

# Pair Products

Choose four consecutive whole numbers, for example, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Multiply the first and last numbers together.

Multiply the middle pair together.

Choose different sets of four consecutive whole numbers and do the same.

What do you notice?

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Try the same thing with sets of five consecutive numbers and do the same. What do you notice now?

What happens when you take  $n$  consecutive whole numbers?

Explain your findings.