

CP3: Representing fractions in lowest terms, uniqueness of representation

- 1) Explain what it means to represent a fraction in lowest terms and represent the fraction

$$\frac{8208}{36432}$$

in lowest terms.

- 2) Prove that any fraction has a representation in lowest terms.

- 3) Use the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic to show that the representation in lowest terms is unique.

- 4) Show that the square root of two cannot be represented as a fraction, that is, show that the equation

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 = 2$$

has no solution with a and b both being integers.