

Strategies Toolkit

Connect

Ben made an Input/Output machine that uses two operations.

Here is a table for Ben's machine. What does Ben's machine do to each input number?

Input	Output
1	2
2	5
3	8
4	11
5	14



What do you know?

 The machine uses two operations on an input number. The operations could be add, subtract, multiply, or divide.

Strategies

- · Make a table.
- · Use a model.
- · Draw a diagram.
- Solve a simpler problem.
- · Work backward.
- · Guess and check.
- Make an organized list.
- · Use a pattern.
- · Draw a graph.



Think of a strategy to help you solve the problem.

- You can use a pattern.
- Analyse the pattern in the Output column to find out what the machine does to each input number.



The numbers in the Output column increase by 3.
This suggests the pattern involves multiples of 3.
Which two operations does Ben's machine use?

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Find the pattern rule for the output numbers. Extend this pattern.

Use the operations in the machine to extend the pattern of the output numbers.

Check the numbers in both patterns match.

Abi made an Input/Output machine that uses two operations.

Here is a table for Abi's machine.

Find out what the machine does to each input number.



Input	Output
1	5
2	7
3	9
4	11
5	13

Show and Share

Explain the strategy you used to solve the problem.