3 - 6 Problem Solving Skills: Finding a Pattern

Ex: A volleyball coach tells her players they need to make 1 successful serve at the first practice, 3 at the 2nd practice, 5 at the 3rd, 7 at the 4th, etc. If this pattern continues, how many successful serves will each player need to make at the 8th practice?

P	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
S	1	3	5	7	٩	11	13	(IS)

Find the rule that describes the pattern. Then find the next 3 terms.

Ex: 1, 3, 2, 4, 3, 5, 4, 6,
$$\frac{5}{2}$$
, $\frac{7}{1}$, $\frac{6}{2}$

Look for a pattern and predict the 5th product.

Ex:
$$10,989 \cdot 9 = 98,901$$
 $10,989 \cdot 8 = 87,912$
 $10,989 \cdot 7 = 76,923$
 $10,989 \cdot 6 = 65,934$
 $10,989 \cdot 5 = 54,945$

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Ex:
$$3 \cdot 37,037 = 111,111$$
 $6 \cdot 37,037 = 222,222$
 $9 \cdot 37,037 = 333,333$
 $12 \cdot 37,037 = 444,444$
 $15 \cdot 37,037 = 555,555$

Homework:

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