

## Ruby master - Bug #12261

### Windows: File.dirname with 2+ / or 2+ \\ will return // or \\

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<b>Status:</b> Open	
<b>Priority:</b> Normal	
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<b>Target version:</b>	
<b>ruby -v:</b>	<b>Backport:</b> 2.1: UNKNOWN, 2.2: UNKNOWN, 2.3: UNKNOWN

#### Description

I am working through some File.dirname issues on JRuby and I saw a ruby/spec covering this behavior on windows:

```
File.dirname('\\\\\\\\').should == '/'
```

Same result if backslashes are used. Is there a reason for this result? It does not seem useful to me but I am not much of a windows user. I would think in this case it would be '\\' since I don't see how this is useful for UNC paths in Ruby? If someone could explain it then I will document this at least in JRuby source code :)

So far all versions of MRI seem to have this behavior.