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as ba; for b multiplied by a is the same as a multiplied by b. To understand this, we have only to substitute for a and b, known numbers, as 3 and 4, and the truth will be self-evident; for 3 times 4 is the same as 4 times 3.

History of Multiplication of Positive Integers (Overview)

- Prehistoric & Ancient Civilizations (before 2000 BCE)

- Multiplication was [practical]: counting objects, land or trade.

- Earliest evidence (tally bones, Mesopotamian tablets) shows tables and procedures, but not any theoretical statement like "multiplication is repeated addition."

- They knew how to multiply, but not necessarily why in our sense.