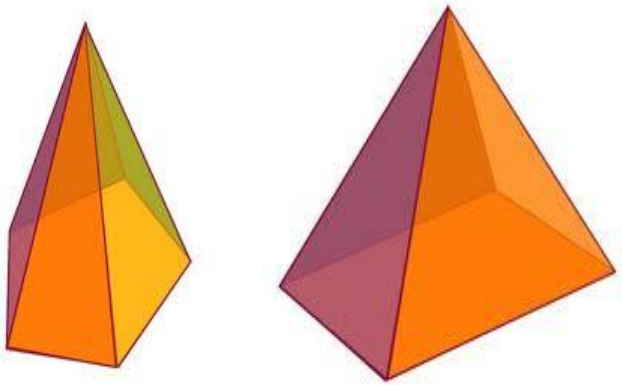
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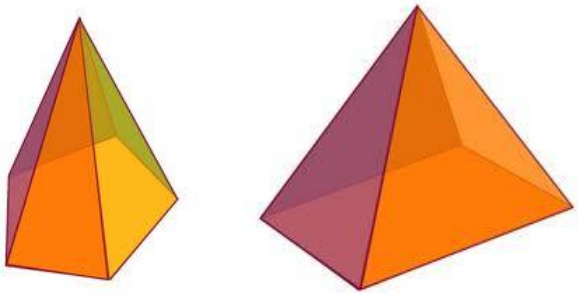
The result of multiplication.

pyramid

pyramid



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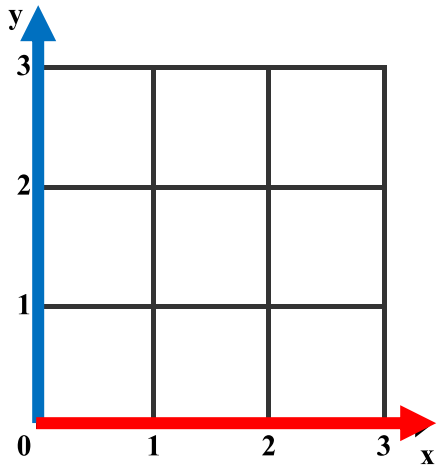


A polyhedron whose base is a polygon and whose other faces are triangles that share a common vertex.

quadrant

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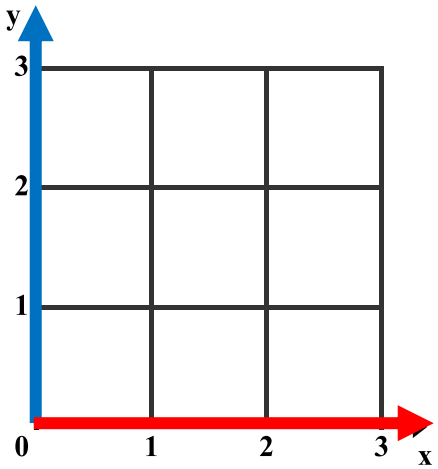
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Quadrant I

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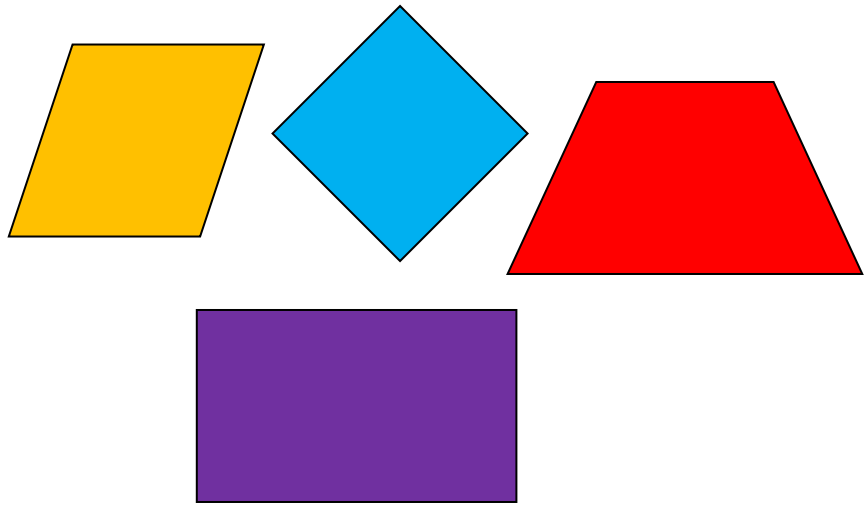
Quadrant I

A section of a coordinate grid that is separated by the *x*-axis and *y*-axis..

quadrilateral

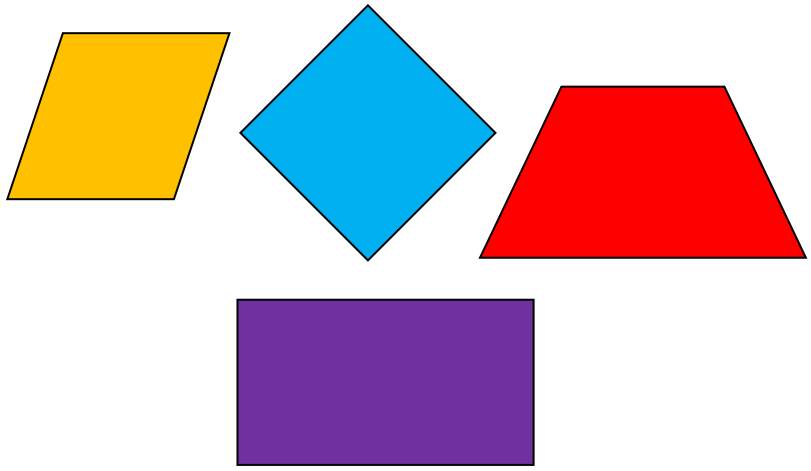
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quadrilateral



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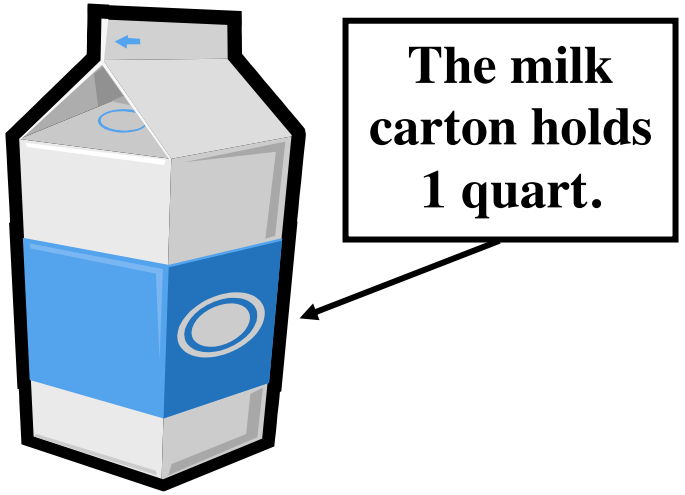
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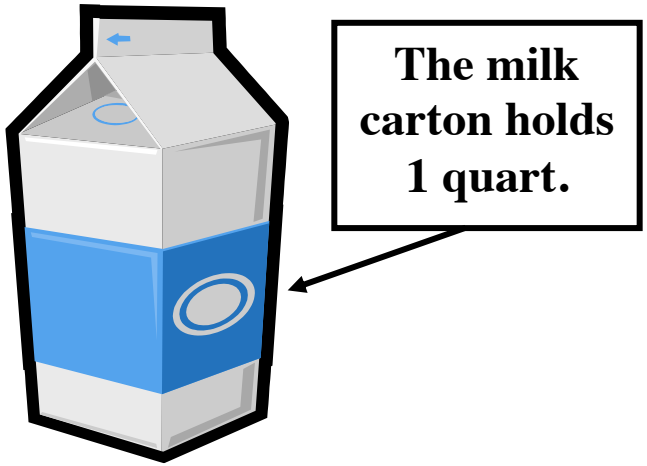
A polygon
with 4 sides.

quart (qt)

quart (qt)



quart (qt)

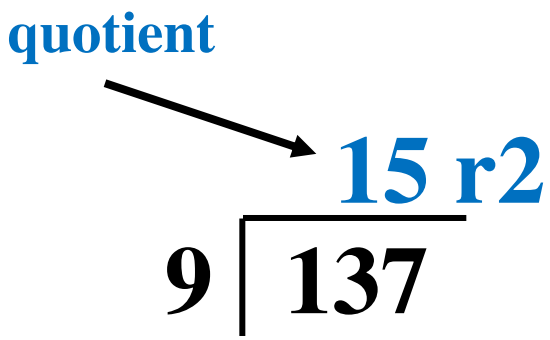


A customary unit of capacity.

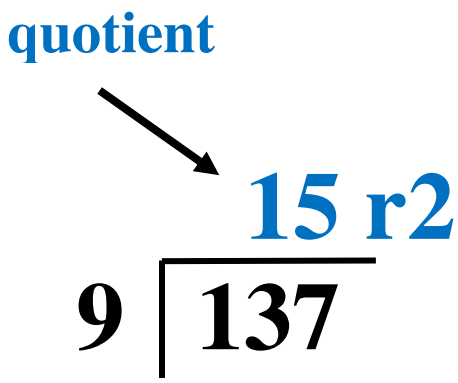
1 quart = 2 pints
or
1 quart = 4 cups

quotient

quotient



quotient



The result of the division of one quantity by another.

reasonableness

reasonableness

What is the product of 57 and 34?

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An answer that is based on good number sense.

rectangle

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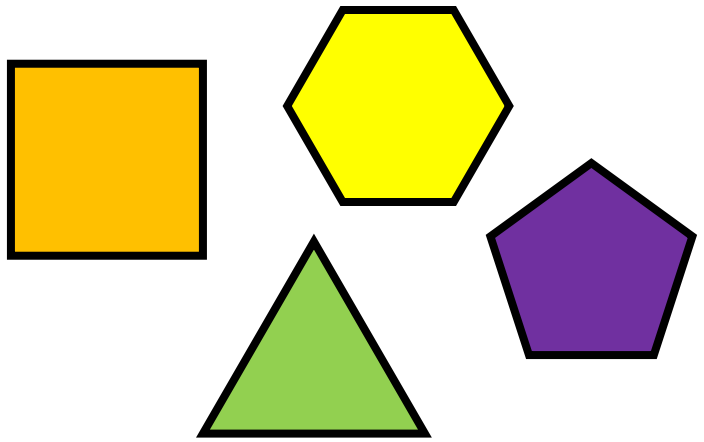
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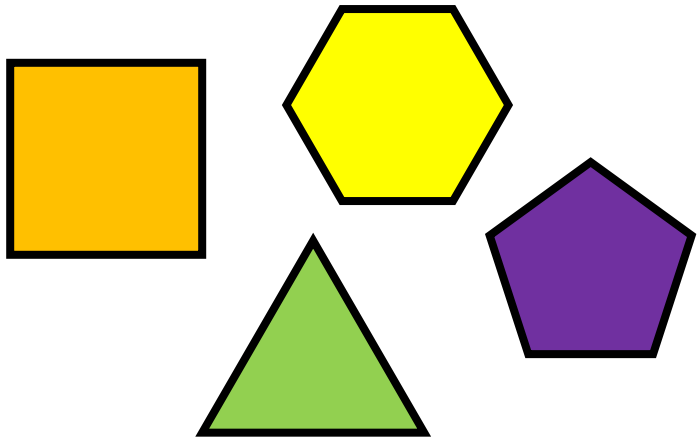
A quadrilateral with
2 pairs of congruent,
parallel sides and
4 right angles.

regular polygon

regular polygon



regular polygon

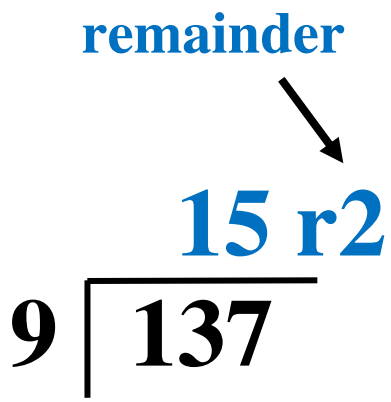


A polygon with all sides the same length and all angles the same measure.

remainder

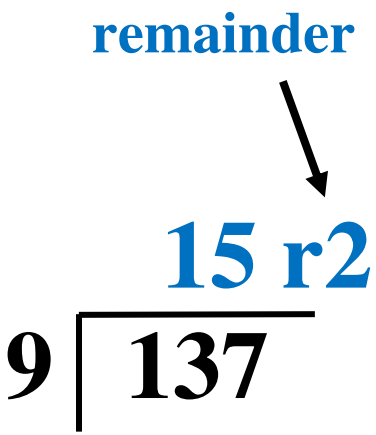
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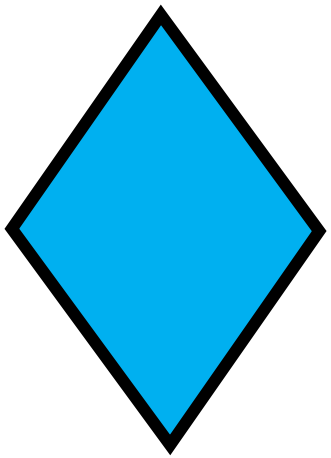
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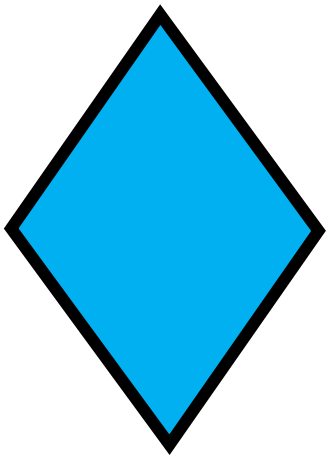
The number that is left over after a whole number is divided equally by another.

rhombus

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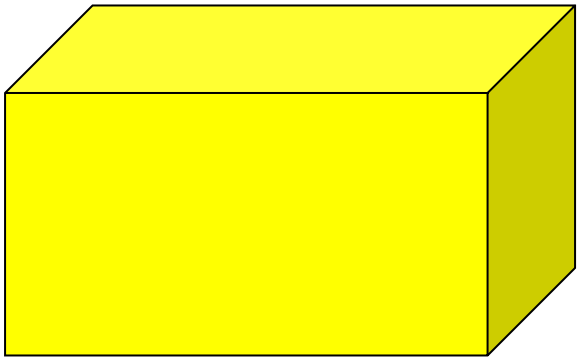
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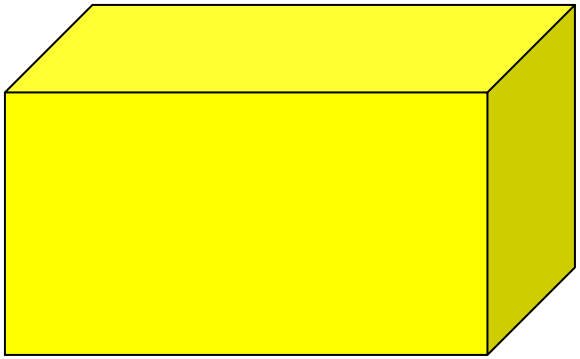
A quadrilateral with all
4 sides equal in length.

right rectangular prism

right rectangular prism



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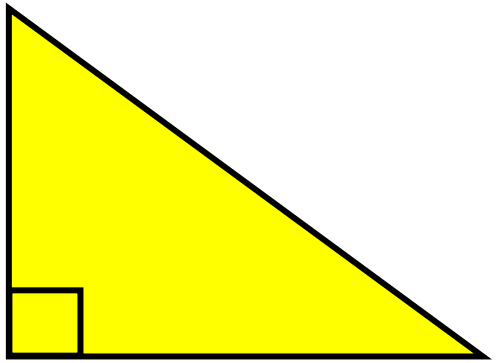


A prism with 6 rectangular faces where the lateral edge is perpendicular to the plane of the base.

right triangle

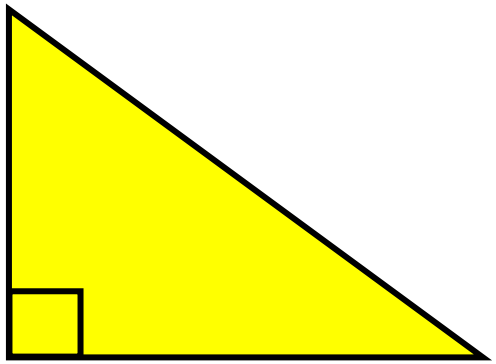
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right triangle



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right triangle



A triangle that has one 90º angle.

rounding

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45.357 → 45.4

rounding

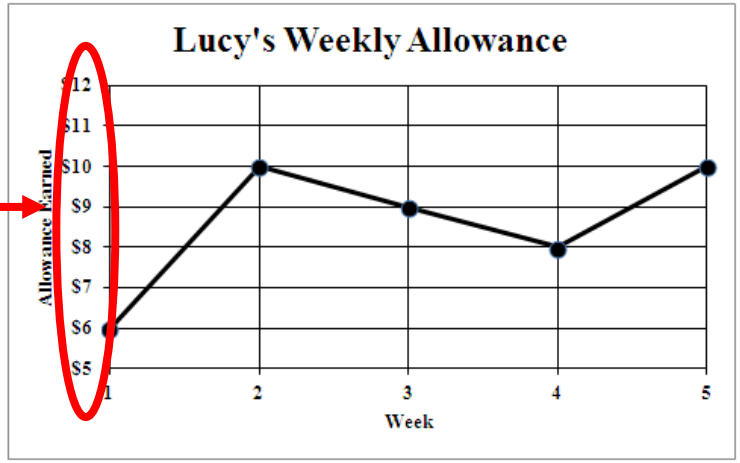
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A strategy to find *about* how much or how many by expressing a number closest to ten, hundred, thousand, or tenth, hundredth, thousandth, etc.

scale

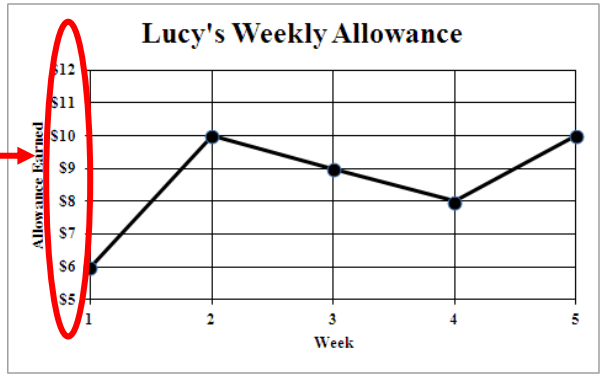
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scale from 5 to 12



scale

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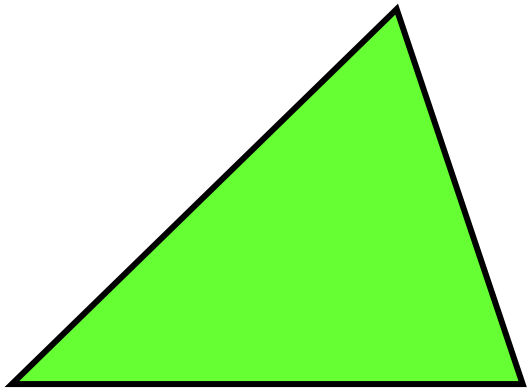


A series of numbers at regular intervals that help label a graph.

scalene triangle

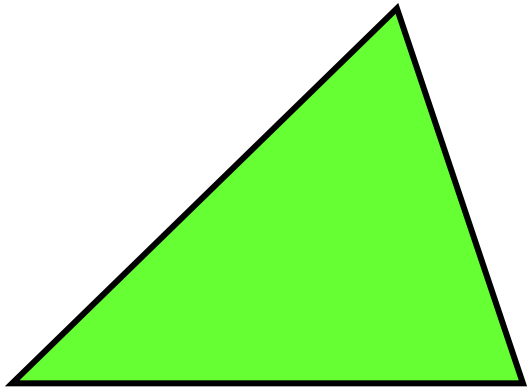
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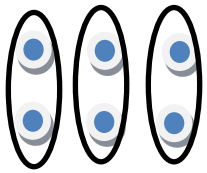


A triangle that has no equal sides.

scaling

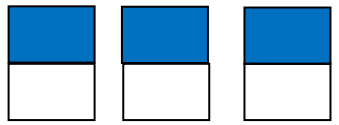
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3×2



Note: Product will be greater than 3.

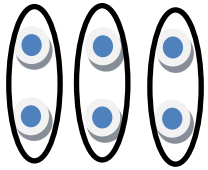
$3 \times \frac{1}{2}$



Note: Product will be less than 3.

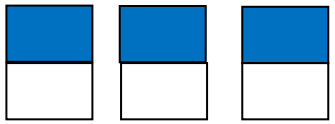
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3×2



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$3 \times \frac{1}{2}$



Note: Product will be less than 3.

To increase or decrease proportionately in size.

sequence

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sequence

2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17…

What is the pattern?

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sequence

2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17…

What is the pattern?

A set of numbers arranged in a special order or pattern.

simplest form

simplest form



A fraction in simplest form has the fewest possible pieces.

simplest form

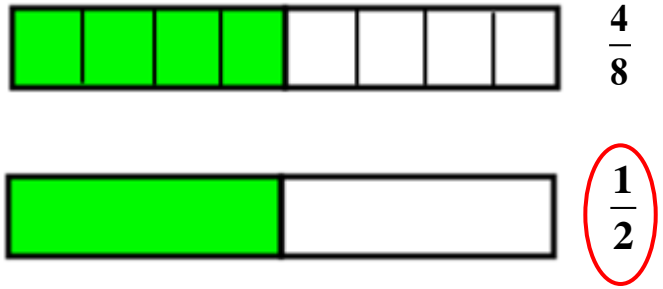


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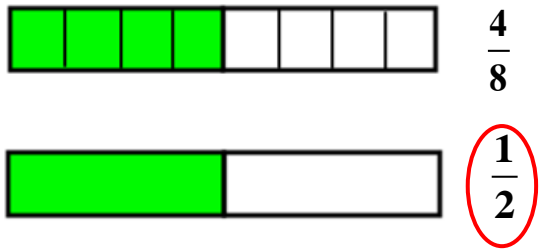
A fraction is in simplest form when the greatest common factor of the numerator and denominator is 1.

simplify

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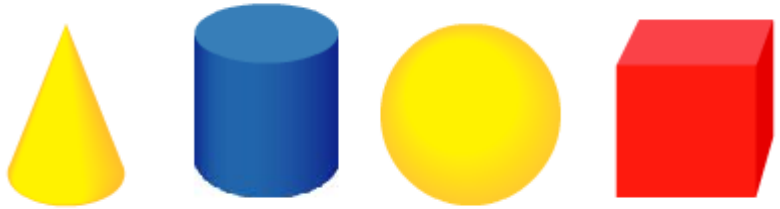


To express a fraction in simplest form.

solid figure

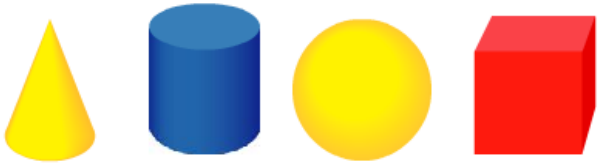
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solid figure



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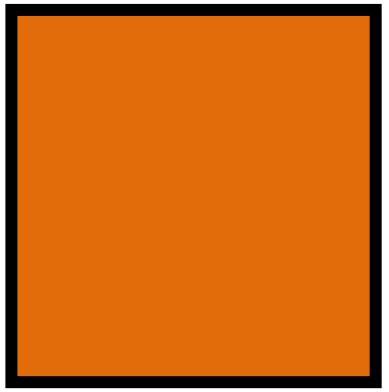
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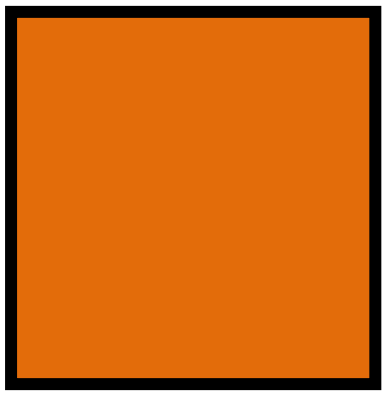
Three-dimensional figure that has length, width, and height.

square

square



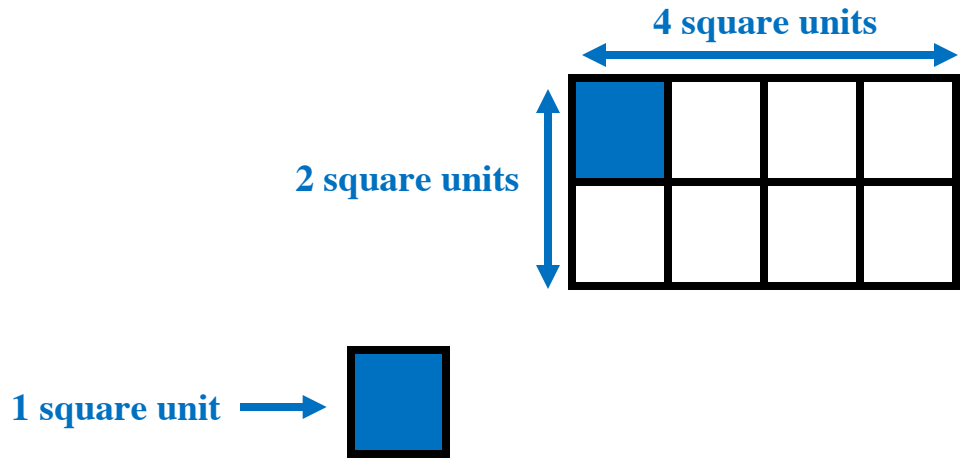
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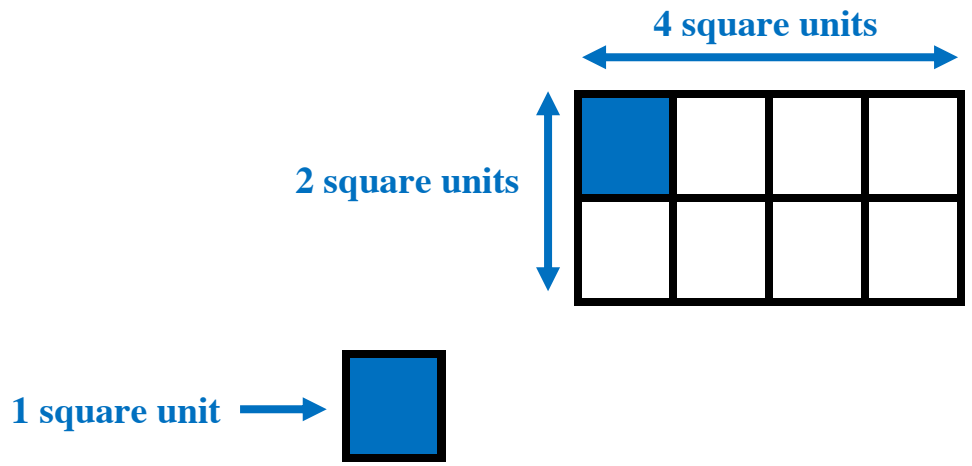
A parallelogram with
4 equal angles AND
4 equal sides.

square unit

square unit



square unit



A unit, such as square centimeter or square inch, used to measure area.

standard form

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354,973

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standard form

354,973

A number written with one digit for each place value. (also known as base-ten numeral form)

subtrahend

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$$\begin{array}{r} 27.34 \\ -\ 8.29 \\ \hline 19.05 \end{array}$$

← **subtrahend**

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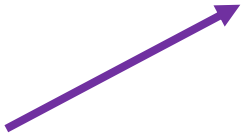
In subtraction, the subtrahend is the number being subtracted.

sum

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sum

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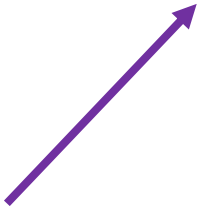


sum

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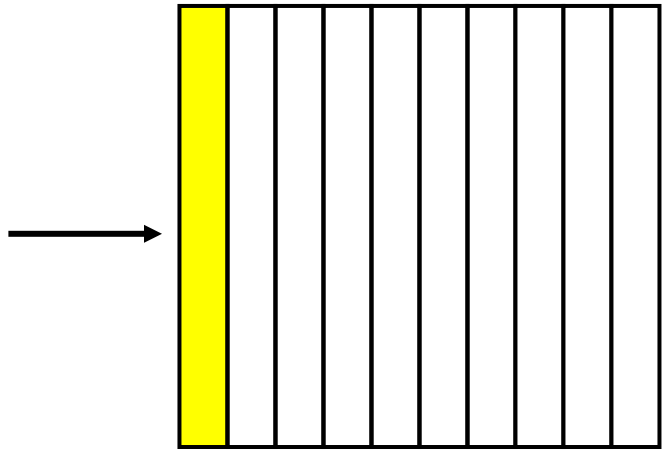


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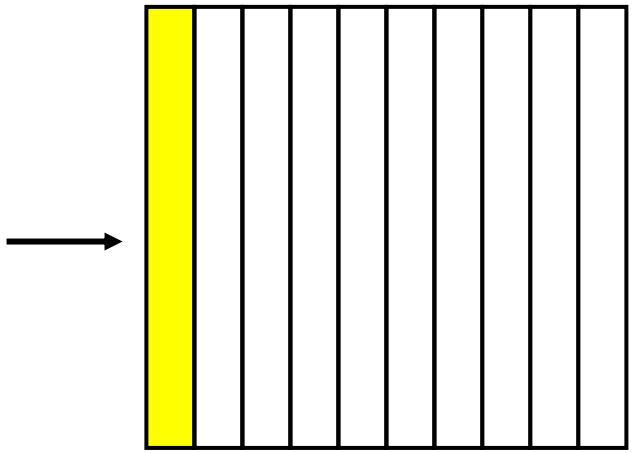
The result of addition.

tenth

tenth



tenth



One of the equal parts when a whole is divided into 10 equal parts.

tenths

tenths



tenths

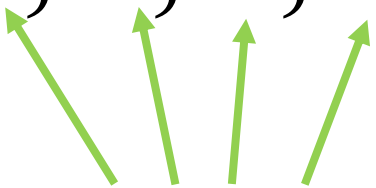


In the decimal numeration, tenths is the name of the place to the right of the decimal point.

term

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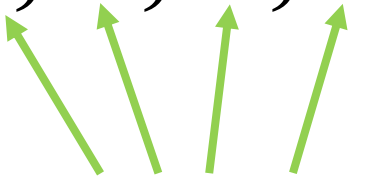
3, 5, 7, 9…



terms

term

3, 5, 7, 9…



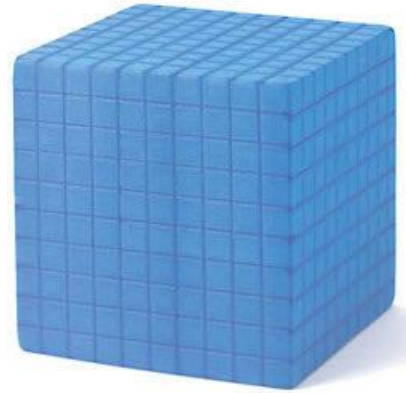
terms

A component of
a sequence.
A term in a sequence
is any number
in that sequence.

thousandth

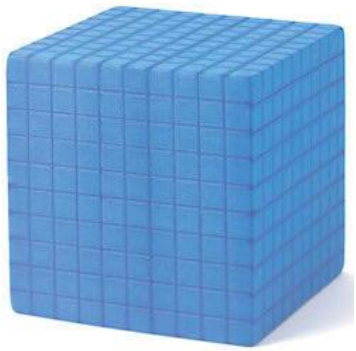
thousandth

0.001 or $\frac{1}{1000}$



thousandth

0.001 or $\frac{1}{1000}$



One of 1000 equal parts of a whole.

thousandths

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thousandths 0.276

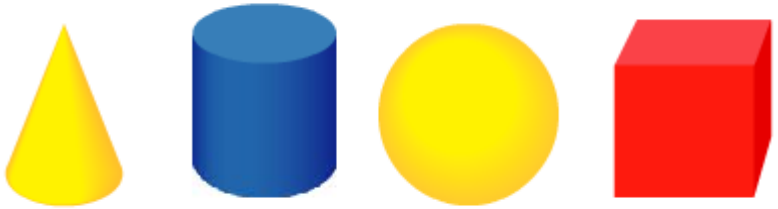
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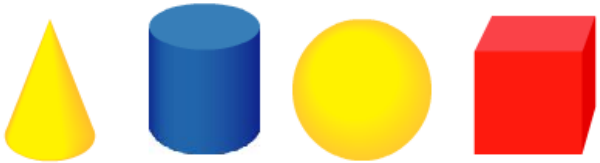
Thousandths is the name of the next place to the right of hundredths in the decimal numeration system.

three-dimensional figure

three-dimensional figure



three-dimensional figure



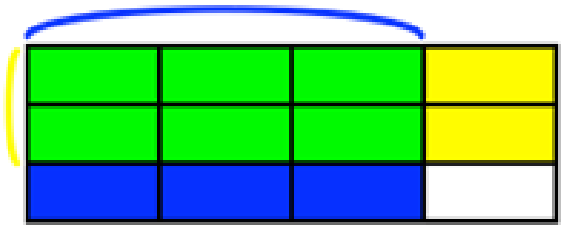
A solid figure that has length, width, and height.

tiling

tiling

$\frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{2}{3}$

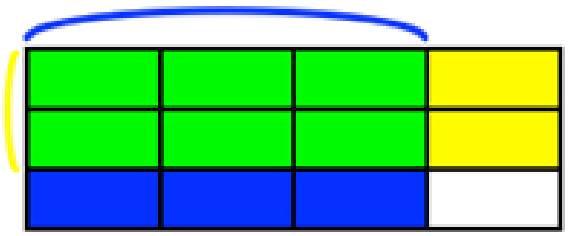


$\frac{2}{3}$ of $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{12}$

tiling

$\frac{3}{4}$

$\frac{2}{3}$



$\frac{2}{3}$ of $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{12}$

Repeated shapes that fill a plane. The shapes do not overlap and there are no gaps.

You can find the area of a rectangle with fractional lengths by tiling it with appropriate unit squares. The green area represents

$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{12}$

ton (T)

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A small car weighs about 1 ton.

ton (T)



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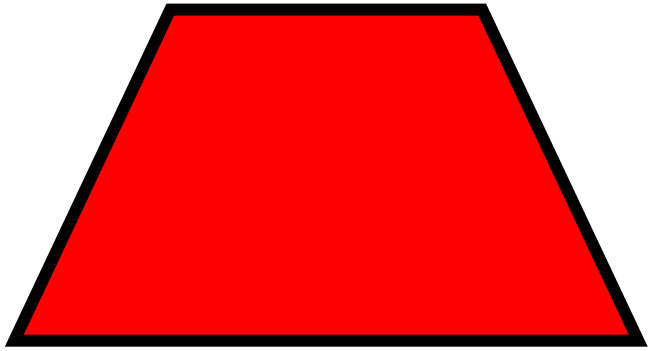
A customary unit of weight.
1 ton (T) = 2,000 pounds

A metric ton (t) is a unit of mass equal to 1,000 kilograms (about 2,200 pounds).

trapezoid

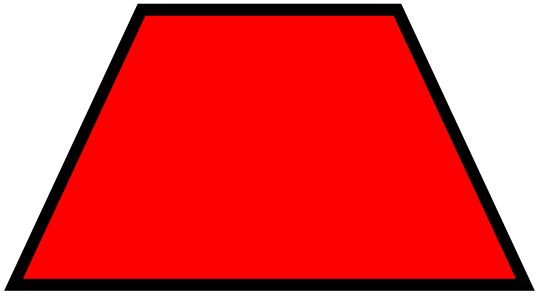
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trapezoid



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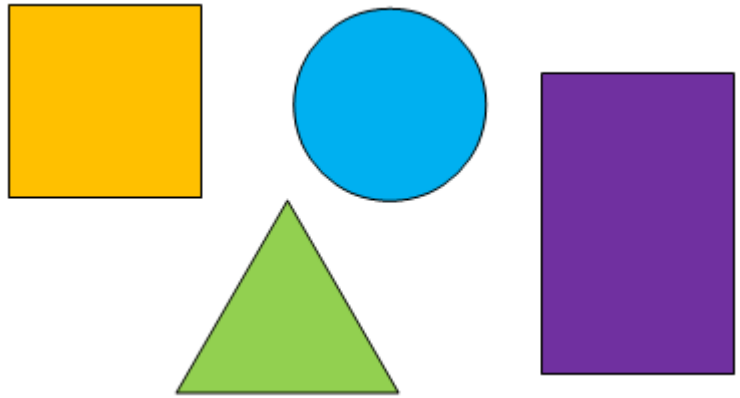
trapezoid



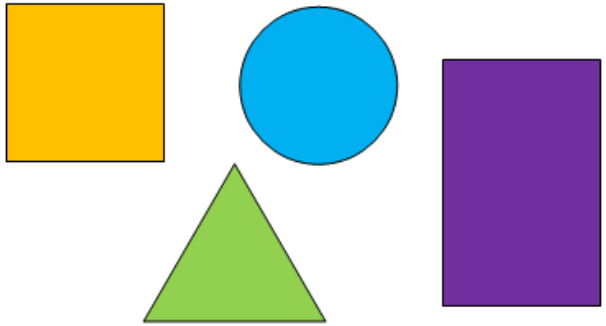
A quadrilateral with
one pair of parallel sides
and one pair of sides
that are not parallel.

two-dimensional figure

two-dimensional figure



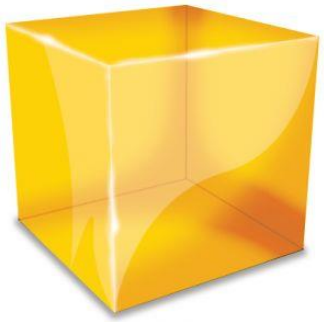
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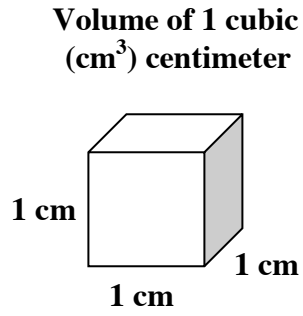


A plane, flat figure that has length and width.

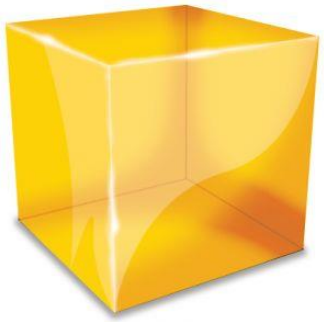
unit cube

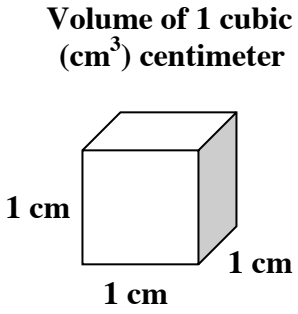
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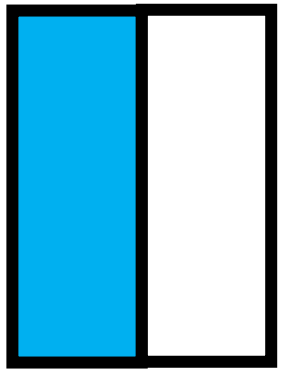


A precisely fixed quantity used to measure volume.

unit fraction

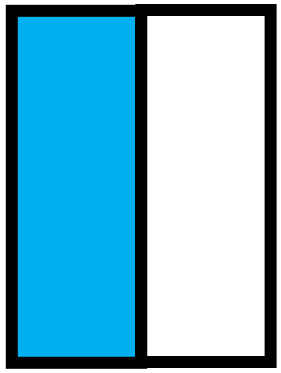
unit fraction

$\frac{1}{2}$



unit fraction

$\frac{1}{2}$



A fraction that has 1 as its numerator. A unit fraction names 1 equal part of a whole.

unlike denominators

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$\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{5}$

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$\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{5}$

Denominators that are not equal.

variable

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variable $5 \times b = 10$

b **is a variable worth 2.**

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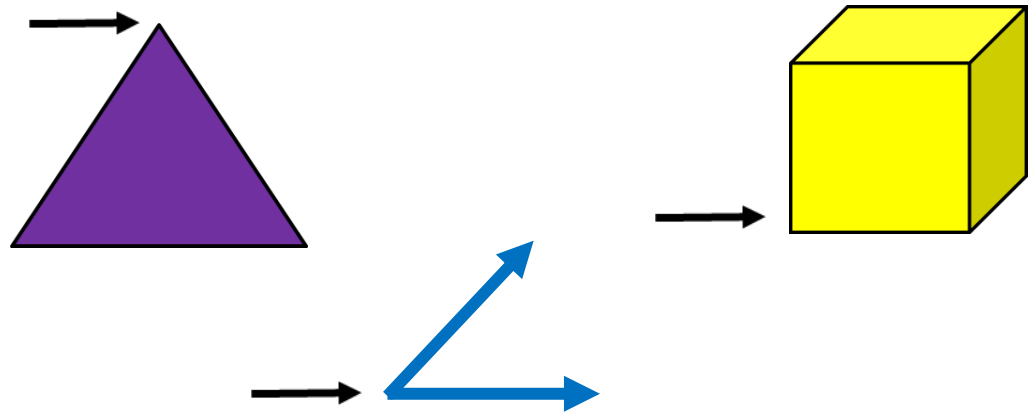
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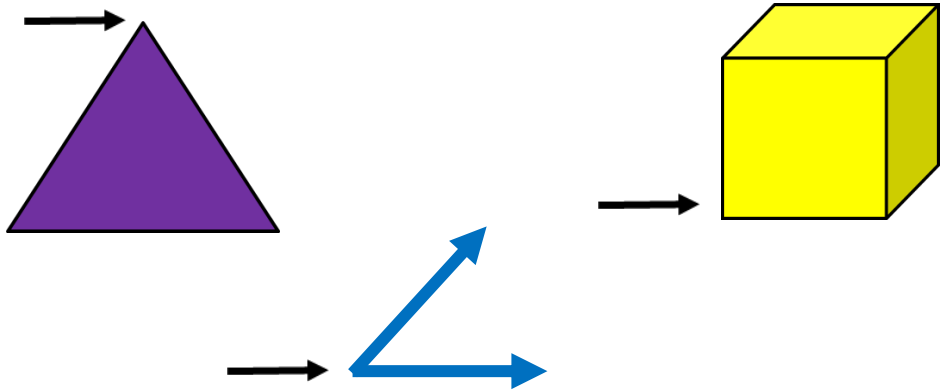
A letter or symbol that represents a number.

vertex

vertex



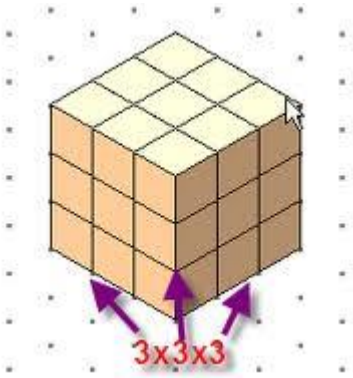
vertex



The point at which two line segments, lines, or rays meet to form an angle. (plural - vertices)

volume

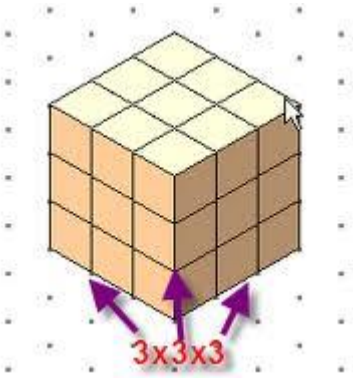
volume



Volume =

27 cubic units

volume



Volume =

27 cubic units

The number of cubic units it takes to fill a figure.

weight

weight





weight





The measure of how heavy something is.

whole numbers

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whole numbers



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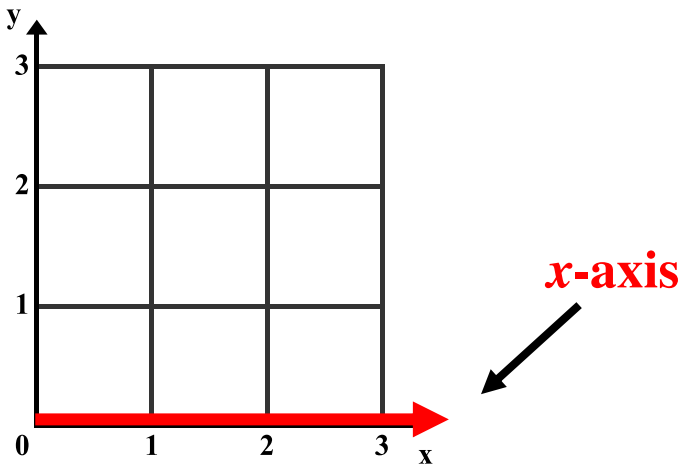
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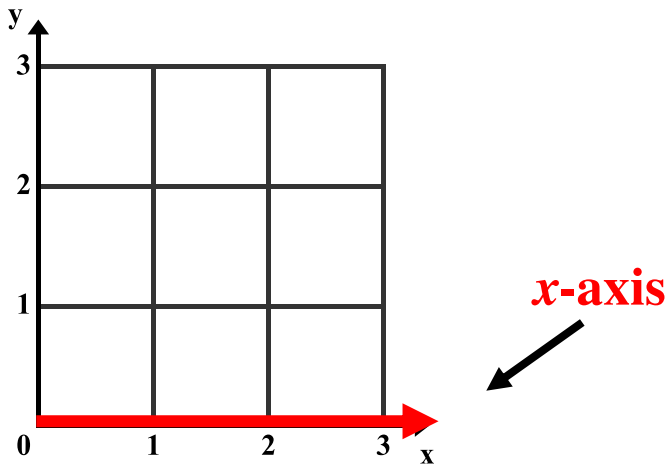
Whole numbers are 0 and the counting numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and so on.

x-axis

x-axis



x-axis



The horizontal axis in a coordinate plane.

x-coordinate

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x-coordinate

(7, 2)

x-coordinate

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x-coordinate

(7, 2)

x-coordinate

In an ordered pair, the value that is always written first.

yard (yd)

yard (yd)



A door is *about* 1 yard wide.

yard (yd)



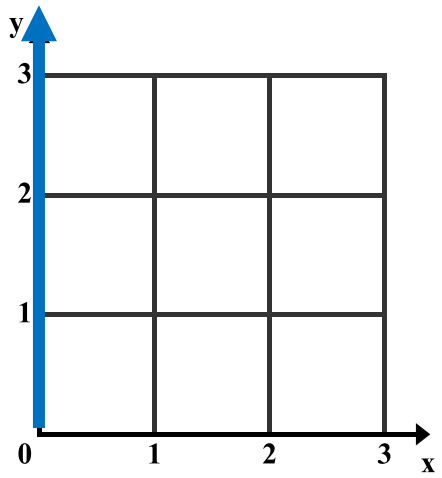
A door is *about* 1 yard wide.

A customary unit of length.
1 yard = 3 feet or 36 inches

y-axis

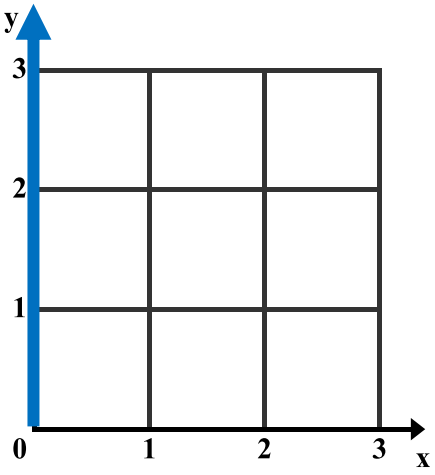
y-axis

y-axis →



y-axis

y-axis →



The vertical axis in a coordinate plane.

y-coordinate

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y-coordinate

(7, 2)



y-coordinate

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y-coordinate

(7, 2)



y-coordinate

In an ordered pair, the value that is always written second.