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- Babylonians (2000-500 BCE)
- Used cuneiform multiplication tables (up to 60×60).
- Multiplication was seen as a table-based operation on numbers written in base 60.
- It wasn't tied to addition — they had no need to explain it that way.
- They wrote extensive tables (like $9 \times 37 = \dots$ in sexagesimal).
- How did they make them?
- They knew doubling ($2 \times, 4 \times, 8 \times$).
- They could add results (eg: to get $7 \times a = 4 \times a + 2 \times a + 1 \times a$).
- They also relied on reciprocal tables for division, so multiplication tables were indispensable.
- So they didn't define multiplication as repeated