



Gross errors:— These are mainly due to human mistake such as improper reading, recording, the reading differently in the calculation of results due to insufficient knowledge, improper use of an instrument.

→ This errors can't be treated mathematically & not possible to eliminate completely but these errors can be minimized by taken precautions.

→ By taking care of reading and recording in the calculation of results.

→ By taking atleast 3 or more readings preferably by different person.

Systematic errors:

These errors are mainly due to short coming of instruments characteristic of material used in instrument environmental effect, aging effect etc.

These are further classified as: Instrumental, Environmental, Observational.

Instrumental error:— These errors are due to short coming of instrument, misuse of instrument, loading effect etc.

→ These error can be minimized by selecting a suitable instrument for a suitable application.

→ Applying the correction factor after finding the amount of instrumental error.

Environmental error:

These errors are due to conditions external to the instruments such as temperature, external field, magnetic or electrostatic fields, humidity or vibration etc.

→ These errors can be minimized by using air conditioning temperature enclosures to keep the surrounding conditions constant.



Use of magnetic or electrostatic shields to reduce the effect of external fields.

→ Hermetically Sealing of Certain Components to reduce the effect of humidity & dust.

Observational error :-

These are introduced by the human

→ The most Common error is parallax error while reading a meter.

→ These can be reduced by using instruments with mirror & knife edge pointer.

→ Using an instrument with digital display.

Random error :- These are due to, unknown causes, even the instrument is calculated accurately then these errors are called random error.

→ These cannot be determined & they follow the law of probability.

→ The Only way to reduce these errors is by taking more observations & statistically analysis which gives the best approximation of reading.

