

Nikhilam Multiplication (Part 5)

So how about the case when we have to simultaneously multiply together four numbers that are all close to the base? Here is the logic:

Consider numbers N_1, N_2, N_3 and N_4 all close to base x having respective deviations from the base of D_1, D_2, D_3 and D_4 which we will also call a, b, c and d .

So, we have the product of the four numbers, $p = N_1 \times N_2 \times N_3 \times N_4$

$$\begin{aligned} p &= (x + a)(x + b)(x + c)(x + d) \\ &= (x^2 + bx + ax + ab)(x^2 + cx + dx + ab) \\ &= x^4 + x^3(c + d) + x^2cd + x^3(a + b) + (a + b)(c + d)x^2 + cd(a + b)x \\ &\quad + abx^2 + ab(c + d)x + abcd \end{aligned}$$

Separately collecting together x^3, x^2, x and constant terms we have:

$$\begin{aligned} p &= x^3(x + a + b + c + d) + x^2(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd) \\ &\quad + x(abc + abd + acd + bcd) + abcd \end{aligned}$$

So now we have four main sections to the answer: RHS, MIDDLE-RIGHT and MIDDLE-LEFT and LHS.

So, practically speaking, there will be four parts to the calculation:

- The RHS is the product of the Deviations: a, b, c and d , aka D_1, D_2, D_3 and D_4
- The MIDDLE-RIGHT section is the sum of all the individual products of any three Deviations taken from four
- The MIDDLE-LEFT section is the sum of all the individual products of any two Deviations taken from four
- The LHS is simply one number plus the Deviations of the other three numbers

Some examples are given below.

Example 1: (97 x 93 x 94 x 98)

In this first example all four numbers are near to the base 100 and the deviations are $\bar{3}, \bar{7}, \bar{6}$ and $\bar{2}$ the LHS is the product of the Deviations and is 252. Since we have a base possessing two zeros, there are only two digits allowed on the RHS and so we will carry over the 2 to the MIDDLE-RIGHT portion which is $\bar{3} \times \bar{7} \times \bar{6} + \bar{3} \times \bar{6} \times \bar{2} + \bar{3} \times \bar{7} \times \bar{2} + \bar{7} \times \bar{6} \times \bar{2} = \underline{\underline{288}}$. The MIDDLE-LEFT is $\bar{3} \times \bar{7} + \bar{3} \times \bar{6} + \bar{3} \times \bar{2} + \bar{7} \times \bar{6} + \bar{7} \times \bar{2} + \bar{6} \times \bar{2} = \underline{\underline{113}}$. The LHS is simply one of the numbers plus the Deviations of the other three remaining numbers. So, let's us use $97 + \bar{7} + \bar{6} + \bar{2} = \underline{\underline{82}}$.

eg.(1) 97 x 93 x 94 x 98				
Base = 100		97		03
		93		07
		94		06
		98		02
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	82/	13/	88	52
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'=	83/	11/	86	52
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Nikhilam Multiplication of four numbers all near sub-base

So what about three numbers which are close to a sub-base? For instance how would we compute $307 \times 306 \times 309 \times 312$? First, let's go through the logic.

Let the sub-base be nx where n is some multiple, for instance 2, 3, 4 or even fractional for instance: $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{5}$ etc. The analysis is similar to what we have previously done except that we are replacing x with nx . So, now $N_1 = nx + a$, $N_2 = nx + b$, $N_3 = nx + c$, $N_4 = nx + d$ and product p :

$$\begin{aligned} p &= (nx + a)(nx + b)(nx + c)(nx + d) \\ &= (n^2x^2 + x(na + nb) + ab)(n^2x^2 + x(nc + nd) + cd) \end{aligned}$$

Grouping all the x^3 , x^2 , x and constant terms, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} p &= n^4x^4 + an^3x^3 + bn^3x^3 + cn^3x^3 + dn^3x^3 + \\ &\quad abn^2x^2 + acn^2x^2 + adn^2x^2 + bcn^2x^2 + bdn^2x^2 + cdn^2x^2 + \\ &\quad nxabc + nxabd + nxacd + nxbcd + \\ &\quad abcd \\ &= n^3x^3(nx + a + b + c + d) + \\ &\quad n^2x^2(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd) + \\ &\quad nx(abc + abd + acd + bcd) + \\ &\quad abcd \end{aligned}$$

Fundamentally, we have a similar result as before, multiplying four numbers near the base, except that the middle-right term is multiplied by n and the middle-left term is multiplied by n^2 and the LHS is multiplied by n^3

Example 2: (307 x 306 x 309 x 312)

eg.(2) 307 x 306 x 309 x 312				
Base = 100		307		07
Sub-Base = 300		306		06
RATIO = 3		309		09
		312		12
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		$3^3 \times (334)/$	$3^2 \times (423)/$	$3 \times (2286)/$
		<hr/>		
	=	9018/	$_{38}07/$	$_{68}58/$
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	=	9056	76	03
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