

DECIMAL CULTURE

▶ Army

- ▶ Unit Counts: Centuria (later reduced to 8 which was a favorite number).
- ▶ Capital punishment: 1/10 executed if deserted (hence decimate).
- ▶ Gate width to fit 10 (8) shields (scutums).

▶ Government

- ▶ Senate, Curia, Comitia composition
- ▶ Decemviri, X tables (later XII tables).

▶ Family

- ▶ 10 witnesses during confarreatio (noble wedding)
- ▶ Newborn children without name until 10 days old

▶ Roman Numbering

- ▶ Large numbers: CI = 1,000 $CCII$ = 10,000 $CCCLXXX$ = 100,000. $10^n \times 1000$.
What math symbol do you get if continue?



10 x



RELIGION

- ▶ Priest collegium - (co leges)
 - ▶ Pontifices supervised sacrifices, ceremonies and **calendars**. Collegium Pontificum. Pontifex Maximus.
 - ▶ Augurs observed and recorded unnatural incidents (auspicia oblativa) and watched birds (auspicia imperativa - per request).
 - ▶ Sibyls were oracles interpreting ancient scripts. When to make major sacrifices, e.g. human burials in 228 BCE, 216 BCE, 214 BCE to avert Gaul invasions.

