

# LCM and HCF

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## 2.1: LCM & HCF Introduction

### LCM

Least Common Multiple

### HCF

Highest Common Factor

Ex

$$12 = [1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12] \quad \text{These numbers divide the given number.}$$

$\downarrow$  Products for 12

$$1 \times 12$$

$$2 \times 6$$

$$3 \times 4$$

### Factors

Any number which divide the given number is called factors.

Ex

factors of 15 = 15 and 3.

④ 1 and number itself are always called the improper factors.

Ex

factors of 18 = 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 18.

### Multiple

The given number is called the multiple.

(A number) divided by another number.

$\downarrow$   
Multiple

④ Factors always divide the number.

④ Multiple always divided by another number.

Ex

$$\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ \hline 3 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Multiple} \\ \text{factor (or) Divisor.} \end{array}$$

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Ex

$$\text{Factors of } 35 = 1, 5, 7, 35$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 35 \\ \downarrow \\ 1 \times 35 \\ 5 \times 7 \end{array}$$

Ex

$$\text{Multiples of } 12 = 12, 24, 36, 48, \dots$$

Ex

$$\text{Multiples of } 15 = 15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, \dots$$

### Prime Factorization

Any natural number is expressed as product of prime numbers.

Ex

$$24 = 2^3 \times 3$$

↙  
8 × 3

Ex

$$35 = 5 \times 7$$

Ex

$$\begin{aligned} 36 &= 12 \times 3 \\ &\quad \downarrow \text{Non Prime} \quad \downarrow \text{Prime} \\ &= 3 \times 4 \times 3 \\ &= 3 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \\ &= 2^2 \times 3^2. \end{aligned}$$

## LCM - Least Common Multiple

Ex

$$12 = 12, 24, 36, 48, \textcircled{60}, 72, 84, 96, 108, \textcircled{120}, \dots$$

$$15 = 15, 30, \textcircled{45}, \textcircled{75}, 90, 105, \textcircled{120}, 135, 150, \dots$$

LCM of 12 & 15 is 60.

Ex

$$4 = 4, 8, \textcircled{12}, 16, 20, \textcircled{24}, 28, 32, \textcircled{36}, 40, 44, \textcircled{48}, \dots$$

$$6 = 6, \textcircled{12}, 18, \textcircled{24}, 30, \textcircled{36}, 42, \textcircled{48}, 54, 60, \dots$$

LCM of 4 & 6 is 12.

LCM can be done in 2 Methods

↳ Division Method

↳ Prime factorization Method

Ex

$$12, 18$$

1) Division Method

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ \hline 12, 18 \\ 3 \quad | \\ \hline 6, 9 \\ 3 \quad | \\ \hline 2, 3 \end{array}$$

$$\text{LCM} = 2 \times 3 \times 2 \times 3$$

$$= 2^2 \times 3^2$$

$$= 36$$

2) Prime factorization

$$12 = 4 \times 3 = 2^2 \times 3$$

$$18 = 9 \times 2 = 3^2 \times 2$$

$$2^2 \times 3^2 = 4 \times 9$$

$$= 36$$

Ex find the LCM of 48, 72.

1) Division Method

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2 \overline{)48, 72} \\
 3 \overline{)24, 36} \\
 2 \overline{)8, 12} \\
 2 \overline{)4, 6} \\
 \hline
 2, 3
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{LCM} = 2 \times 3 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3$$

$$= 2^4 \times 3^2$$

$$= 16 \times 9$$

$$= 144.$$

2) Prime factorization

$$\begin{aligned}
 48 &= 8 \times 6 = 2^3 \times 2 \times 3 \\
 &= 2^4 \times 3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 72 &= 36 \times 2 = 9 \times 4 \times 2 \\
 &= 3^2 \times 2^3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &2^4 \times 3^2 \\
 &= 16 \times 9 \\
 &= 144.
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex Find the LCM of 24, 40, 42, 44.

i) Division Method

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2 \overline{)24, 40, 42, 44} \\
 2 \overline{)12, 20, 21, 22} \\
 3 \overline{)6, 10, 21, 11} \\
 2 \overline{)2, 10, 7, 11} \\
 \hline
 1, 5, 7, 11
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{LCM} &= 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 2 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 \\
 &= 2^3 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 \\
 &= 9240.
 \end{aligned}$$

ii) Prime factorization

$$\begin{aligned}
 24 &= 8 \times 3 = 2^3 \times 3 \\
 40 &= 8 \times 5 = 2^3 \times 5 \\
 42 &= 6 \times 7 = 2 \times 3 \times 7 \\
 44 &= 4 \times 11 = 2^2 \times 11
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &2^3 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 \\
 &\equiv 9240.
 \end{aligned}$$

Co-Prime

Any two numbers have no common factor other than 1.

Ex

2, 7 are co-prime.

$\downarrow$

they have common factor 1. [HCF of two numbers is 1]  $\hookrightarrow$  said to be co-prime.  
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$$\begin{array}{l} 2 = 1, 2 \\ 7 = 1, 7 \end{array}$$

1) Any two consecutive numbers are said to be coprime.

$$\begin{array}{l} 12, 13 \\ 13, 14 \\ 14, 15 \end{array}$$

2) Any two prime numbers are said to be co-prime.

$$\begin{array}{l} 2, 3 \\ 13, 19 \end{array}$$

Ex

Find LCM of 12, 18.

$$\begin{array}{l} 12, 18 \\ 6(2, 3) \Rightarrow 6 \times 6 = 36. \end{array}$$

Product of any two co-prime numbers = LCM.

Ex

$$\text{Find LCM of } 3, 7 = 21$$

Ex find the LCM of 12, 18.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 12 & & 18 \\ \downarrow & \swarrow & \downarrow \\ 6 \times 2 & & 6 \times 3 \end{array}$$

$$\text{LCM} = 12 \times 3 \text{ (or)} 18 \times 2$$

Ex find the LCM of 48, 72.

$$\begin{aligned} 48, 72 & \\ 12(4, 6) & \\ 24(2, 3) & \\ 24 \times 6 & \\ = 144 & \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 48 & & 72 \\ \swarrow & & \searrow \\ 24 \times 2 & & 24 \times 3 \\ \text{LCM} = & 48 \times 3 & (or) 72 \times 2 \\ & = 144. & \end{array}$$

Ex find the LCM of 24, 40, 42, 44.

$$\begin{aligned} 24, 40, 42, 44 & \\ 2(12, 20, 21, 22) & \\ 2(12, 20, 22, 21) & \\ 2(2(6, 10, 11), 21) & \\ 2(2(330), 21) & \\ 2(3(220, 7)) & \\ 6 \times 1540 & \\ = 9240 & \end{aligned}$$

Ex

find the LCM for 12, 72, 144

12, 72, 144

12 (1, 6, 12)

12 (12)

144

HCF - Highest Common Factor (or) Greatest Common Divisor (GCD)  
(or) Greatest Common Measure (GCM)

Two Methods

(a) Division Method

(b) Prime factorisation Method

Ex find HCF of 12, 18.

$$12 = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, \cancel{12}$$

$$18 = 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, \cancel{18}$$

$$\cancel{2}, 3, \cancel{6}$$

$$\text{HCF} = 6.$$

Division Method

$$\begin{array}{r}
 12) \overline{18} (1 \\
 \underline{-12} \\
 6) \overline{12} (2 \\
 \underline{-12} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{HCF} = 6.$$

Prime factorization

$$12 = 2^2 \times 3$$

$$18 = 2 \times 3^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2^1 \times 3^1 \\
 & = 6.
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex HCF of  $2^2 \times 3^5 \times 5^2$ ,  $5^3 \times 7^2 \times 2$

$$\text{HCF} = 2^1 \times 5^2$$

Ex HCF of 24, 40, 42.

### ① Division Method

$$\begin{array}{r}
 24 ) 40 ( 1 \\
 \underline{24} \\
 16 ) 24 ( 1 \\
 \underline{16} \\
 8 ) 16 ( 2 \\
 \underline{16} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

HCF is 8 for 24 and 40.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 8 ) 42 ( 5 \\
 \underline{40} \\
 2 ) 8 ( 4 \\
 \underline{8} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

HCF is 2.

### ② Prime factorization

$$24 = 8 \times 3 = 2^3 \times 3$$

$$40 = 8 \times 5 = 2^3 \times 5$$

$$42 = 6 \times 7 = 2 \times 3 \times 7$$

$$1 \quad 2^1$$

$$\text{HCF} = 2^1$$

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$$\text{Ex} = \text{HCF of } 12, 18,$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 12 & , & 18 \\ 6 \times 2 & & 6 \times 3 \end{array}$$

$$\text{HCF} = 6.$$

$$\text{Ex} = \text{HCF of } 48, 72$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 48 & , & 72 \\ 12 \times 4 & , & 12 \times 6 \\ 24 \times 2 & , & 24 \times 3 \end{array}$$

$$\text{HCF} = 24$$

$$\text{Ex} = \text{HCF of } 24, 40, 42$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 24 & , & 40 & , & 42 \\ 2 \times 12 & , & 2 \times 20 & , & 2 \times 21 \end{array}$$

$$\text{HCF} = 2.$$

- ④ LCM concept is useful to solve the problems on races, traffic signals
  - ④ HCF concept is useful to solve the problems finding largest size of tile to fit in a room.
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## 2.21 Problems on LCM

Q.1) Find the least possible number which can be divided by 32, 36 and 40?

$$\text{LCM}(32, 36, 40)$$

$$4(8, 9, 10)$$

$$4(2(4, 5), 9)$$

$$4(40, 9)$$

$$\text{LCM} = 1440$$

(OR)

$$32, 36, 40$$

$$\begin{aligned} 32 &= 2^5 \\ 36 &= 2^2 \times 3^2 \\ 40 &= 2^3 \times 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &2^5 \times 3^2 \times 5^1 \\ &= 32 \times 9 \times 5 \\ &= 1440. \end{aligned}$$

- ⊕ LCM always divided by
- ⊗ HCF always divide

Q.2) Find the least number of 4 digits which is divisible by 4, 6, 8 and 10?

(A) 1050

(B) 1070

(C) 1080

(D) 1008

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{LCM of } (4, 6, 8, 10) \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 2^2 \quad 2 \times 3 \quad 2^3 \quad 2 \times 5 \end{array}$$

$$2^3 \times 3^1 \times 5^1 = 120$$

120, 240, 360, ..., 960, 1080, 1200

Ans  $\Rightarrow$  1080.

Alternative method

Least 4 digit = 1000

LCM of (4, 6, 8, 10) = 120

$$120) \overline{1000} (8$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 960 \\ \hline 40 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Required Number} = 1000 + \text{Difference } (120 - 40)$$

$$= 1000 + 80$$

$$= 1080$$

(OR)

Required Number (least) = Dividend + Divisor - Remainder

Q.3} find the greatest number of 4 digits which is divisible by 48, 60 and 64?

(a) 9600

(b) 1960

(c) 9620

(d) 9610

LCM (48, 60, 64)

48 =  $2^4 \times 3$

60 =  $2^2 \times 3 \times 5$

64 =  $2^6$

$$2^6 \times 3 \times 5 = 64 \times 15$$

$$= 960.$$

$$960 \times 1 = 960$$

$$\times 2 = 1920$$

$$\times 3 = 2880$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\times 10 = 9600$$

$$\times 11 = 10560.$$

$$\therefore \text{Ans} = 9600$$

Alternative

$$960) \overline{9999} (1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 960 \\ \hline 399 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Required Number (Greatest)} = \text{Dividend} - \text{Remainder}$$

$$= 9999 - 399 = 9600.$$

LCM with Remainders

Q.4) What is the least possible number which when divided by 24, 32 or 42 in each case it leaves the remainder 5?

$$\text{LCM } (24, 32, 42)$$

$$24 = 2^3 \times 3$$

$$32 = 2^5$$

$$42 = 2 \times 3 \times 7$$

$$24) \overline{)672(} \\ \underline{\times 2} \quad 10$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^5 \times 3 \times 7 \\ &= 96 \times 7 \\ &= 672 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Required Number} = 672 + 5 = 677.$$

Q.5) What is the least possible number which must be added to 4722 so that it becomes divisible by 21, 25, 27 & 35?

$$\text{LCM } (21, 25, 27, 35)$$

$$21 = 3 \times 7$$

$$25 = 5^2$$

$$27 = 3^3$$

$$35 = 5 \times 7$$

$$3^3 \times 5^2 \times 7$$

$$= 27 \times 25 \times 7$$

$$= 4725$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Required number} &= 4725 - 4722 \\ &= 3. \end{aligned}$$

Q. 6) What is the least possible number which when divided by 18, 35, or 42 it leaves the 2, 19, 26 as the remainder respectively?

$$\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ - 2 \\ \hline 16 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 35 \\ - 19 \\ \hline 16 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 42 \\ - 26 \\ \hline 16 \end{array}$$

LCM (18, 35, 42)

$$18 = 3^2 \times 2$$

$$35 = 5 \times 7$$

$$42 = 2 \times 3 \times 7$$

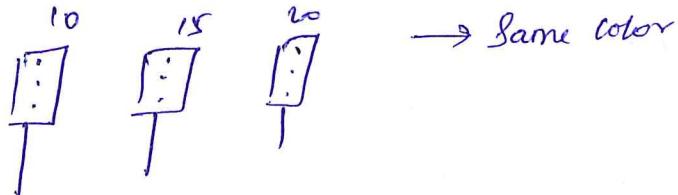
$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \times 3^2 \times 5 \times 7 \\ & = 630 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Required Number} = 630 - 16 \\ = 614.$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 18 ) 614 ( 34 \\ 18 \cancel{)} \\ \hline 74 \\ 72 \\ \hline (2) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 35 ) 614 ( 17 \\ 35 \cancel{)} \\ \hline 264 \\ 245 \\ \hline (19) \end{array}$$

Q.7) Three traffic signals change from Red to Green in 10, 15 & 20 seconds respectively. After how much time will all the three signals together become green?



1<sup>st</sup> → 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, ...

2<sup>nd</sup> → 15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 105, ...

3<sup>rd</sup> → 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, 120, ...

Ans → After 60 secs.

$$\text{LCM}(10, 15, 20)$$

$$5(2, 3, 4)$$

$$5 \times 12 = 60 \text{ sec.}$$

## 2.3: Problems on HCF

Q.1) What is the greatest number that will exactly divide 39, 299, 338?

- (A) 13      (B) 39      (C) 17      (D) None

$$\text{HCF} (39, 299, 338)$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$13 \times 3 \quad 13 \times 23 \quad 13 \times 26$$

$$\text{HCF} = 13$$

Q.2) find the greatest possible number which when we divide 37 and 58, it leaves the respective remainder of 2 and 3?

$$N) \overline{37} \quad N) \overline{58}$$

$$\text{HCF of } [(37-2) \text{ & } (58-3)]$$

$$\text{HCF of } (35, 55)$$

$$35 = 5 \times 7$$

$$55 = 5 \times 11$$

$$\text{HCF} = 5$$

Q.3) Find the longest possible number with which when 60 and 98 are divided it leaves the remainder 3 in each case?

$$N) \overline{60} \quad N) \overline{98}$$

$$\text{HCF of } [(60-3), (98-3)]$$

$$\text{HCF of } (57, 95)$$

$$= 19.$$

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Q.4) Find the largest possible number with which when 38, 66 and 80 are divided the remainder remains the same.

$$N \Big) \frac{38}{R} \Big($$

$$N \Big) \frac{66}{R} \Big($$

$$N \Big) \frac{80}{R} \Big($$

$$\text{HCF of } [(66 - 38), (80 - 66), (80 - 38)]$$

$$\text{HCF of } (28, 14, 42)$$

$$28 = 14 \times 2$$

$$14 = 14 \times 1$$

$$42 = 14 \times 3$$

$$\text{HCF} = 14.$$

Q.5) Find the largest scale size to measure accurately, the three equilateral triangles with sides measuring 76 cm, 114 cm and 152 cm.

(a) 19 cm

(b) 21 cm

(c) 38 cm

(d) None

$$76, 114, 152$$

$$\text{HCF } (76, 114, 152)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 76 &= 19 \times 4 \\ &= 38 \times 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 114 &= 19 \times 6 \\ &= 38 \times 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 152 &= 19 \times 8 \\ &= 38 \times 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{HCF} = 38.$$

38 cm equilateral triangle.

No. of equilateral triangles

$$\frac{76}{38} = 2, \quad \frac{114}{38} = 3, \quad \frac{152}{38} = 4.$$

Q.6) Find the number of pairs of two numbers whose HCF is 5 and their sum is 50?

$$\text{HCF} = 5$$

let the numbers be  $5a, 5b$

$$5a+5b = 50$$

$$a+b = 10$$

$$(1, 9), (2, 8), (3, 7), (4, 6), (5, 5)$$

Pairs showed by co-prime.

2 possible pairs  $\Rightarrow (1, 9)$  and  $(3, 7)$

Q.7) If the ratio of the two numbers is 2:3 and their LCM is 54, then the sum of two numbers is:

$$2x, 3x \quad \text{LCM} = 54$$

$$\text{LCM of } (2x, 3x)$$

$$x(2,3)$$

$$6x$$

$$6x = 54$$

$$x = 9$$

$$\text{Numbers} = 18, 27$$

$$\text{Sum} = 18 + 27 = 45.$$

Q.8) If the ratio of two numbers is 2:3 and their HCF is 6, then the sum of two numbers is

$$2x, 3x$$

$$\text{HCF of } (2x, 3x)$$

$$\text{HCF} = x$$

$$\therefore x = 6$$

$$\text{Numbers} = 12, 18$$

$$\text{Sum} = 12 + 18 = 30.$$

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## Q4: LCM &amp; HCF of decimals

Ex find the HCF of 1.08, 0.36 and 0.9.

Multiply with 100

$$(1.08, 0.36, 0.9) \times 100$$

$$\text{HCF } (108, 36, 90)$$

$$108 = 18 \times 6$$

$$36 = 18 \times 2$$

$$90 = 18 \times 5$$

$$\text{HCF} = 18$$

$$\therefore \text{HCF of } (1.08, 0.36, 0.9) = \frac{18}{100} = 0.18$$

$$\text{LCM } (1.08, 0.36, 0.9) \times 100$$

$$\text{LCM } (108, 36, 9)$$

$$\text{LCM } (18 \times 6, 18 \times 2, 18 \times 5)$$

$$\text{LCM } (6, 2, 5)$$

$$18 \times 30$$

$$540$$

$$\text{LCM of } (1.08, 0.36, 0.9) = \frac{540}{100} = 5.4$$

## HCF and LCM of fractions

$$\text{HCF}(\text{fractions}) = \frac{\text{HCF}(\text{Numerators})}{\text{LCM}(\text{Denominators})}$$

$$\text{LCM}(\text{fractions}) = \frac{\text{LCM}(\text{Numerators})}{\text{HCF}(\text{Denominators})}$$

Ex Find HCF & LCM of  $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{8}{9}, \frac{10}{27}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{HCF} &= \frac{\text{HCF}(2, 8, 10)}{\text{LCM}(3, 9, 27)} \\ &= \frac{2}{27}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LCM} &= \frac{\text{LCM}(2, 8, 10)}{\text{HCF}(3, 9, 27)} \\ &= \frac{40}{3}\end{aligned}$$

Q2



Let numbers be  $a, b$

$$\text{Product of } (a, b) = \text{HCF}(a, b) \times \text{LCM}(a, b)$$

$$a \times b = \text{HCF}(a, b) \times \text{LCM}(a, b)$$

Ex

LCM of two numbers is 225 and HCF is 5. If one number is 25, then the other number will be:

$$a \times b = \text{HCF} \times \text{LCM}$$

$$25 \times b = 5 \times 225$$

$$b = 45$$