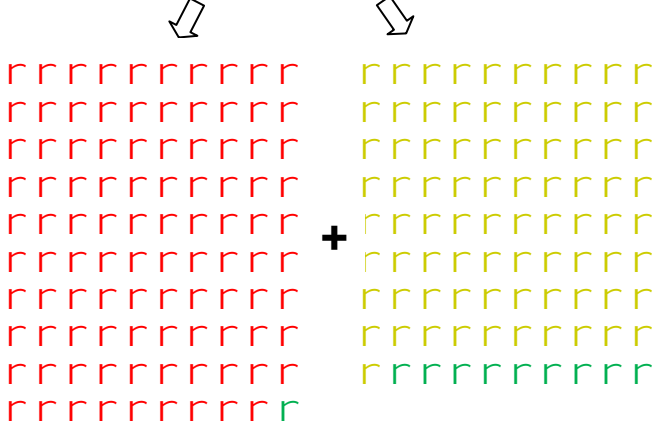
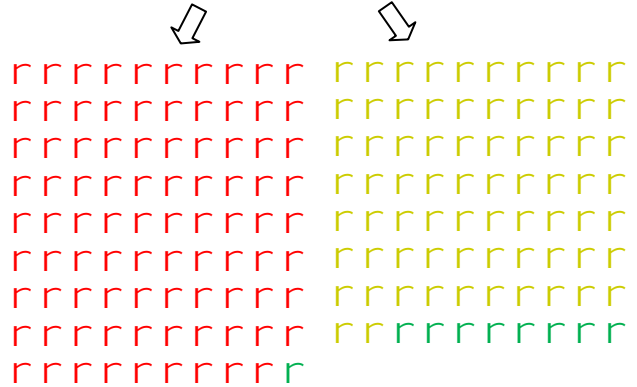


Demai perek 7 mishna 7: Separating Mixed Piles of Produce

Cases 4&5: 100 Tevel + 90 Maaser

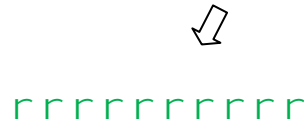


90 Tevel + 80 Maaser



+ or

Problem: There is no major problem here in terms of the math in terms of Terumas Maaser; in the initial case there is a mixture of 190, with 10 pieces needed (9 from the Maaser and 1 from the Tevel), and in the second version's mixture of 170, then 8.9 pieces are needed (8 from the Maaser and .9 from the Tevel).



10 pieces you designate as Terumas Maaser

(8.9 in second version)

Divide up the remainder so the Levi gets his appropriate portion and the owner keeps his own.

Solution #4: Take out the exact same number of pieces you would have taken as Terumas Maaser – either ten or 8.9. First designate them as Maaser Rishon, then re-designate them as Terumas Maaser instead.

The explanation is that these ten figs were originally either Tevel, Maaser Rishon, or a combination of both. By making them all Maaser and then re-making them Terumas Maaser, he ensures that all portions go to their proper owners and no one loses out.

This is why the Mishna reiterates its last point: as long as the Tevel outnumbers the Maaser Rishon by ten percent or more, the owner will not need to separate any more than he would have in the first place. The accidental mixture will not cost him anything additional.