

ALGEBRA

QUICK OVERVIEW OF ALGEBRA

DIFFERENCE OF 2 SQUARES

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$$

FORMULA FOR SOLVING QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

EQUAL ROOTS

The quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ has equal roots if $b^2 = 4ac$.

FACTOR THEOREM

If (x-k) is a factor of f(x) then k is a root of f(x) = 0, i.e. f(k) = 0 and vice versa.

Power Rules
1.
$$a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$$
 Ex. $x^3 \times x^2 = x^5$
2. $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$ Ex. $\frac{x^5}{x^3} = x^2$
3. $a^0 = 1$ Ex. $5^0 = 1$
4. $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$ Ex. $x^{-3} = \frac{1}{x^3}$
5. $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$ Ex. $(x^3)^2 = x^6$
6. $\sqrt{a} = a^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Ex. $\sqrt{9} = 9^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3$









AREA & VOLUME



THE LINE



THE CIRCLE



QUICK OVERVIEW OF GEOMETRY

There are ten theorems you need to learn. Theorem 1 has two deductions.

THEOREM 1: The sum of the degree measures of the interior angles of a triangle is 180°.

DEDUCTION 1: The degree measure of the exterior angle of a triangle is equal to the sum of the two remote interior angles.

DEDUCTION 2: An exterior angle of a triangle is greater than either of the two remote (opposite) interior angles.

THEOREM 2: The opposite sides of a parallelogram have equal lengths.

THEOREM 3: If three parallel lines make intercepts of equal length on a transversal, then they will make intercepts of equal lengths on any other transversal.

THEOREM 4: A line which is parallel to one side of a triangle, and cuts a second side, will cut the third side in the same proportion as the second.

THEOREM 5: If the three angles of one triangle have a degree measure equal respectively to the degree measure of the angles of a second triangle then the lengths of the corresponding sides of the two triangles are proportional.

THEOREM 6: In a right-angled triangle the square of the length of the side opposite to the right-angle is equal to the sum of the squares of the lengths of the other two sides.

THEOREM 7: (Converse of Pythagoras) If the square of the length of one side of a triangle is equal to the sum of the squares of the lengths of the other two sides then the triangle has a right angle and this is opposite the longest side.

THEOREM 8: The products of the lengths of the sides of a triangle by the corresponding altitudes are equal.

THEOREM 9: If the lengths of a triangle are unequal, then the degree measures of the angles opposite to them are unequal, with the greater angle opposite to the longer side.

THEOREM 10: The sum of the lengths of any two sides of a triangle is greater than that of the third side.

ENLARGEMENTS



TRIGONOMETRY





STATISTICS



THE TABLES

You are allowed to use the official Department of Education table book in the exam hall. There is a lot of information in this book that you do not need. The information on the following pages has been extracted from the official table book and is exactly what you need for the Leaving Cert. Ordinary Level Maths papers.

THE TABLES



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 $\cos^2 A + \sin^2 A = 1$ $\tan A = \frac{\sin A}{\cos A}$



Α	0	π	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{6}$
Α	0°	180°	90°	60°	45°	30°
$\cos A$	1	-1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
sin A	0	0	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
tan A	0	0	×	$\sqrt{3}$	1	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Use the Sine and Cosine rules to solve triangles.



Sine formula:
$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

Cosine formula:
$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos \theta$$

Compound Angle formulae

 $\cos(A+B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B$

 $\sin(A+B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$

The formulae for cos(A-B) and sin(A-B) can be obtained by changing the signs in these formulae.

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These formulae are obtained by replacing *B* by *A* in the compound angle formulae.

 $\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$ $\sin 2A = 2\sin A \cos A$

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DIFFERENTIATION

$$f'(x) \qquad f'(x) \equiv \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)]$$
$$x^{n} \qquad nx^{n-1}$$

Products and Quotients:

$$y = uv; \frac{dy}{dx} = u\frac{dv}{dx} + v\frac{du}{dx}$$
$$y = \frac{u}{v}; \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v\frac{du}{dx} - u\frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$