

# Algebra Summary

## Mensuration

|                              |                         |                      |                        |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Area of a trapezium          | $\frac{1}{2}(a + b)h$   | Volume of a prism    | $Ah$                   |
| Curved Surface of a cylinder | $2\pi rh$               | Volume of a cylinder | $\pi r^2 h$            |
| Area of a triangle           | $\frac{1}{2}ab \sin(C)$ | Volume of a pyramid  | $\frac{1}{3}Ah$        |
| Surface area of a prism      | $2A + Ph$               | Volume of a cone     | $\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$ |
| Surface area of a pyramid    | $A + \frac{1}{2}Ph$     | Volume of a sphere   | $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$   |

## Functions

$$f: D \rightarrow R, f(x) = \dots$$

Name: domain  $\rightarrow$  co-domain (not range), rule

Function must be one-to-one or many-to-one (vertical line test).

## Inverse functions and solving equations

The rule of the inverse can be found by swapping the  $x$  and  $y$  in the equation.

This can also be seen as a reflection in the line  $y = x$ .

$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = x \text{ and } f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$$

There may be restrictions on the inside function and there may be more solutions to consider.

Inverse function must be one-to-one and must be written as  $f^{-1}: D \rightarrow R, f^{-1}(x) = \dots$

| Function                 | Inverse                       | Composition to solve                  |                                       |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| $f(x) = x^n$             | $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[n]{x}$     | $\sqrt[n]{x^n} = x$                   | $(\sqrt[n]{x})^n = x$                 |
| $f(x) = x^{\frac{p}{q}}$ | $f^{-1}(x) = x^{\frac{q}{p}}$ | $(x^{\frac{p}{q}})^{\frac{q}{p}} = x$ | $(x^{\frac{q}{p}})^{\frac{p}{q}} = x$ |
| $f(x) = e^x$             | $f^{-1}(x) = \log_e(x)$       | $\log_e(e^x) = x$                     | $e^{\log_e(x)} = x$                   |
| $f(x) = \sin(x)$         | $f^{-1}(x) = \sin^{-1}(x)$    | $\sin^{-1}(\sin(x)) = x$              |                                       |
| $f(x) = \cos(x)$         | $f^{-1}(x) = \cos^{-1}(x)$    | $\cos^{-1}(\cos(x)) = x$              |                                       |
| $f(x) = \tan(x)$         | $f^{-1}(x) = \tan^{-1}(x)$    | $\tan^{-1}(\tan(x)) = x$              |                                       |

## Polynomials

### Remainder and factor theorems

The remainder of a polynomial  $P(x)$  divided by  $(x - a)$  is equal to  $P(a)$ .

A polynomial  $P(x)$  has a factor  $(x - a)$  if and only if  $P(a) = 0$ .

### Complete the square

$$x^2 + bx = \left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$$

### Quadratic formula

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

### Discriminant

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

## Exponential and logarithmic functions

$$a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$a^m \div a^n = \frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

$$a^0 = 1$$

$$(a^m)^n = a^{m \times n}$$

$$(a \times b)^m = a^m \times b^m$$

$$a^{-1} = \frac{1}{a}, \quad a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$$

$$\frac{1}{a^n} = \sqrt[n]{a}, \quad \frac{m}{a^n} = \sqrt[n]{a^m} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$$

$$e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \approx 2.71828 \dots$$

$$\log_a(x) + \log_a(y) = \log_a(xy)$$

$$\log_a(x) - \log_a(y) = \log_a\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$$

$$\log_a(1) = 0$$

$$\log_a(x^n) = n \log_a(x)$$

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

$$\log_a\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \log_a(x^{-1}) = -\log_a(x)$$

$$\log_a(\sqrt[n]{a^m}) = \log_a\left(x^{\frac{m}{n}}\right) = \frac{m}{n}$$

$$\log_e(x) = \ln(x)$$

## Circular functions and trigonometry

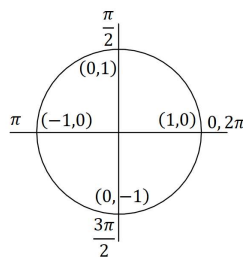
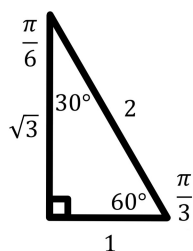
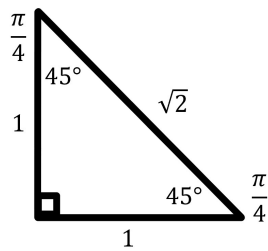
Sine is the  $y$  value on the unit circle. Cosine is the  $x$  value on the unit circle.

Tangent is the length of the tangent to the  $x$ -axis. Check the sign of the gradient of the radius.

$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{O}{H} \quad \cos(\theta) = \frac{A}{H} \quad \tan(\theta) = \frac{O}{A}$$

Period of sine and cosine  $2\pi$        $\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x) = 1$

Period of tangent  $\pi$        $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) = \cos(x)$        $\tan(\theta) = \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)}$



## Linear simultaneous equations

### Unique Solution

Non-parallel lines



$$m_1 \neq m_2$$

### No Solutions

Parallel lines that do not meet



$$m_1 = m_2, \text{ and } c_1 \neq c_2$$

### Infinite Solutions

Parallel lines that completely overlap each other



$$m_1 = m_2, \text{ and } c_1 = c_2$$