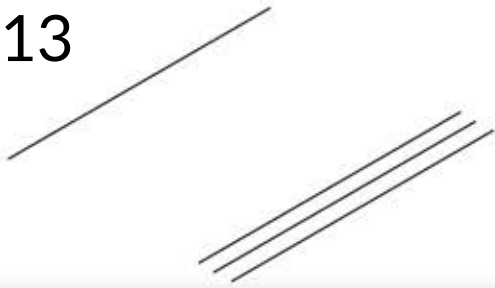


Our equation: 13 X 21 (thirteen times 21) **Trick: substitute digits with lines and keep the 45° angle.**

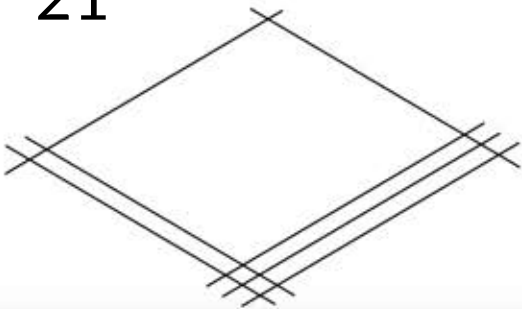
**STEP 1**  
Draw the digits of the first number as lines from diagonally bottom left to top right

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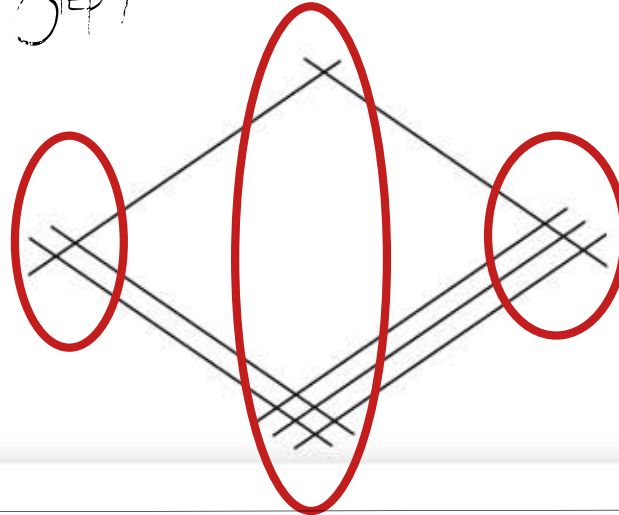


**STEP 2**  
Draw the digits of the second number from diagonally top left to bottom right

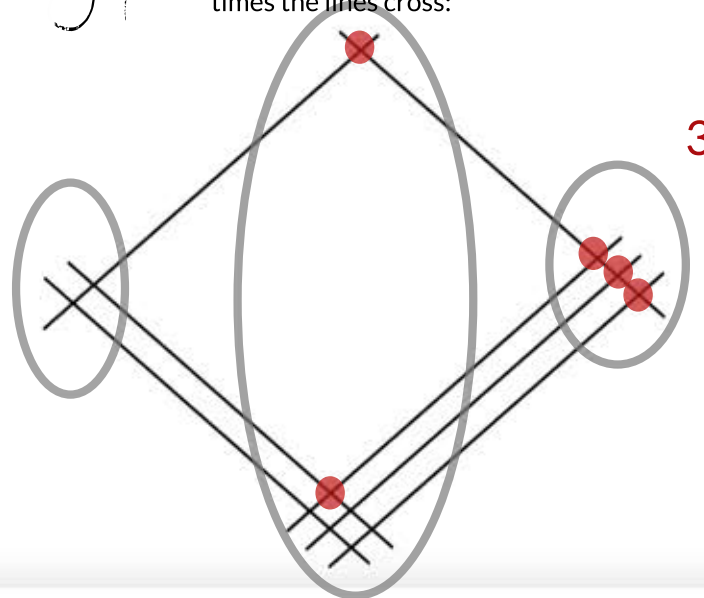
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**STEP 3** We separate the zones where the lines cross



**STEP 4** Now we count from right to left, how many times the lines cross:



**STEP 5** We now set the three numbers together and therefore it gives us:

**.73**

That means : 13 times 21 equals \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR THE SMARTA..:**

How would you solve THIS...?

**40 X 26**

Consider two challenges here: The „0“ and we get a two digit result in the lines crossing