

# Introduction to Math for Political Scientists

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- Tuesday: Wrap up (and catch-up), student panel, pizza par-tay

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Or I could just do

$$4*10$$

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- I have these four things one of ten times.

$$4 * (1/10)$$

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- Note that this works for division:  $\frac{a + b}{c} = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c}$

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$$(10 - 48 \div 12 * 2)^2 + 3^2 * (8 - 6)$$