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SCHOOL MATHEMATICS PROJECT

# *Everyday Mathematics*

## Lattice Algorithm for Multiplication



# Lattice Multiplication

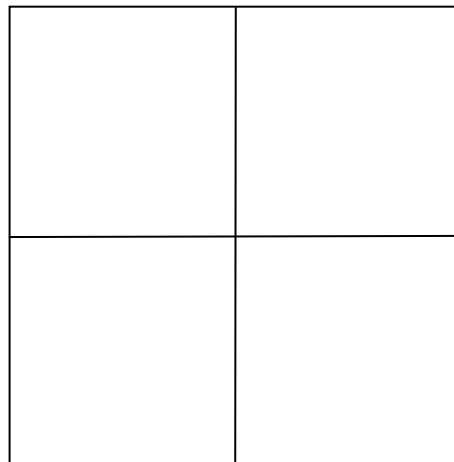
Lattice multiplication involves:

- Using basic facts knowledge,
- Organizing a multiplication problem around a grid based on place value,
- Using the Distributive Property of Multiplication, and
- Following several well-defined steps to find the product.

# Lattice Multiplication

Solve  $65 \times 81$ .

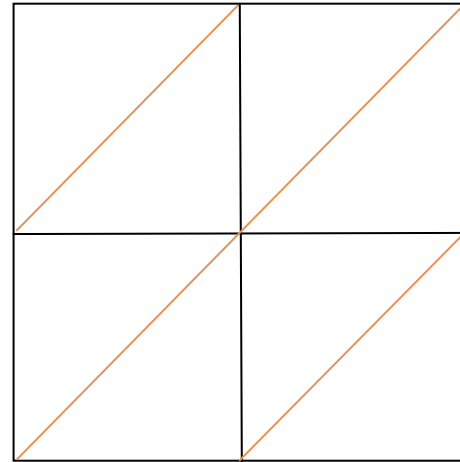
First, draw a  $2 \times 2$  lattice box.



# Lattice Multiplication

Solve  $65 \times 81$ .

Next, draw a diagonal line from the top right corner to bottom left corner. It helps to do one box at a time.

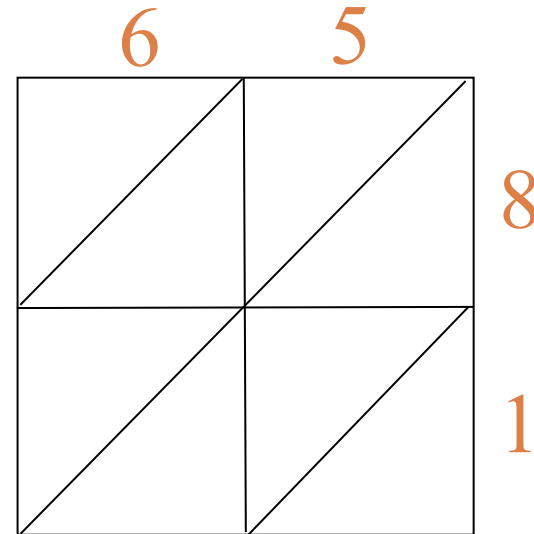


# Lattice Multiplication

Solve  $65 \times 81$ .

Write one factor (**65**)  
across the top.

Write the other (**81**)  
down the right side.



# Lattice Multiplication

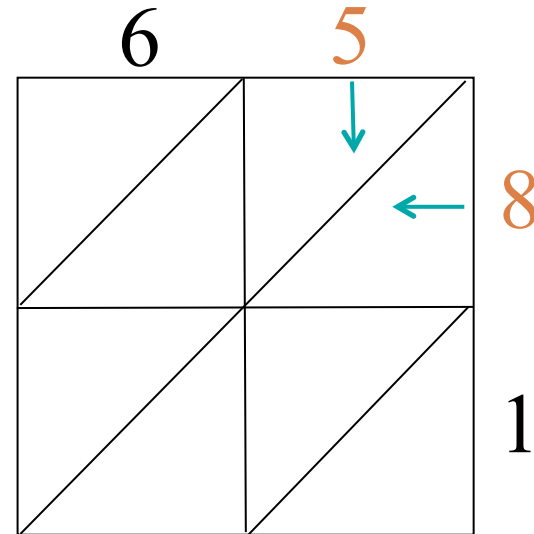
Problem:  $65 \times 81$

Multiply each digit across the top by each digit down the side.

It does not matter in what order you do this.

Let's start with  $5 \times 8$ .

Find the box where  $5$  and  $8$  intersect.

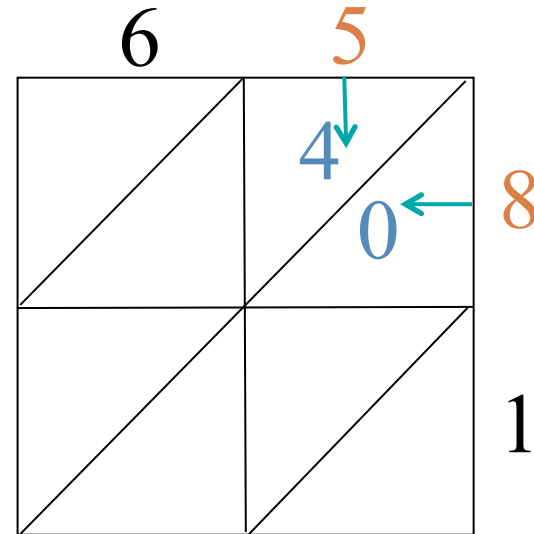


# Lattice Multiplication

Problem:  $65 \times 81$

$$5 \times 8 = 40$$

Record 40 so that the tens place is above the diagonal and the ones place is below the diagonal.



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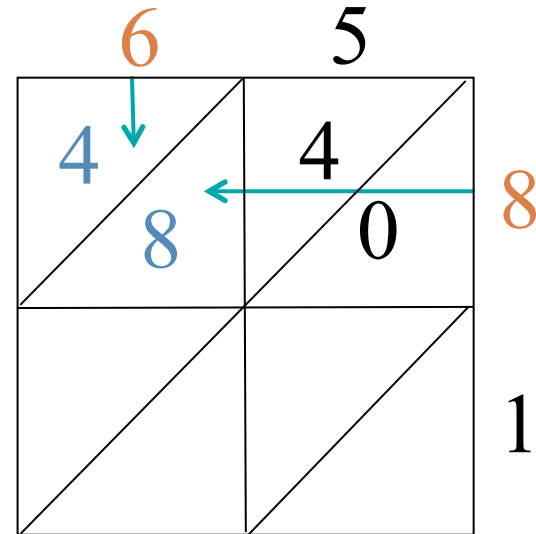
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$$6 \times 8$$

Find the box where  
6 and 8 intersect.

$$6 \times 8 = 48$$

Record 48 in the lattice.





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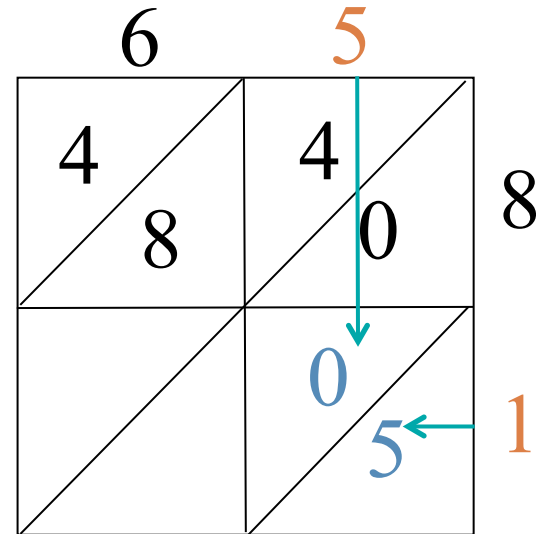
Problem:  $65 \times 81$

$$5 \times 1$$

Find the box where 5 and 1 intersect.

$$5 \times 1 = 05$$

Record 05 in the lattice.



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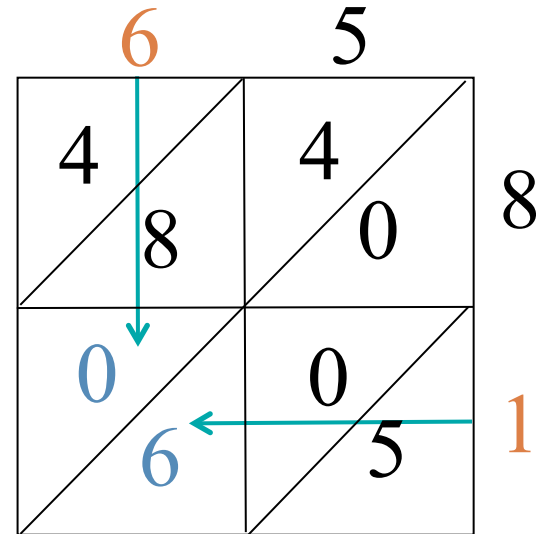
Problem:  $65 \times 81$

$$6 \times 1$$

Find the box where 6 and 1 intersect.

$$6 \times 1 = 06$$

Record 06 in the lattice.

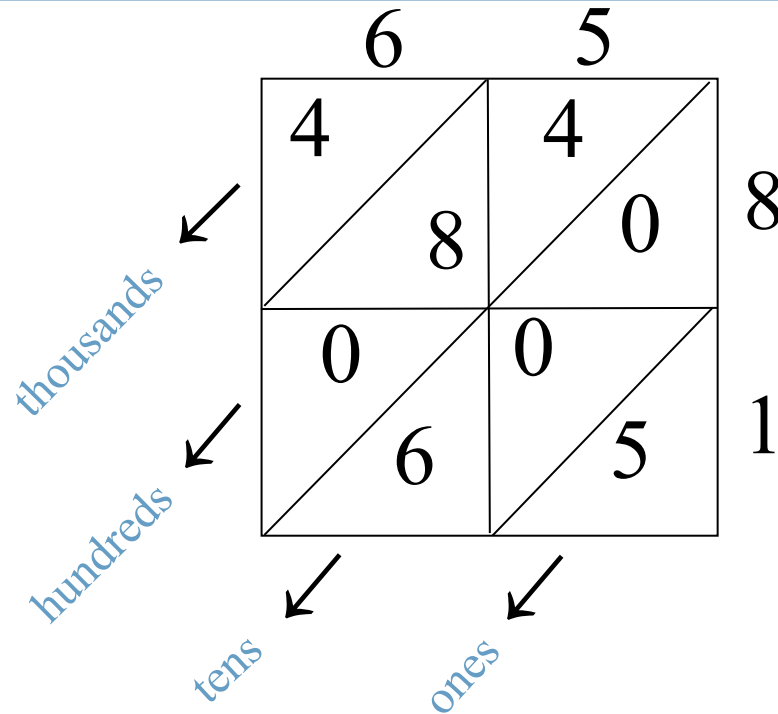


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Problem:  $65 \times 81$

The diagonals separate digits of the products into place-value columns.

The next step is to add along the diagonals.



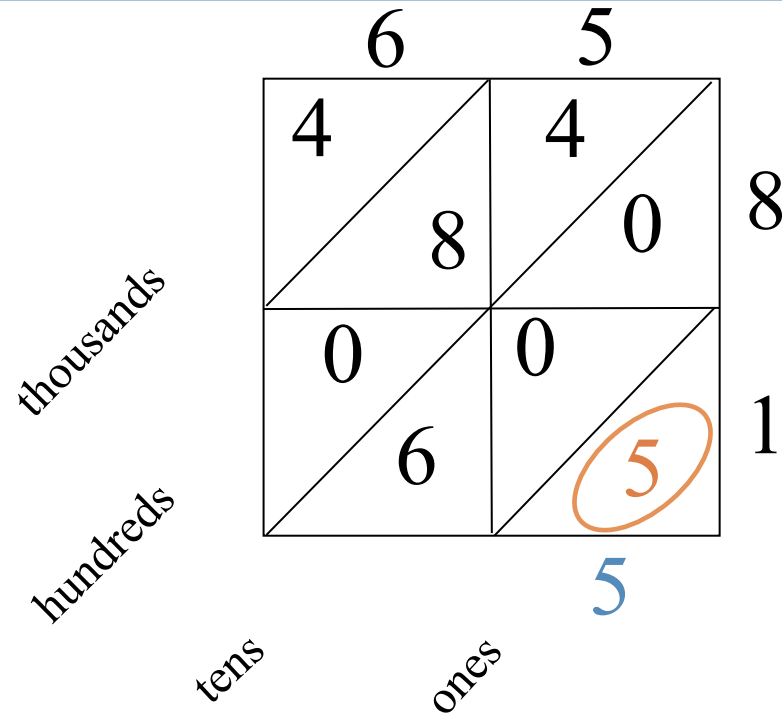
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Start with the  
ones place.

There is a total of  
5 ones.

Record 5 ones.



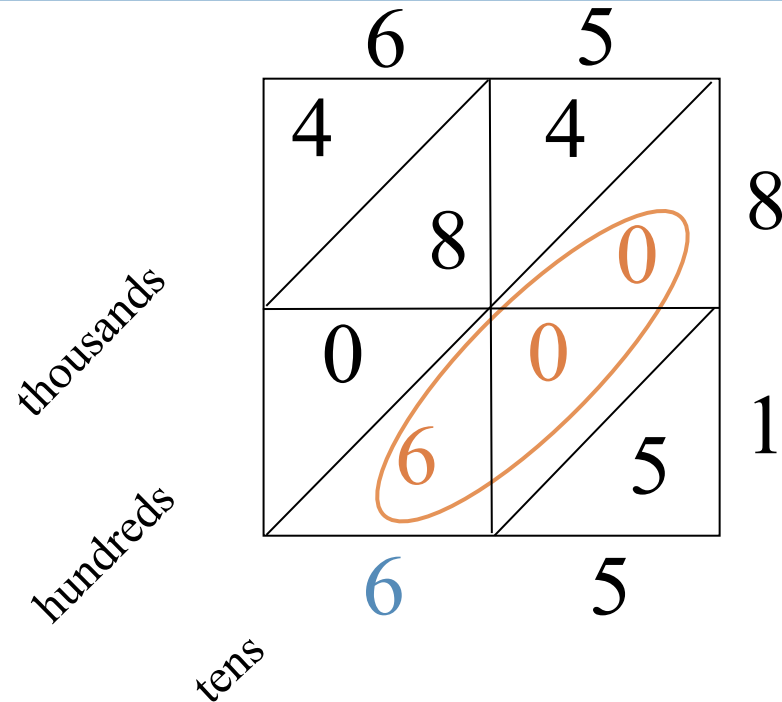
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Problem:  $65 \times 81$

Now add the tens.

$$6 + 0 + 0 = 6$$

Record 6 tens.



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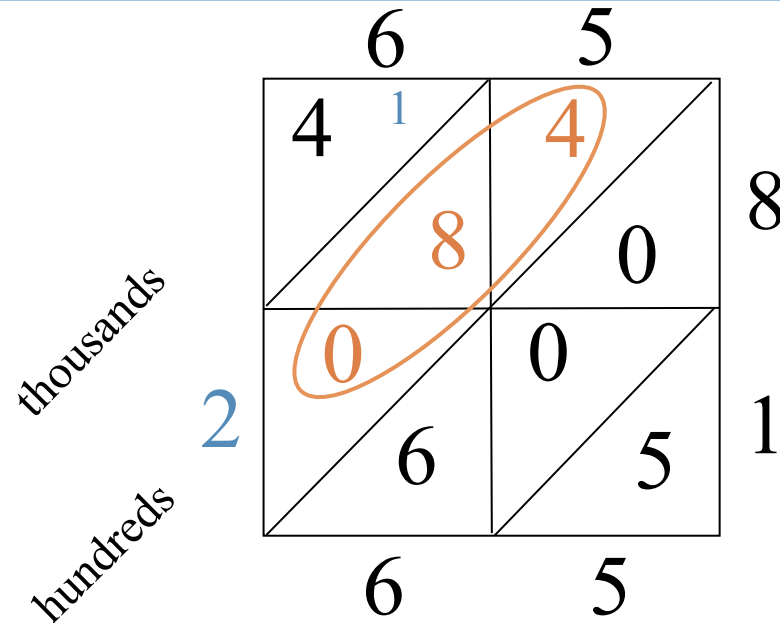
Problem:  $65 \times 81$

Now add the hundreds.

$$0 + 8 + 4 = 12$$

You will need to regroup.

Record 2 hundreds  
and “carry” 1 thousand  
(10 hundreds).



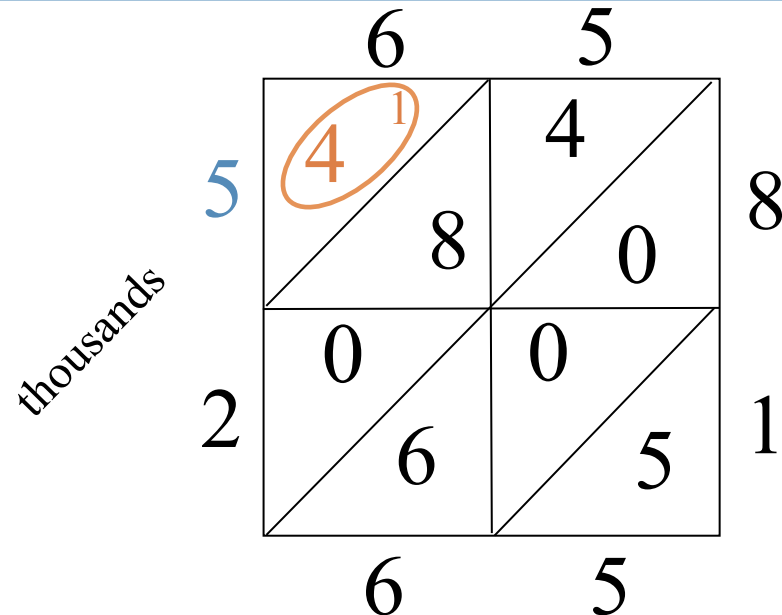
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Now finish with the thousands.

$$4 + 1 = 5$$

Record 5 thousands.

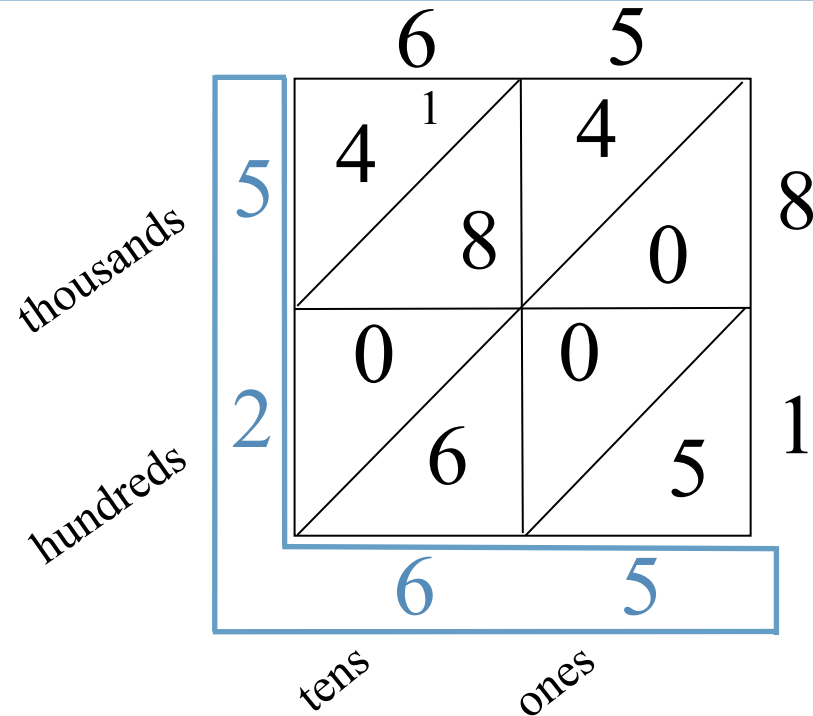


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Problem:  $65 \times 81$

The digits in the answer are 5, 2, 6, and 5.

Each digit in the answer has a specific place value.





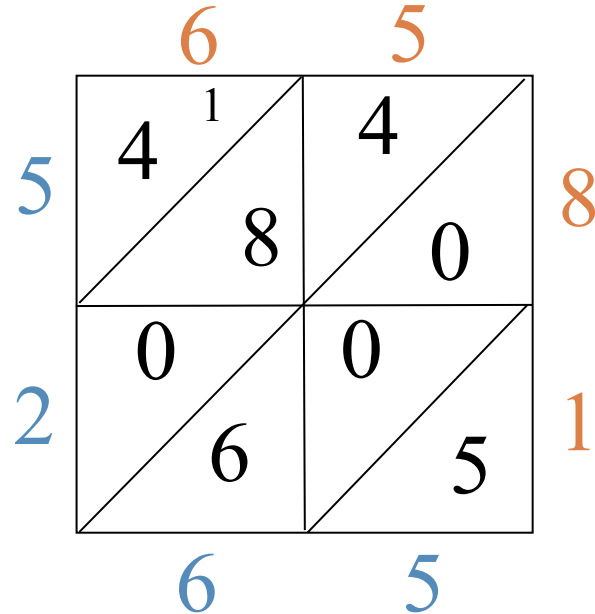
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Problem:  $65 \times 81$

Record the final answer.

5,265

The product of  $65 \times 81$  is  
5,265.



# Lattice Multiplication

$$65 \times 81 = 5,265$$

Note that when children use **lattice multiplication** to solve a multiplication problem, they have an opportunity to practice a variety of skills related to developing number sense.

*These skills include:*

- *Identifying the place value of digits and*
- *Adding strings of numbers to find the product.*