

# Multiply Strings

This problem is requiring manual multiplication without converting to integer (to handle large numbers).

Key Idea:

Grade School Multiplication:

1. Multiply each digit of  $num_1$  by each digit of  $num_2$ .
2. Store intermediate results in an array `product` of size  $m+n$  (max possible length)
3. Handle carry while populating the array
4. Convert the array to string and remove leading zeros.

Steps:

1. Per each iteration: multiply  $num_1[i] * num_2[j]$ .
2. Add product to `product[i+j+1]` (lowest position for that digit)
3. Carry handling:  
 $product[i+j+1] += \text{digit product}$   
 $product[i+j] += product[i+j+1] / 10$   
 $product[i+j+1] \% = 10$
4. Skip leading zeros when converting to string.

Complexity:

- Time:  $O(m \times n)$  - nested loops for multiplication
- Space:  $O(m+n)$  - for result array.