Dotted Eighth Notes

A dot just after a note increases the note's value by half.

In 4/4 time an eighth note receives half a count.

♪ = 1/2 count.

A dot adds half of the note's value back to the note. Therefore: ♪ + ♪ = 1/2 + 1/4.
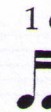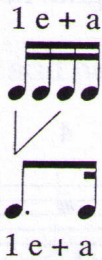
1/2 = ♪ and 1/4 = ♪ Therefore: 1/2 + 1/4 = ♪♪♪

The common denominator here is the sixteenth note, therefore: ♪♪ = ♪♪♪

Three sixteenth notes in 4/4 time are counted:

1 e +

Therefore a dotted eighth note is counted:

1 e +

A dotted eighth note is almost always followed by a sixteenth note, hence a dotted eighth followed by a sixteenth is counted as follows:

1 e + a

#1

#2

#3

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