

Multiplying By 142857:

A. Multiplying by 142857 can be difficult, but with a little practice it becomes quite easy. There are a few things you should remember:

1. $142857 = \frac{1}{7} \times 999,999$. So when multiplying $n \times 142857$ you should first divide by 7, ($n \text{ DIV } 7$) and if the remainder ($n \text{ MOD } 7$) is not 0, then write this number down.
2. The last numbers depend on the remainder ($n \text{ MOD } 7$):
 - a. $1 \Rightarrow 142857 - (n \text{ DIV } 7)$
 - b. $2 \Rightarrow 285714 - (n \text{ DIV } 7)$
 - c. $3 \Rightarrow 428571 - (n \text{ DIV } 7)$
 - d. $4 \Rightarrow 571428 - (n \text{ DIV } 7)$
 - e. $5 \Rightarrow 714285 - (n \text{ DIV } 7)$
 - f. $6 \Rightarrow 857142 - (n \text{ DIV } 7)$
 - g. $0 \Rightarrow 1,000,000 - (n \text{ DIV } 7)$. If the remainder is 0 then the first number is $(n \text{ DIV } 7) - 1$.
3. These numbers are easy to remember because if you notice the number 142857 and look at the numbers in (a.) – (f.), you will notice that the numbers just wrap around.

Ex [1] $13 \times 142857 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

- a) $13 \text{ DIV } 7 = 1$.
- b) $13 \text{ MOD } 7 = 6$.
- c) Write down 1 since the remainder is not 0.
- d) Since the remainder is 6 the next numbers are $857142 - 1$.
- e) The answer is 1857141.

Ex [2] $77 \times 142857 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

- a) $77 \text{ DIV } 7 = 11$.
- b) $77 \text{ MOD } 7 = 0$.
- c) Write down 10 since the remainder is 0.
- d) The next numbers are $1,000,000 - 11$.
- e) The answer is 10999989.