

Maths Equations

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Perimeter, area, surface area and volume formulae

Where a and b are the lengths of the parallel sides and h is their perpendicular separation:

$$\text{Area of a trapezium} = \frac{1}{2} (a+b) h$$

$$\text{Volume of a prism} = \text{area of cross section} \times \text{length}$$

Where r is the radius of the sphere or cone, l is the slant height of a cone and h is the perpendicular height of a cone:

$$\text{Curved surface area of a cone} = \pi r l$$

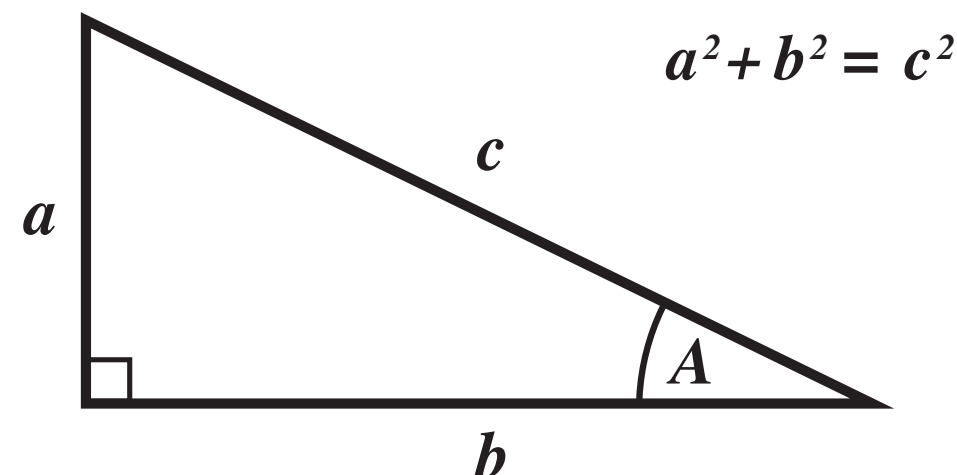
$$\text{Surface area of a sphere} = 4\pi r^2$$

$$\text{Volume of a sphere} = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$\text{Volume of a cone} = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$$

Pythagoras's theorem

In any right-angled triangle where a , b and c are the length of the sides and c is the hypotenuse:



Compound interest

Where P is the principal amount, r is the interest rate over a given period and n is number of times that the interest is compounded:

$$\text{Total accrued} = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{100} \right)^n$$

The quadratic formula

The solutions of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ where $a \neq 0$

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

Circumference and area of a circle

Where r is the radius and d is the diameter:

$$\text{Circumference of a circle} = 2\pi r = \pi d$$

$$\text{Area of a circle} = \pi r^2$$

Kinematics formulae

Where a is constant acceleration, u is initial velocity, v is final velocity, s is displacement from the position when $t = 0$ and t is time taken:

$$v = u + at$$

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

Trigonometric formulae

In any right-angled triangle **ABC** where a is the opposite, b is the adjacent and c is the hypotenuse:

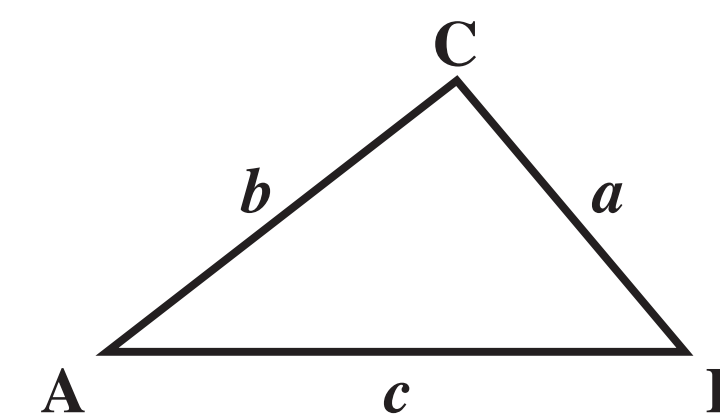
$$\sin A = \frac{a}{c}, \cos A = \frac{b}{c}, \tan A = \frac{a}{b}$$

In any triangle **ABC** where a , b and c are the length of the sides

$$\text{sine rule: } \frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$\text{cosine rule: } a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} ab \sin C$$



Probability

Where $P(A)$ is the probability of outcome A and $P(B)$ is the probability of outcome B :

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A \text{ given } B) P(B)$$