13 GIVE ME A SIGN

	-8	-11	2	-3	-7 (−)	-1	-4	-4	-9	
14	3	6	5	2	7	8	1	9	4	36
15	4	9	2	1	5	6	3	8	7	168
16	7	8	1	4	9	3	2	5	6	60
6	2	1	3	6	4	5	9	7	8	504
21	6	7	8	9	2	1	5	4	3	60
18	5	4	9	3	8	7	6	1	2	12
18	9	3	6	7	1	4	8	2	5	80
10	1	5	4	8	6	2	7	3	9	189
17	8	2	7	5	3	9	4	6	1	24

+ (left of grid) × (right of grid)

Bottom: 1.125 · 0.3 · 0.2142857 · 0.175 · 0.05 · 0.2 · 0.285714 · 0.1 · 0.5 · ÷

This puzzle was a traditional sudoku, but where the clues were given to you in an unusual way. You had to apply one of the signs + - x / to the three numbers closest to the edge of that row/column. For example, for the bottom row which was divide: 3 divided by 5, then all of that divided by 2, equals 0.3 (bottom rows, second column). This gave number equivalences to roman numerals: (7,5) (4, 5) (6, 5) (5, 5) (2, 5) (8, 5)

And this is where my mistake began. Despite studying maths at A-level and doing a science degree, I got the co-ordinates the wrong way around (7,5 should have been (5,7) – AND wasn't clear about where the origin was. The aim was to shade in squares to produce the exclamation mark, but instead you got either a horizontal dash or the letter i when told to turn it (but I wasn't clear which way!).

The intended answer was FACTORIAL, the mathematical symbol for the exlcamation mark. It's just rather annoying that 'imaginary' has 9 letters…. sorry about the confusion!

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