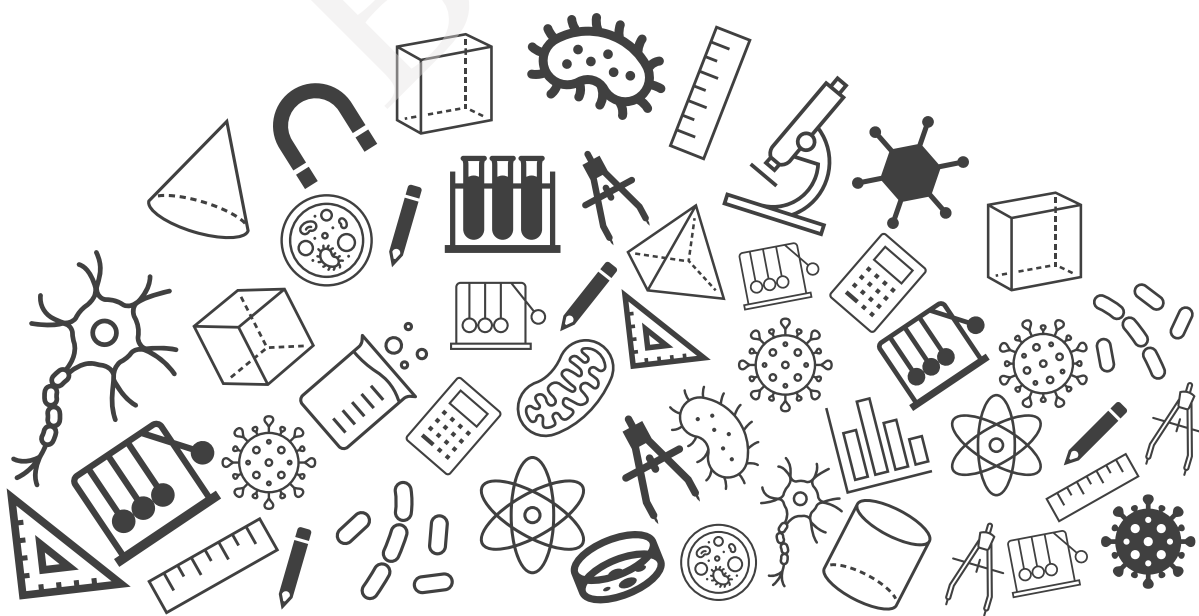




# Grade 10

## Mathematics Chapter Notes





# Real Numbers



# Topics



1. Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

2. Irrational Numbers

$$\frac{4}{7}$$

$$-11$$

$$2$$

$$3 + \sqrt{2}$$

$$5.23$$

$$\pi$$

$$\sqrt{5}$$



# 1. Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

Every composite number can be expressed as a product of primes, and this factorisation is unique (apart from the order).

Example

The prime factorisation of the number 8190 is:

$$8190 = 2^1 \times 3^2 \times 5^1 \times 7^1 \times 13^1$$

## 4.1 Theorem Based on Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

If a prime number  $p$  divides  $a^2$ , then  $p$  divides  $a$ , where  $a$  is a positive integer.

Example

Let us consider,  $p = 3$ ,  $a = 9$

3 divides  $9^2$

3 divides 9.

## 4.2 Relation between HCF and LCM

For any two positive integers  $a$  and  $b$ ,

$$HCF(a, b) \times LCM(a, b) = a \times b$$



**Note:** This relationship only holds good for two numbers.

## 2. Irrational Numbers

A number 's' is called **irrational** if it cannot be written in the form  $\frac{p}{q}$ , where **p and q are integers and  $q \neq 0$** .

Example

Prove that,  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

**Proof:** By using method of contradiction

Assume  $\sqrt{2}$  is a rational number.

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b} \quad (\text{a and b are co-primes and } b \neq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow b\sqrt{2} = a$$

Squaring both the sides

$$(b\sqrt{2})^2 = a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b^2 = a^2 \quad (\text{a is an even number})$$

Let  $a = 2k$  (k is an integer)

$$2b^2 = 4k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 = 2k^2 \quad (\text{b is an even number})$$

$\therefore$  a and b have 2 as a common factor.

But this **contradicts** the fact that a and b are co-primes.

This contradiction has arisen because of our incorrect assumption that  $\sqrt{2}$  is rational.

Hence  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.



