

# Srinivasa Ramanujan: The Greatest Indian Mathematician

Srinivasa Ramanujan was an Indian mathematician who lived in the early 20th century. He is considered one of the greatest mathematicians of all time, and his work has had a profound impact on many areas of mathematics, including number theory, analysis, and combinatorics.



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Ramanujan was born in 1887 in a small village in southern India. He showed an early aptitude for mathematics, and by the age of 15, he had independently discovered many of the theorems that would later be attributed to him.

In 1903, Ramanujan left his village to attend college in Madras. However, he soon dropped out and returned home. He spent the next few years working on his own mathematics, and in 1913, he sent a letter to the

English mathematician G.H. Hardy. Hardy was so impressed by Ramanujan's work that he invited him to come to England.

Ramanujan arrived in England in 1914, and he quickly became a sensation. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society and the Cambridge Philosophical Society, and he published over 30 papers in leading mathematical journals.

Ramanujan's work was often very unorthodox, and he often arrived at his results through intuitive leaps rather than through traditional methods of proof. However, his results were always correct, and they have had a profound impact on mathematics.

Ramanujan died in 1920 at the age of 32. He left behind a legacy of over 3,900 theorems, many of which are still unsolved today. He is considered one of the greatest mathematicians of all time, and his work continues to inspire mathematicians around the world.

## **Ramanujan's Major Contributions to Mathematics**

Ramanujan made many important contributions to mathematics, but his most important work is in the area of number theory. He discovered many new and important theorems about prime numbers, partitions, and other topics.

One of Ramanujan's most famous results is his formula for the number of partitions of a number. A partition of a number is a way of writing the number as a sum of smaller numbers. For example, there are five partitions of the number 5:

$$5^4 + 1^3 + 2^3 + 1 + 1^2 + 2 + 1$$

Ramanujan's formula gives a way to calculate the number of partitions of a number. This formula is very important in number theory, and it has been used to solve many important problems.

Another important contribution of Ramanujan is his work on the Riemann zeta function. The Riemann zeta function is a function that is defined for complex numbers. It is very important in number theory, and it has many applications in other areas of mathematics.

Ramanujan discovered many new and important properties of the Riemann zeta function. His work has had a profound impact on the study of the Riemann zeta function, and it has led to many new discoveries.

## Ramanujan's Legacy

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Ramanujan is considered one of the greatest mathematicians of all time, and his work is a testament to the power of the human mind. His story is an inspiration to us all, and it shows us that anything is possible if we set our minds to it.

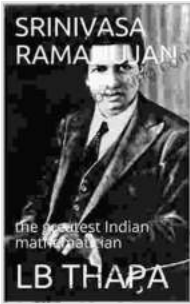
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