

March 8<sup>th</sup>

**How many two-digit numbers are twice the product of its digits?**

If "ab" is twice the product of its digits, then.....

$$10a + b = 2ab$$

Hence  $2ab - 10a = b$

Therefore  $2a(b - 5) = b$

Giving  $a = \frac{b}{2b - 10}$

So  $5 < b < 10$

If b=6, a=3      36 is a solution

If b=7, a isn't an integer

If b=8, a isn't an integer

If b=9, a isn't an integer

Therefore, **there is only 1 (which is 36)**