

1. Grade school algorithm for $1234 * 5678$

- a. $1234 * 8 = 9872$
- b. $1234 * 7 = 8638$
- c. $1234 * 6 = 7404$
- d. $1234 * 5 = 6170$
- e. Add: $9872 + 86380 + 740400 + 6170000 = 7006652$

2. (answers)

- a. This computation took 5 steps
- b. A step is defined as any computations done such as addition or multiplication.
- c. The number of steps is a good indicator of the time it takes an algorithm to run
- d. Both while and recursive loops should work.

For a while loop, I can have a variable called “sum” that starts at 0. While there are more digits in the second number, I continue multiplying each digit to the first number and add them to “sum”, with the appropriate multiple of 10’s, until I run out of digits (in this case, I start at 8 and end at 5).

For a recursive loop, it can be similar to the while loop with a variable called “sum” that starts at 0. The base case will be if the second number doesn’t have any more digits. Each recursive call, we input the first number and a digit of the second number and add them to “sum”, with the appropriate multiple of 10’s.