

13 Free Cheatsheets!

Year 11 **MATHS METHODS**
Unit 1 & 2

FREE Overview_{v1.98}

FREE LESSONS AT: MathsMethods.com.au

You can download this book for free, get video lessons, exam questions and much more! All for free! Just sign up with your email.



$$f(-x) = f(x)$$



Purpose of this book

Hello!

This is a brief overview of *Units 1 & 2 Mathematical Methods* to help you learn and revise more efficiently. It is essentially a cut down version of the *Units 3 & 4 Overview*.

It was originally designed as a reference book for students who use the *online video tutorials* on **MathsMethods.com.au** but has since been used by many as their Bound Reference. Each page has a [clickable link](#) to direct you to the relevant video tutorial if you have access and there's plenty of other [free resources](#) if you don't!

Please note, like many of our resources, this overview is designed to reinforce *understanding* and may not use the exact notation you need to use when doing tests and exams.

Do well and I hope this overview makes the year a little less stressful for you :)

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexander Bell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alexander Bell | Author & Founder of **MathsMethods.com.au**

Contents

Click a [page number](#) to instantly move to that topic

1. Purpose of the Book (Read First!).....	page 2
2. Contents.....	page 3 to 6
3. TOPIC 1: Functions and Relations	page 7
4. Linear Equations.....	page 8
5. How to draw Parabolas	page 9
6. List of Main Functions	page 10
7. How to Sketch Any Function	page 11
8. Transformations	page 12
9. Matrix Transformations	page 13
10. Domain and Range	page 14
11. Reading Any Function	page 15
12. Sketching Functions in Intercept Form	page 16
13. Inverse Functions	page 17
14. Factorising Polynomials	page 18

Contents

Click a [page number](#) to instantly move to that topic

15. TOPIC 2: Logs and Exponentials	page 19
16. Exponential Laws	page 20
17. Understanding Logarithms	page 21
18. Log Laws	page 22
19. Sketching Logs and Exponentials	page 23
20. Inverse Functions: Logs and Exponentials	page 24
21. TOPIC 3: Sin, Cos & Tan	page 25
22. Sin, Cos and Tan Definitions	page 26
23. Radians	page 27
24. Exact Values	page 28
25. Exact Values – for larger numbers	page 29
26. Finding Angles (θ)	page 30
27. General Solutions for Sin, Cos and Tan	page 31
28. Understanding Sin, Cos & Tan Graphs	page 32

Contents

Click a [page number](#) to instantly move to that topic

29. Sketching Sin, Cos & Tan Graphs	page 33
30. Sketching a Tough Cosine Graph	page 34
31. TOPIC 4: Calculus	page 35
32. What is Calculus?	page 36
33. The First Principle of Calculus	page 37
34. How to Sketch $f'(x)$ (The Derivative)	page 38
35. Finding $f'(x)$ (The Derivative)	page 39
36. Derivatives and Differentiating Definitions.....	page 40
37. Understanding dy/dx	page 41
38. Stationary Points	page 42
39. Rate of Change	page 43
40. Antidifferentiation	page 44
41. Why $+c$?	page 45
42. Integration – Exact Area	page 46

Contents

Click a [page number](#) to instantly move to that topic

43. Kinematics – Displacement, Velocity and Acceleration	page 47
44. TOPIC 5: Probability and Statistics	page 48
45. Basics of Probability	page 49
46. Conditional and Independent Probability	page 50
47. Discrete Random Variables	page 51
48. Measures of Centre	page 52
49. Measures of Spread	page 53
50. Final Thought from the Author	page 54
51. Distribution Information and Disclaimer	page 55

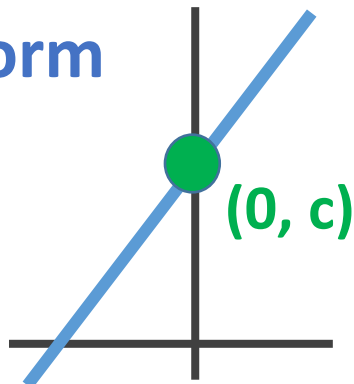
Covered in detail in video tutorials, see [LINEAR EQUATIONS](#)

Gradient-Intercept Form

$$y = mx + c$$

m means gradient

c means y-intercept

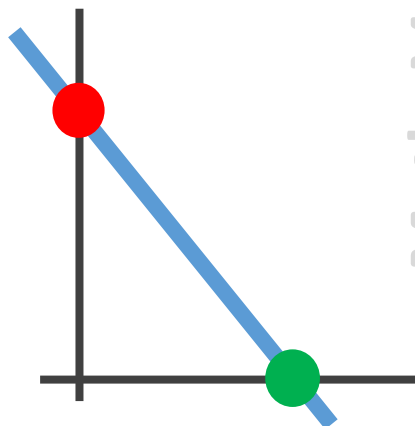


Intercept Form

$$ax + by = c$$

To find **x-intercept**, make $y = 0$

To find **y-intercept**, make $x = 0$

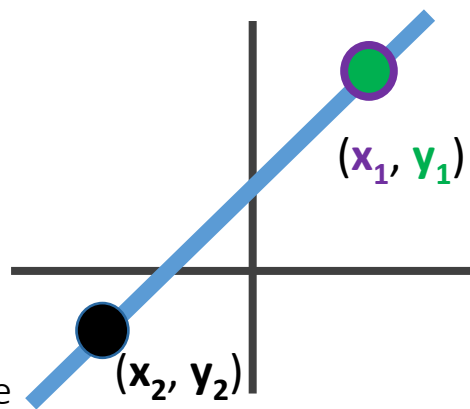


Two point Form

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

(x_1, y_1) is any point on the line

(x_2, y_2) is any *different* point on the line

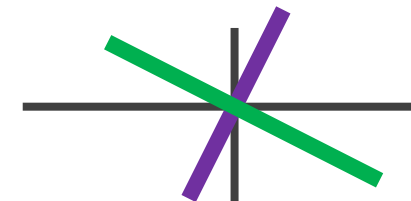


Parallel means the same **gradient**



$$y = 2x + 3 \quad y = 2x - 2$$

Perpendicular means $m = \frac{-1}{m}$



$$y = 2x \quad y = -\frac{1}{2}x$$

Simultaneous equations means solving two or more equations at the same time.

$$y = x$$

$$y = 4 - x$$

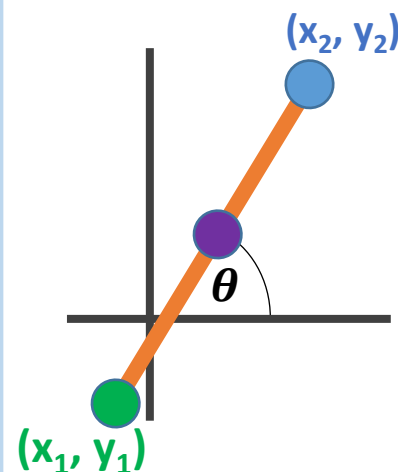
Substitution

$$y = x$$

$$y = 4 - x$$

Elimination

$$y + y = x + 4 - x$$



Length of line Segment = $\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$

Co-ordinate of Midpoint = $\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(\text{gradient})$$

$$\text{gradient} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

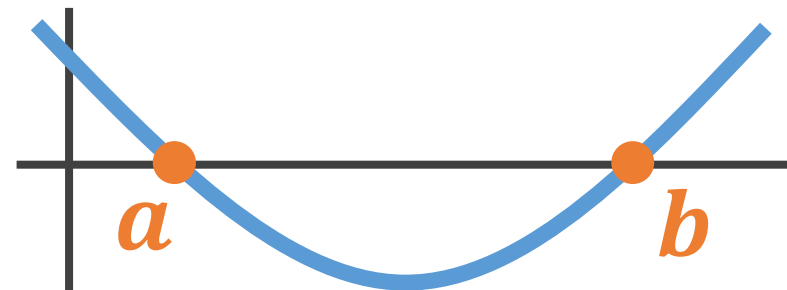
MathsMethods.com.au

Covered in detail in video tutorials, see [PARABOLAS & QUADRATICS](#)

Intercept Form

$$y = d(x - a)(x - b)$$

1. See if positive or negative
2. Draw in x intercepts (which are a and b)
3. Find y intercept (make $x = 0$)

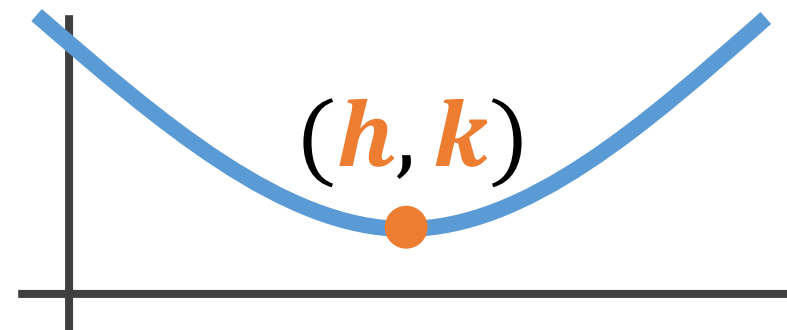


Turning Point Form

$$y = a(x - h)^2 + k$$

1. See if positive or negative
2. Draw in turning point (h, k)
3. Find intercepts (make $x = 0$ and then $y = 0$)

MathsMethods.com.au

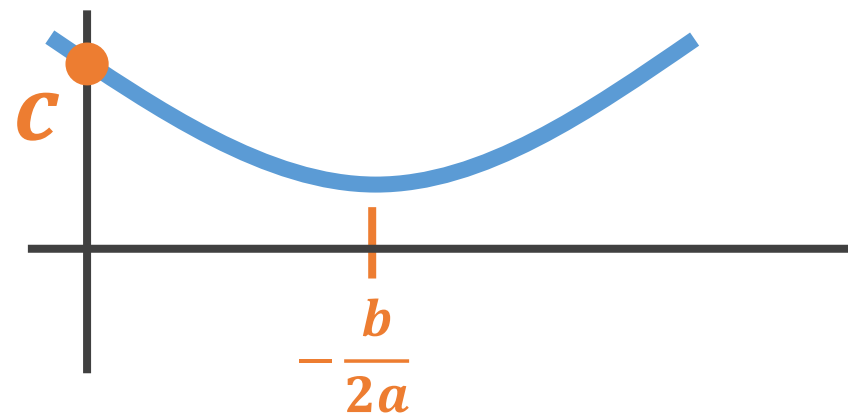


General Form

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

1. See if positive or negative
2. Draw in y-intercept
3. Find x-intercepts if there are any
4. Find turning point

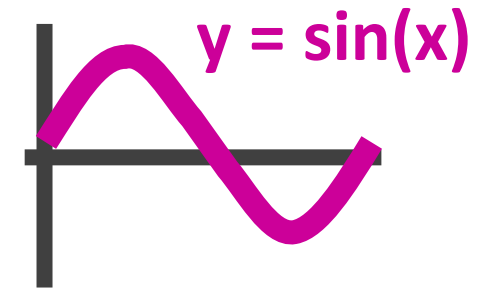
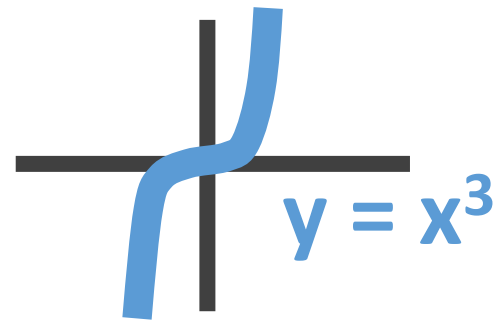
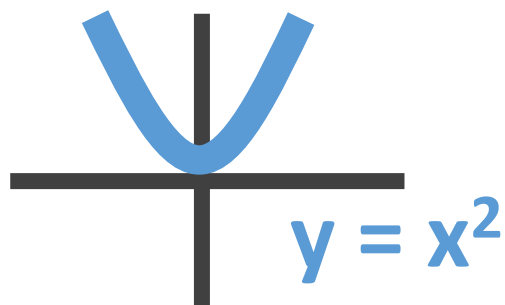
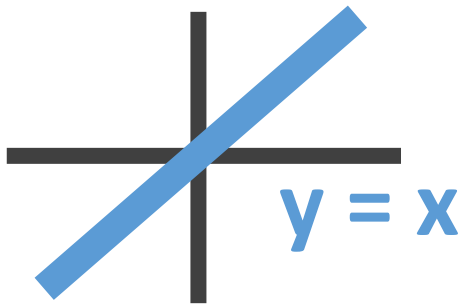
$$x \text{ intercepts} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$



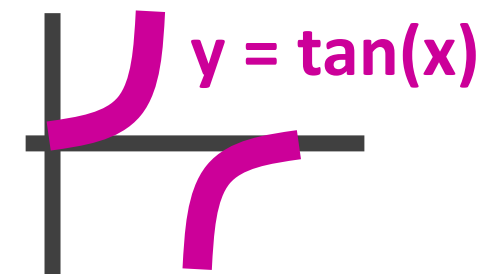
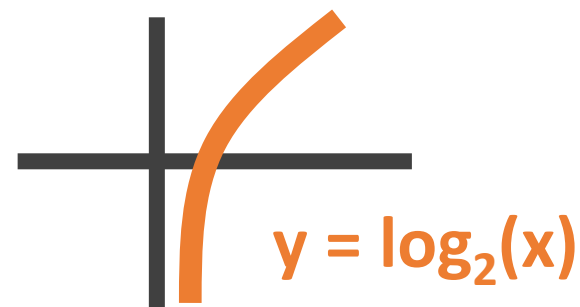
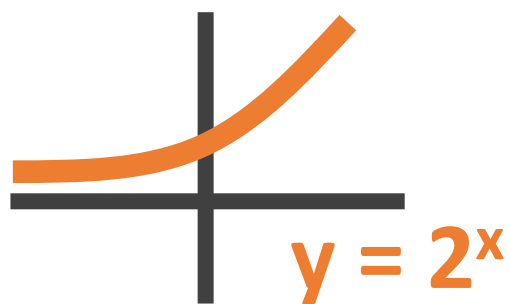
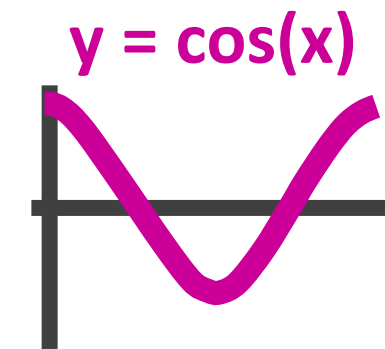
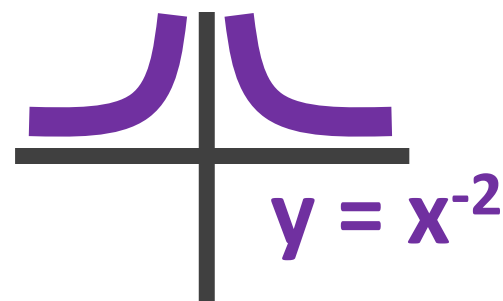
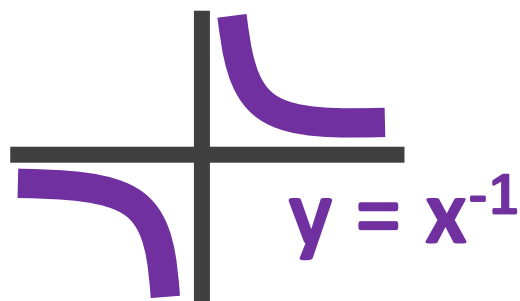
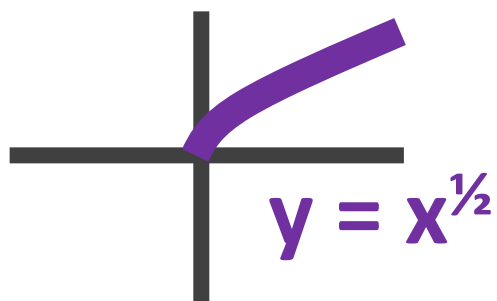
Want [FREE RESOURCES](#) on this topic? See [PARABOLAS](#)

For more resources, see [MathsMethods.com.au](#)

Covered in detail in video tutorials, see [HOW TO SKETCH ANY FUNCTION](#)



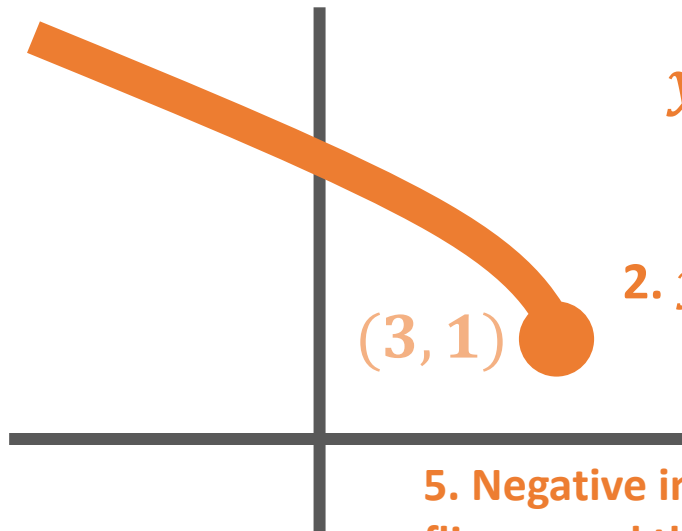
MathsMethods.com.au



5 STEPS: 1. Change form 2. Factorise inside 3. Turning Point 4. Shape 5. Reflections

Covered in detail in video tutorials, see [TRANSLATION – MOVING FUNCTIONS](#) and [STRETCHING AND REFLECTING](#)

$$y = \frac{4}{4-x} + 1$$



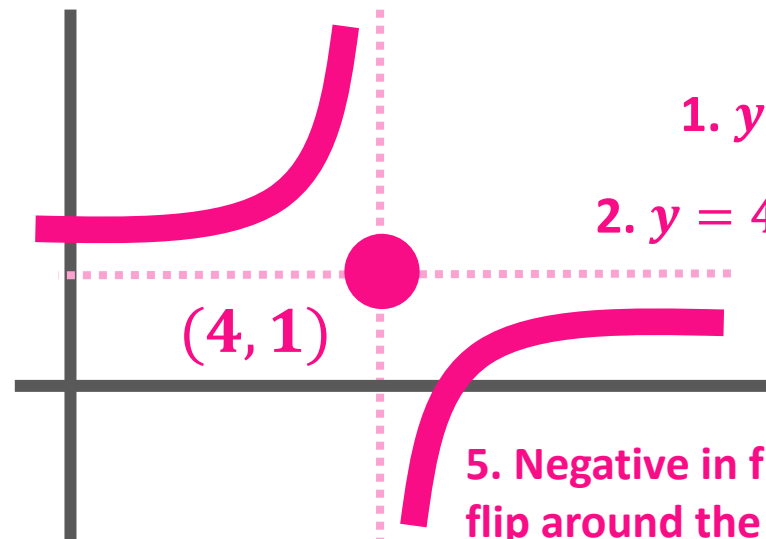
$$y = 3\sqrt{6 - 2x} + 1$$

$$1. y = 3(6 - 2x)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1$$

$$2. y = 3(-2(x - 3))^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1$$

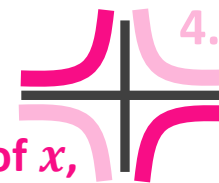


5. Negative in front of x ,
flip around the y -axis



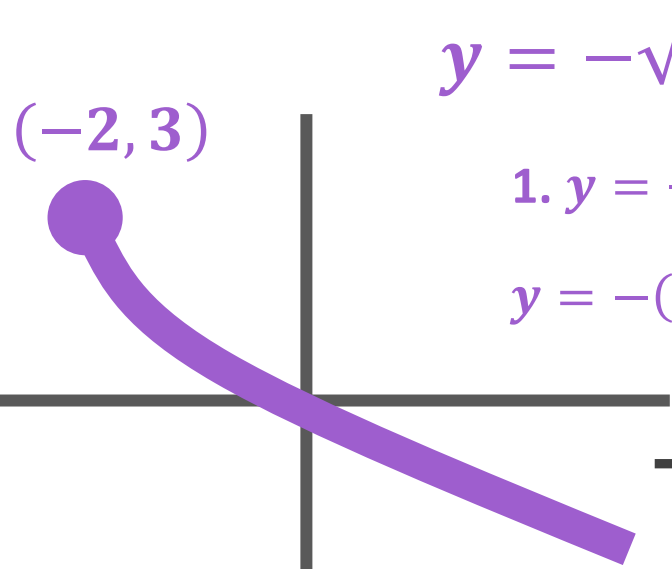
$$1. y = 4(4 - x)^{-1} + 1$$

$$2. y = 4(-(x - 4))^{-1} + 1$$



5. Negative in front of x ,
flip around the y -axis

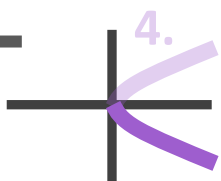
MathsMethods.com.au



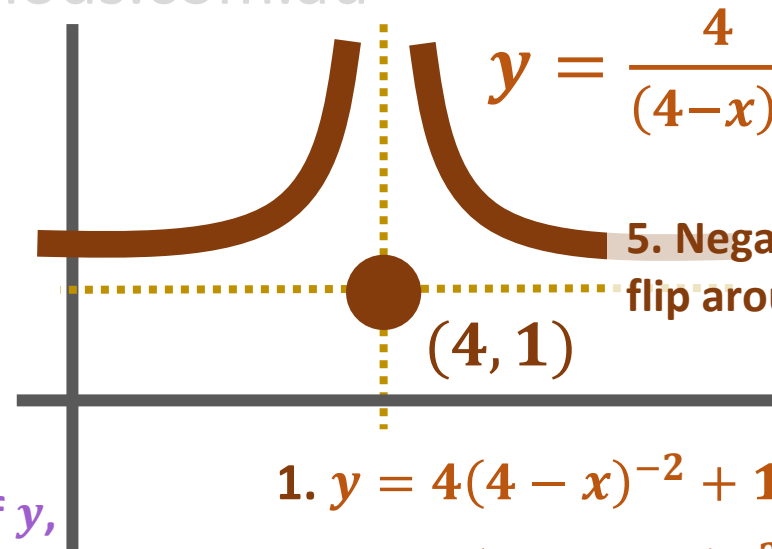
$$y = -\sqrt{2x + 4} + 3$$

$$1. y = -(2x + 4)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 3$$

$$y = -(2(x + 2))^{\frac{1}{2}} + 3$$



5. Negative in front of y ,
flip around the x -axis



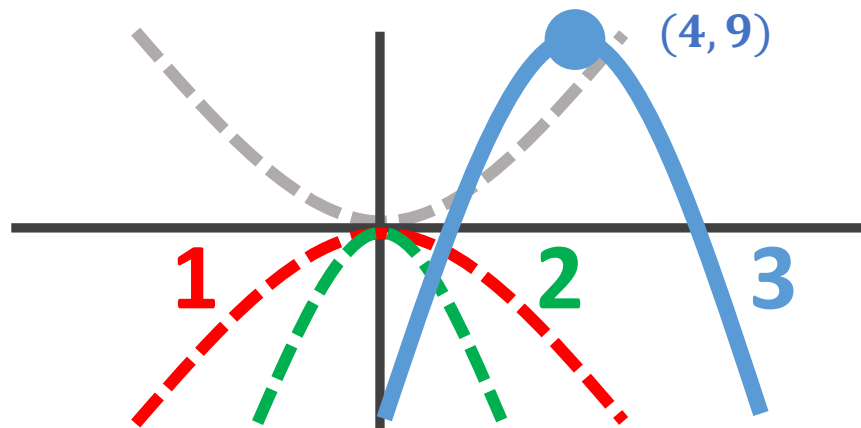
$$y = \frac{4}{(4-x)^2} + 1$$

5. Negative in front of x ,
flip around the y -axis



$$1. y = 4(4 - x)^{-2} + 1$$

$$2. y = 4(-(x - 4))^{-2} + 1$$



$$x^2 \rightarrow -(2(x - 4))^2 + 9$$

$$-f(x) = -x^2$$

1. Reflection in the x-axis

$$f(2x) = -(2x)^2$$

2. Followed by a dilation of factor $\frac{1}{2}$ from the y-axis

$$f(x - 4) + 9 = -(2(x - 4))^2 + 9$$

3. Then a translation of 4 units in positive x-direction and 9 units in the positive y-direction

MathsMethods.com.au

$f\left(\frac{1}{a}x\right)$ is a dilation of factor a from the y-axis
(in the x-direction)

$f(-x)$ is a reflection in the y-axis

$-f(x)$ is a reflection in the x-axis

$bf(x)$ is a dilation of factor b from the x-axis
(in the y-direction)

$f(x) + k$ is a translation along the y-axis

$f(x - h)$ is a translation along the x-axis

Positive
Power

$$x^2 = 1 \times x \times x$$

$$x^1 = 1 \times x$$

$$x^0 = 1$$

Covered in detail in video tutorials, see [EXPONENTIAL LAWS \(POWER LAWS\)](#)Negative
Power

$$\frac{x^m}{x^n} = x^{m-n}$$

$$x^{-1} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$x^{-n} = \frac{1}{x^n}$$

Fraction
Power

$$x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{x}$$

$$x^{\frac{1}{m}} = \sqrt[m]{x}$$

$$x^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{x^m}$$

MathsMethods.com.au

$$x^m x^n = x^{m+n}$$

$$(x^m)^n = x^{mn}$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^n = \frac{x^n}{y^n}$$

Log is power

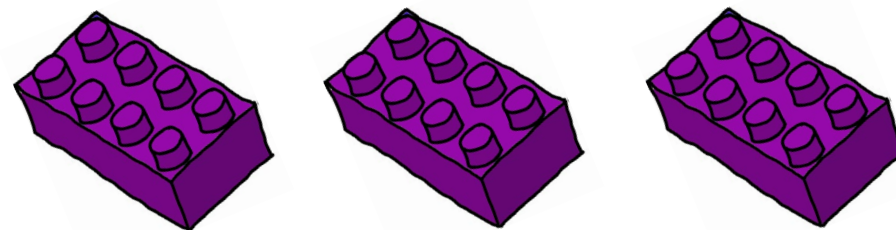
$$\log_2 8 = 3$$

How many 2s are multiplied together

$$2^3 = 8$$

Logarithm is a Greek word

Logos means how many there are



Arithmos means number

2

Logarithm originally means
how many numbers

Covered in detail in video tutorials, see [SKETCHING LOGS AND EXPONENTIALS](#)

$$y = -3e^{(2x+1)} - 2$$

1) Find any reflections

reflected in x-axis

2) Find asymptote

$$y = -2$$

3) Find intercepts

y-intercept, $x = 0$ no x-intercepts

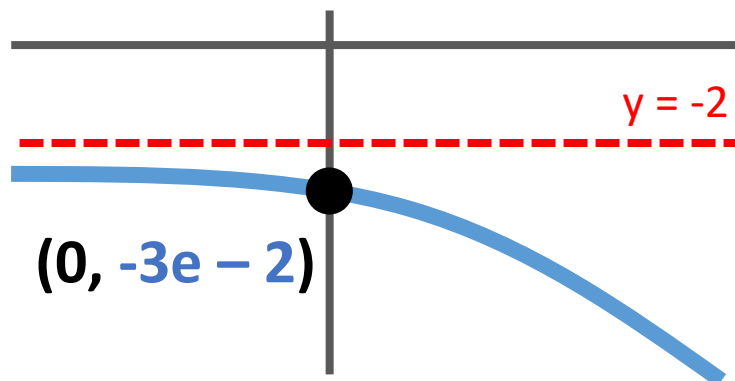
$$y = -3e^{2x+1} - 2$$

$$y = -3e^{2(0)+1} - 2$$

$$y = -3e^1 - 2$$

4) Domain **R**, Range **$(-\infty, -2)$**

Domain **R**, Range **$(-\infty, -2)$**



MathsMethods.com.au

$$y = \log_e(-2x + 4) - 3$$

1) Find any reflections

reflected in y-axis

2) Find asymptote

$$(-2x+4) = 0 \quad x = 2$$

3) Find intercepts

x-intercept, $y = 0$

y-intercept, $x = 0$

$$0 = \log_e(-2x + 4) - 3$$

$$y = \log_e(4) - 3$$

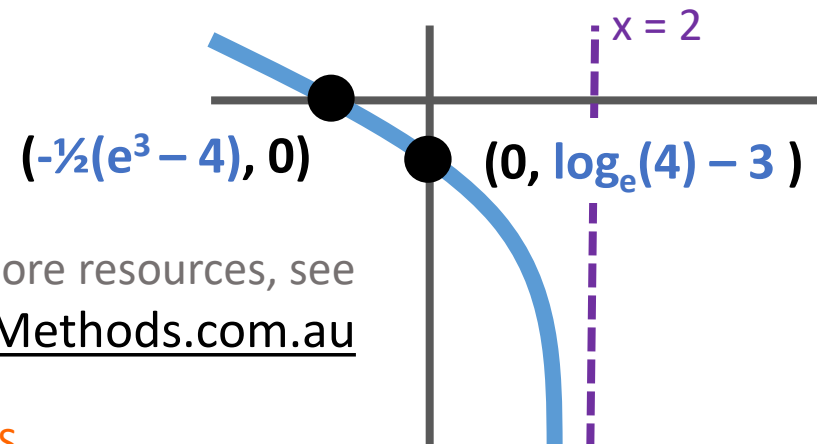
$$3 = \log_e(-2x + 4)$$

$$e^3 = -2x + 4$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}(e^3 - 4)$$

4) Domain **$(-\infty, 2)$** , Range **R**

Domain **$(-\infty, 2)$** , Range **R**

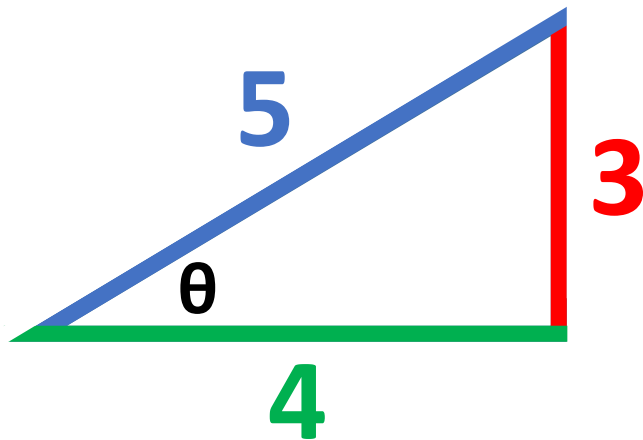


For more resources, see
[MathsMethods.com.au](#)

Want **FREE RESOURCES** on this topic? See [SKETCHING LOGS AND EXPONENTIALS](#)

Covered in detail in video tutorials, see [DEFINITIONS OF SIN AND COS](#) and [THE UNIT CIRCLE](#)

SOH CAH TOA

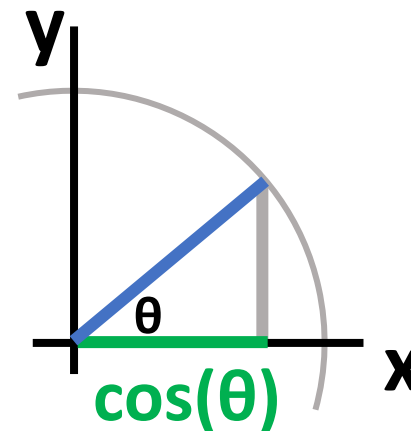
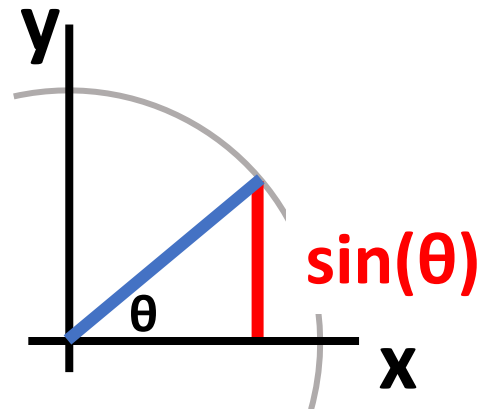


$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{\text{Length of Opposite}}{\text{Length of Hypotenuse}} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\text{Length of Adjacent}}{\text{Length of Hypotenuse}} = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{\text{Length of Opposite}}{\text{Length of Adjacent}} = \frac{3}{4}$$

In a unit circle, **hypotenuse** always = 1
 $\sin(\theta)$ = Length of **Opposite** $\cos(\theta)$ = Length of **Adjacent**

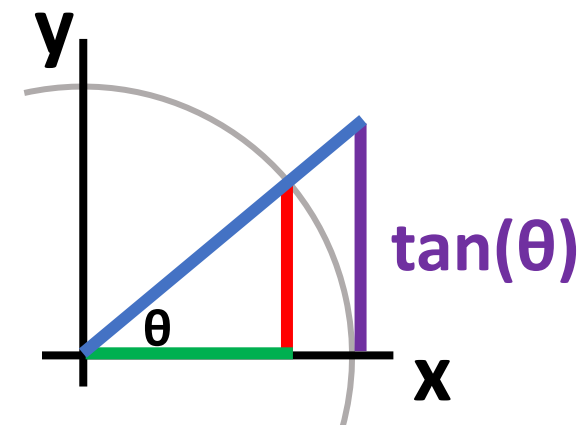


MathsMethods.com.au

Tangent is a line which touches a circle only at one point.



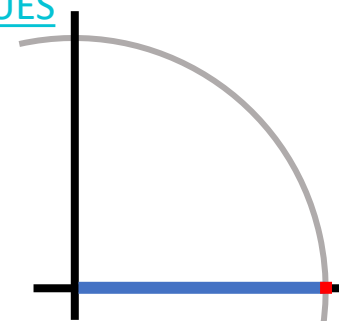
$\tan(\theta)$ is the length of the tangent, cut off by the x axis and the radius.



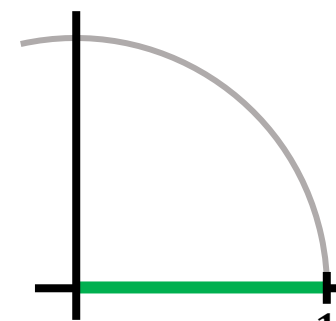
Exact Values

Covered in detail in video tutorials, see [PROVING EXACT VALUES](#)

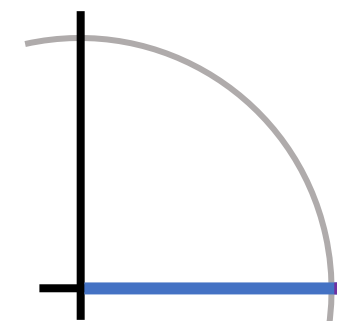
Angle	$\sin(\theta)$	$\cos(\theta)$	$\tan(\theta)$
0	0	1	0
$\frac{\pi}{6}$ 30	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
$\frac{\pi}{4}$ 45	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	1
$\frac{\pi}{3}$ 60	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\sqrt{3}$
$\frac{\pi}{2}$ 90	1	0	undefined



$$\sin(0) = 0$$

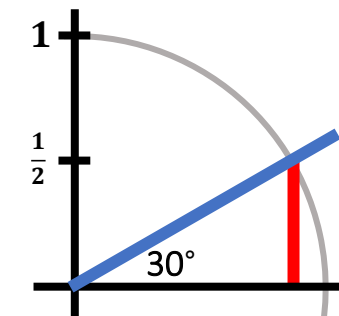


$$\cos(0) = 1$$

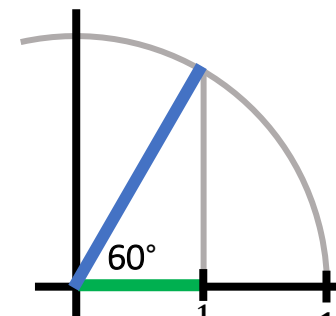


$$\tan(0) = 0$$

$\frac{\pi}{6}$ 30

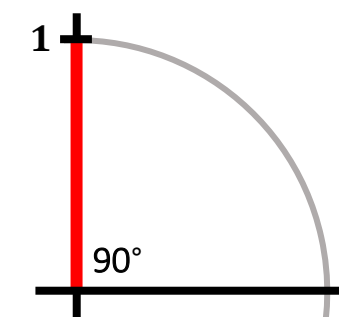


$$\sin(30) = \frac{1}{2}$$

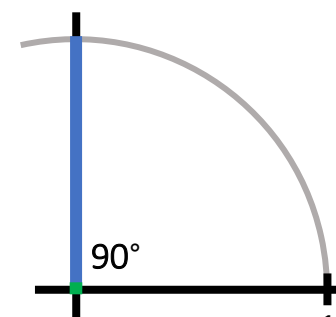


$$\cos(60) = \frac{1}{2}$$

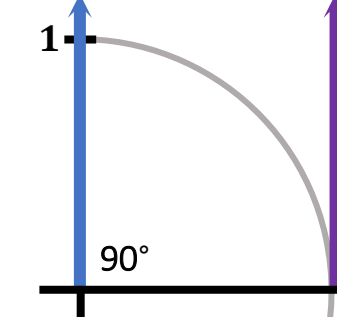
$\frac{\pi}{4}$ 45



$$\sin(90) = 1$$



$$\cos(90) = 0$$



$$\tan(90) = \text{undefined}$$

$\frac{\pi}{3}$ 60

$\frac{\pi}{2}$ 90

MathsMethods.com.au

For more resources, see [MathsMethods.com.au](#)

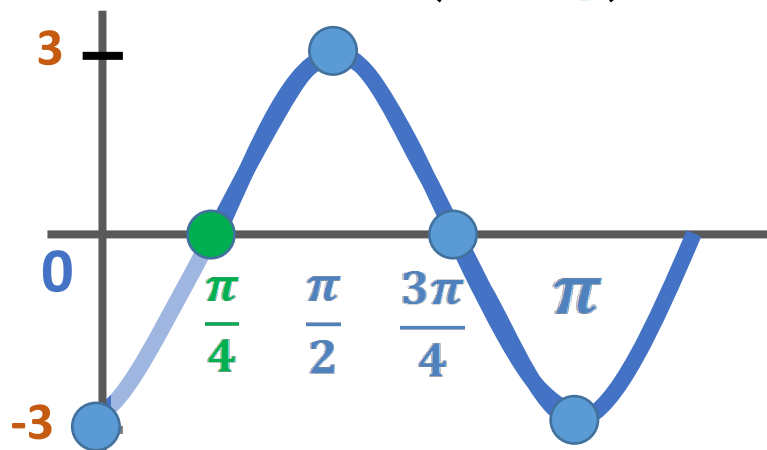
Graphing SIN or COS in two different forms

Covered in detail in video tutorials, see [SKETCHING SIN, COS & TAN](#)

$$y = A \sin(k(x - b))$$

1. Draw in starting point and amplitude
2. Period = $\frac{2\pi}{k} = \pi$
3. Divide period into 4 = $\frac{\pi}{4}$
4. Add and subtract this to starting point

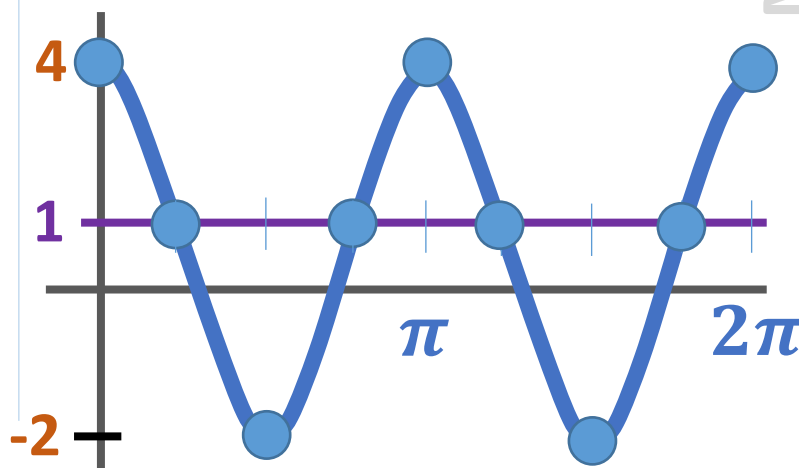
$$y = 3 \sin 2 \left(x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$



$$y = A \sin(kx) + c$$

1. Draw in vertical translation and A
2. Period = $\frac{2\pi}{k} = \pi$
3. Write in period and divide it by 4
4. Find intercepts (see next page)

$$y = 3 \cos(2x) + 1$$



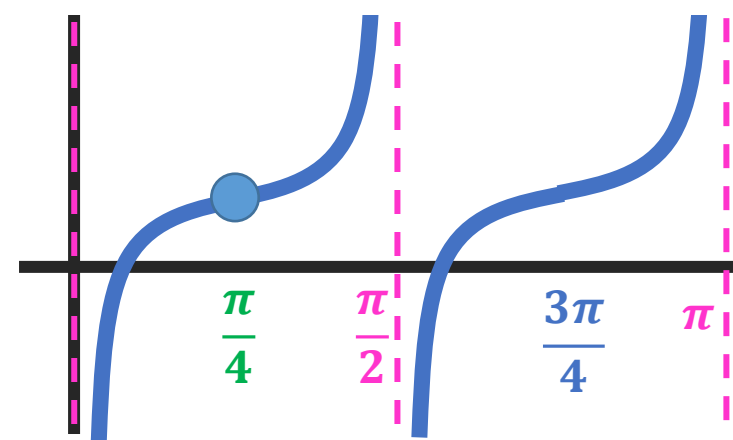
MathsMethods.com.au

Graphing TAN

$$y = A \tan(k(x - b)) + c$$

1. Draw in starting point (b, c)
2. Period = $\frac{\pi}{k} = \frac{\pi}{2}$
3. Divide period into 2 = $\frac{\pi}{4}$
4. Add and subtract this to starting point
5. Draw in asymptotes

$$y = 3 \tan \left(2 \left(x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right) + 1$$



Covered in detail in video tutorials, see [FINDING THE DERIVATIVE](#)

Derivative of x

$$f(x) = 5x^4 \quad f'(x) = 4 \times 5x^3$$

1. Multiply the x by the power
2. Minus one from the power

$$f(x) = \text{any number} \quad f'(x) = 0$$

example

$$f(x) = 6x^5 - 3x^{\frac{2}{3}} + 2x^{-1} - 4$$

$$f'(x) = 5 \times 6x^4 - \frac{2}{3} \times 3x^{-\frac{1}{3}} + -1 \times 2x^{-2} + 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx} \quad \text{is exactly the same as}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(g(x)) \times g'(x)$$

Chain Rule (short version)

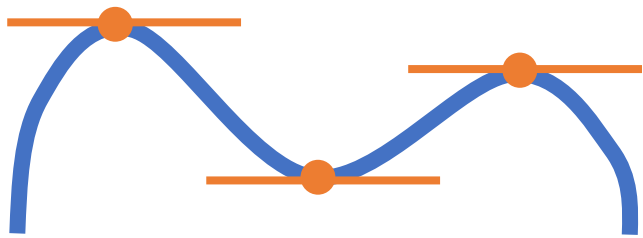
1. Derive outside function
2. Multiply it by derivative of the inside function

$$y = 2(x^3 - 5)^5$$

$$1. \quad 5 \times 2(x^3 - 5)^4$$

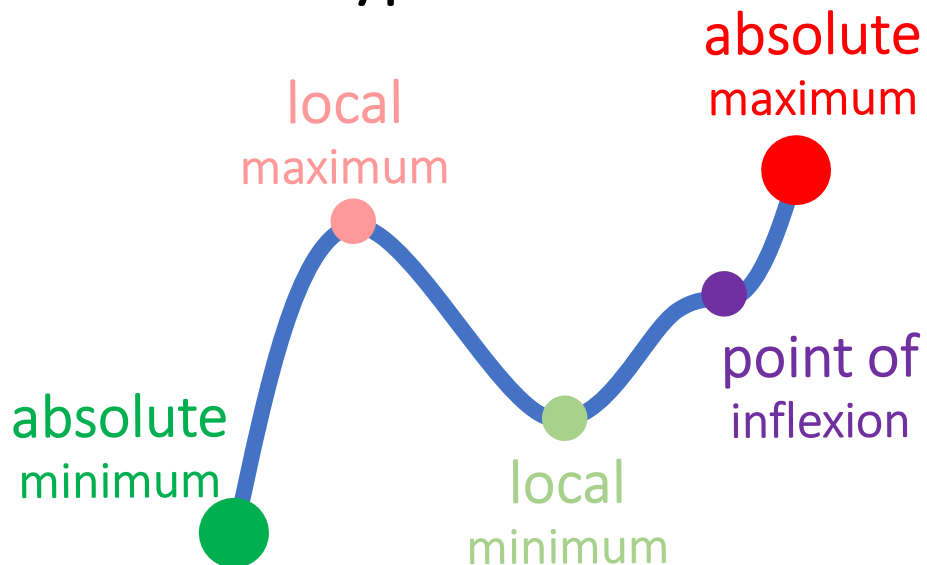
$$2. \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 5 \times 2(x^3 - 5)^4 \times 3x^2$$

Stationary point means where the gradient of the curve is zero.



$$f'(x) = 0$$

Types of S.P



How to find stationary points $f(x) = 2x^3 + 1$

1. Find $f'(x) = 0$ and solve for x

$$f'(x) = 6x^2 \quad 6x^2 = 0 \quad x = 0$$

2. Sub x value into $f(x)$

$$f(0) = 2(0)^3 + 1 = 1$$

Stationary point
at $(0, 1)$

3. To find type: Sub in two x values (before and after the S.P.)

$$f'(-1) = 6(-1)^2 = 6$$

positive

$$f'(1) = 6(1)^2 = 6$$

positive

It is a point of inflection (see diagram below)



$$f'(\text{before}) = \text{positive}$$

$$f'(\text{after}) = \text{negative}$$



$$f'(\text{before}) = \text{neg}$$

$$f'(\text{after}) = \text{pos}$$



$$f'(\text{before}) = \text{pos}$$

$$f'(\text{after}) = \text{pos}$$

Kinematics is the subject about how objects move

x = displacement

$\frac{dx}{dt}$ = velocity

$\frac{dv}{dt}$ = acceleration

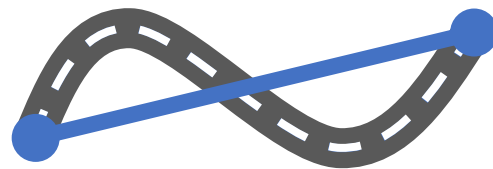
MathsMethods.com.au

Differentiate →

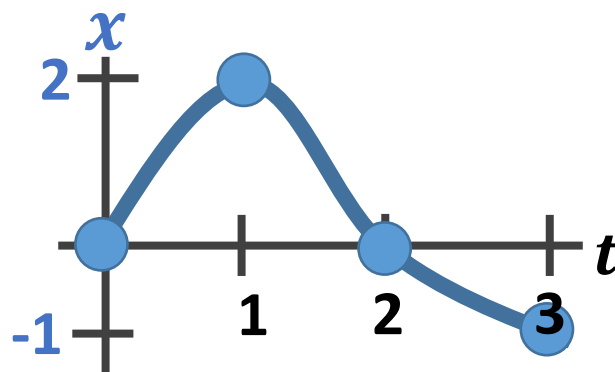
x $\frac{dx}{dt}$ $\frac{dv}{dt}$

← Antidifferentiate

Distance means how far something has moved



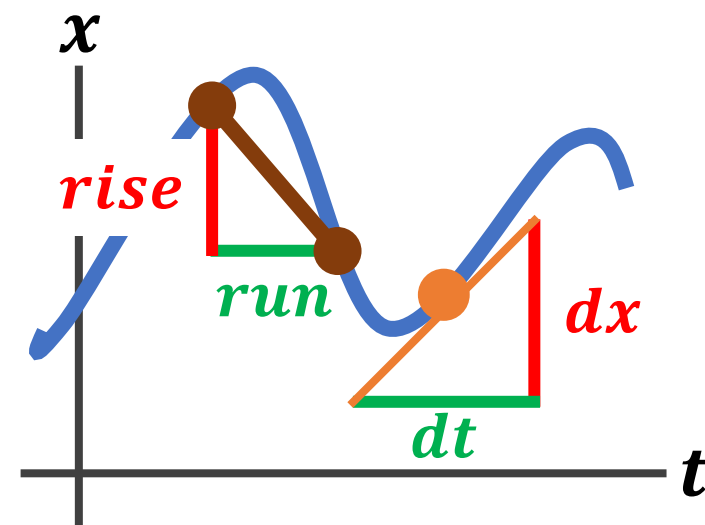
Displacement means how far away something is



time	0	1	2	3
Distance	0	2	4	5
Displacement	0	2	0	-1

Instantaneous means gradient

one point on the curve



Average means $\frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$

two points on the curve

instantaneous velocity = $\frac{dx}{dt}$

average velocity = $\frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$

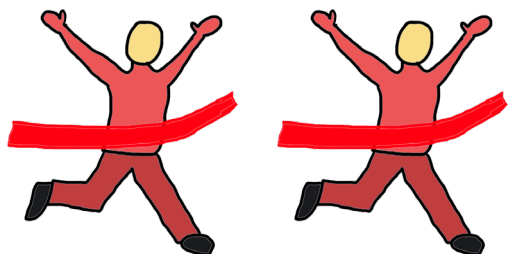
Covered in detail in video tutorials, see [RANDOM VARIABLES](#) and [DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLES](#)

Discrete Random Variable is a letter that represents an outcome in terms of **countable** numbers

Usually use capital letter **X**

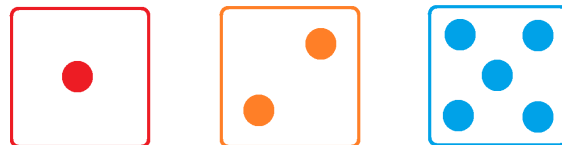
Races won (out of 3)

$\Pr(X = 2)$



Sum of a die when rolling 3 times

$\Pr(X = 8)$



MathsMethods.com.au

A few rules

If you add all the $\Pr(X)$, it will = **1**

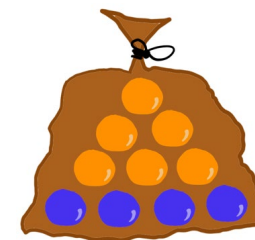
$\Pr(X = x)$ is **always positive** and **never larger than 1**

To find $\Pr(a \leq X \leq b)$, just add up all $\Pr(X)$ from **a** to **b**

Want **FREE RESOURCES** on this topic? See [DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLES](#)

Example: 10 balls in a bag: 4 blue and 6 orange

If picking 3 balls at a time (with replacement), what is probability of only getting one blue ball?



Outcome	X	Pr(X)
BBB	3	$0.4 \times 0.4 \times 0.4 = 0.064$
BBO	2	$0.4 \times 0.4 \times 0.6 = 0.096$
BOB	2	$0.4 \times 0.6 \times 0.4 = 0.096$
OBB	2	$0.6 \times 0.4 \times 0.4 = 0.096$
OOB	1	$0.6 \times 0.6 \times 0.4 = 0.144$
OBO	1	$0.6 \times 0.4 \times 0.6 = 0.144$
BOO	1	$0.4 \times 0.6 \times 0.6 = 0.144$
OOO	0	$0.6 \times 0.6 \times 0.6 = 0.216$

$$\Pr(X = 1) = 0.144 + 0.144 + 0.144 = 0.432$$

For more resources, see [MathsMethods.com.au](#)

Final thoughts & extra resources!

Hope you have enjoyed this material! If you have any comments or feedback, please feel free to contact me at alex@mathsmethods.com.au. Good luck!

Free Exam Questions with Worked Solutions

[Click here to access](#)

Free Calculus Mini Course

[Click here to access](#)

Maths Methods Workshop

[Register your seat!](#)

Kind regards



Alex Bell | Founder of **MathsMethods.com.au**

Maths Methods Video Tutorials

The whole year in detail with plenty of practice questions and exam-style tests!

[Year 12: Get instant access!](#)

[Year 11: Get instant access!](#)

More Free resources!

Get informed about your last years in Secondary School. It's worth a read!

1. Understanding ATAR

[How ATAR is Calculated](#)

[How SACs Affect Your ATAR](#)

[Why Life Doesn't Depend on ATAR](#)

2. Study Techniques

[How to Study Effectively](#)

[Exam Technique for Better Marks](#)

[How to Make a Bound Reference](#)

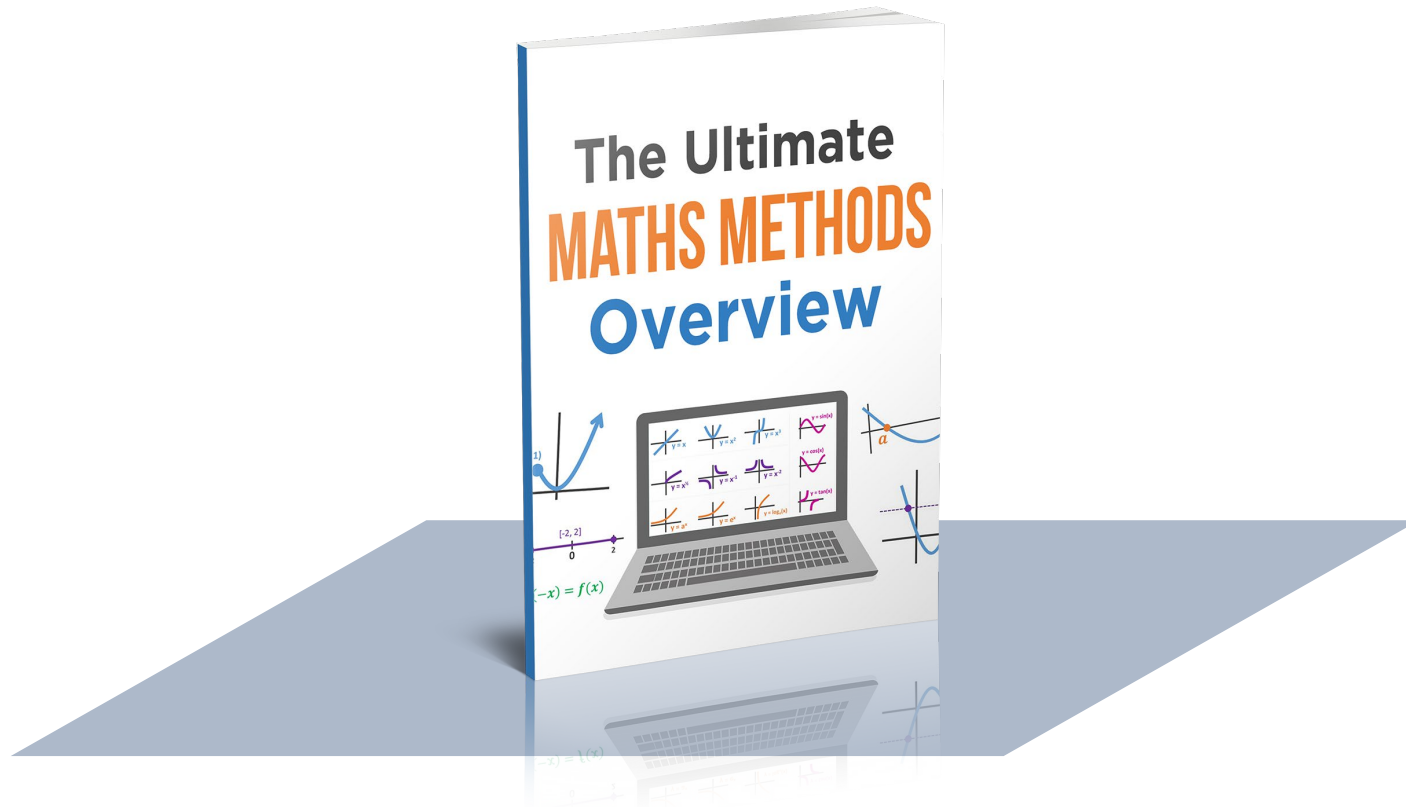
3. More Resources

[Maths Methods Discussion Group](#)

[Maths Methods Music Videos](#)

Did you like these cheatsheets?

Get the full Maths Methods Overview!



The full 55 page downloadable book!

[MathsMethods.com.au/overview](https://www.mathsmethods.com.au/overview)