

# Additional Mathematics Formula Book

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### Section 1: Algebra, Sequences and Series

#### A. Algebra

**Remainder Theorem:** When  $f(x)$  is divided by  $(x - a)$ , the remainder is  $f(a)$ .

**Factor Theorem:**  $(x - a)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$  if and only if  $f(a) = 0$ .

#### B. Quadratics

For  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ :

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

**Vertex form**  $a(x + h)^2 + k$ , vertex at  $(-h, k)$ :

$$h = \frac{b}{2a} \quad k = c - ah^2$$

**Discriminant**  $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$ :

[Math: \Delta]	Nature of roots
[Math: \Delta > 0]	Two distinct real roots
[Math: \Delta = 0]	One repeated real root
[Math: \Delta < 0]	No real roots

**Vieta's formulas** for roots  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ :

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} \quad \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

Expression	How to evaluate
$[\text{Math: } \alpha^2 + \beta^2]$	$[\text{Math: } (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta]$
$[\text{Math: } (\alpha - \beta)^2]$	$[\text{Math: } (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta]$
$[\text{Math: } \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta}]$	$[\text{Math: } \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta}]$
$[\text{Math: } \alpha^2\beta + \alpha\beta^2]$	$[\text{Math: } \alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta)]$

**Forming a new quadratic** from known sum  $S$  and product  $P$ :

$$x^2 - Sx + P = 0$$

Multiply through by a constant if needed so that  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

## C. Inequalities

**Quadratic inequalities:** find the critical values (roots), sketch the parabola, read the solution set from the graph.

**Rational inequalities**  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \leq k$

: rearrange to get zero on one side, find critical values (roots and excluded values), apply a sign diagram.

## D. Surds, Indices, and Logarithms

**Surd rules:**

$$\sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab} \quad \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} \quad \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{a} = a$$

Rationalise using the conjugate:  $(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}) = a - b$ .

**Laws of indices:**

Law	Rule

$[Math: a^m \times a^n]$	$[Math: a^{m+n}]$
$[Math: a^m \div a^n]$	$[Math: a^{m-n}]$
$[Math: (a^m)^n]$	$[Math: a^{mn}]$
$[Math: a^0]$	$[Math: 1]$
$[Math: a^{-n}]$	$[Math: \frac{1}{a^n}]$
$[Math: a^{m/n}]$	$[Math: \sqrt[n]{a^m}]$
$[Math: (ab)^m]$	$[Math: a^m b^m]$

If  $a^m = a^n$  and  $a \neq 0, 1$ , then  $m = n$ .

**Logarithm definition:**  $a^x = b \iff \log_a b = x$  ( $a > 0, a \neq 1, b > 0$ )

Key values:  $\log_a 1 = 0, \log_a a = 1$ .

**Laws of logarithms:**

Law	Statement
Product	$[Math: \log_a(xy) = \log_a x + \log_a y]$
Quotient	$[Math: \log_a\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_a x - \log_a y]$
Power	$[Math: \log_a(x^n) = n \log_a x]$

To solve  $a^x = b$ : apply **log** to both sides and use the power law:  $x = \frac{\log b}{\log a}$ .

**Linearisation:**

Relationship	Linearised form	Plot	Gradient	Intercept
$[Math: y = ab^x]$	$[Math: \log y = x \log b + \log a]$	$[Math: \log y]$ vs $[Math: x]$	$[Math: \log b]$	$[Math: \log a]$
$[Math: y = ax^n]$	$[Math: \log y = n \log x + \log a]$	$[Math: \log y]$ vs $[Math: \log x]$	$[Math: n]$	$[Math: \log a]$

## E. Sequences and Series

**Sigma notation:**  $\sum_{r=1}^n U_r$  means the sum of  $U_r$  from  $r = 1$  to  $r = n$ .

**Arithmetic sequences** ( $a$  = first term,  $d$  = common difference,  $l$  = last term,  $n$  terms):

$$T_n = a + (n - 1)d \quad S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n - 1)d] = \frac{n}{2}(a + l)$$

**Geometric sequences**(  $a$  = first term,  $r$  = common ratio):

$$T_n = ar^{n-1} \quad r = \frac{T_{n+1}}{T_n} \quad S_n = \frac{a(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$$

**Sum to infinity**(converges when  $|r| < 1$  only):

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1 - r}$$

## Section 2: Coordinate Geometry, Vectors, and Trigonometry

### A. Coordinate Geometry

For two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$ :

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \quad d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \quad M = \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

Parallel lines: equal gradients. Perpendicular lines:  $m_1 m_2 = -1$ .

**Equation of a line:**  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

**Circle equations:**

Form	Equation	Centre	Radius
Standard	$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$	$(a, b)$	$r$
General	$x^2 + y^2 + 2fx + 2gy + c = 0$	$(-f, -g)$	$\sqrt{f^2 + g^2 - c}$

The tangent at a point on a circle is perpendicular to the radius at that point.

## B. Vectors

For  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ :

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \hat{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|}$$

Dot product:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = ac + bd$$

Angle between vectors:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|}$$

- $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$  : vectors are perpendicular.
- $\mathbf{b} = k\mathbf{a}$  for some scalar  $k$  : vectors are parallel.
- Three points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  are collinear if  $\overrightarrow{AB} = k\overrightarrow{AC}$ .

**Direction of a vector:**  $\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ , then adjust for the correct quadrant (add  $180^\circ$  in Q2 or Q3).

## C. Trigonometry

Conversion:

$$\theta^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180} \rightarrow \text{rad} \quad \theta \text{ rad} \times \frac{180}{\pi} \rightarrow ^\circ$$

**Arc and sector** ( $\theta$  in radians):

$$l = r\theta \quad A_{\text{sector}} = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta \quad A_{\text{segment}} = \frac{1}{2}r^2(\theta - \sin \theta)$$

Exact values:

$\theta$	0	$30^\circ$	$45^\circ$	$60^\circ$	$90^\circ$
$\sin \theta$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1
$\cos \theta$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
$\tan \theta$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	1	$\sqrt{3}$	undef.

**CAST rule:** All (Q1), Sine (Q2), Tangent (Q3), Cosine (Q4) are positive.

### Graph properties:

Function	Period	Amplitude
$y = a \sin(kx)$	$\frac{2\pi}{k}$	$ a $
$y = a \cos(kx)$	$\frac{2\pi}{k}$	$ a $
$y = a \tan(kx)$	$\frac{\pi}{k}$	—

### Pythagorean identities:

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \quad \tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$$

### Compound angle formulas:

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

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\tan(A \pm B) = \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B}$$

### Double angle formulas:

$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A = 1 - 2\sin^2 A = 2\cos^2 A - 1$$

$$\tan 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}$$

## Section 3: Introductory Calculus

### A. Differentiation

[Math: f(x)]	[Math: f'(x)]
[Math: x^n]	[Math: nx^{n-1}]
[Math: \sin(ax)]	[Math: a\cos(ax)]
[Math: \cos(ax)]	[Math: -a\sin(ax)]

**Chain rule**(let  $u = g(x)$ ,  $y = f(u)$ ):

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

**Product rule**(  $y = uv$ ):

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

**Quotient rule**(  $y = \frac{u}{v}$ ):

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

**Stationary points**:set  $f'(x) = 0$ , solve for  $x$ , find  $y$ .

Second derivative at stationary point	Nature
[Math: f''(x) > 0]	Minimum

[Math: $f''(x) < 0$ ]	Maximum
[Math: $f''(x) = 0$ ]	Inconclusive; use sign-change test on [Math: $f'(x)$ ]

**Tangent and normal** at  $(x_0, y_0)$ : tangent gradient  $m_T = f'(x_0)$ ; normal gradient

$$m_N = -\frac{1}{m_T}.$$

**Connected rates:**  $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}$

## B. Integration

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + c \quad (n \neq -1)$$

$$\int (ax + b)^n dx = \frac{(ax + b)^{n+1}}{a(n+1)} + c$$

$$\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) + c \quad \int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) + c$$

**Area under a curve** between  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ :

$$A = \int_a^b y dx$$

**Area between two curves** ( $f(x) \geq g(x)$  on  $[a, b]$ ):

$$A = \int_a^b [f(x) - g(x)] dx$$

**Volume of revolution** about the  $x$ -axis:

$$V = \pi \int_a^b y^2 dx$$

## Kinematics

Displacement  $s$ , velocity  $v$ , acceleration  $a$ , time  $t$ :

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt} \quad a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$$

$$s = \int v dt \quad v = \int a dt$$

**SUVAT equations**(uniform acceleration only;  $u$  = initial velocity,  $s$  = displacement):

$$v = u + at \quad s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2 \quad v^2 = u^2 + 2as \quad s = \frac{1}{2}(u + v)t$$

Particle is stationary when  $v = 0$ . Direction changes when  $v$  changes sign.

## Section 4: Probability and Statistics

### A. Data Representation and Analysis

Mean:

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n} \quad (\text{ungrouped}) \quad \bar{x} = \frac{\sum fx}{\sum f} \quad (\text{grouped})$$

Variance and standard deviation:

$$S^2 = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n} \quad S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n}} \quad (\text{ungrouped})$$

$$S^2 = \frac{\sum f(x - \bar{x})^2}{\sum f} \quad (\text{grouped})$$

Measures of spread:

$$\text{Range} = x_{\max} - x_{\min} \quad \text{IQR} = Q_3 - Q_1 \quad \text{Semi-IQR} = \frac{Q_3 - Q_1}{2}$$

### Skewness:

Box plot pattern	Skew	Order of averages
Right whisker longer / [Math: $Q_3 - Q_2 > Q_2 - Q_1$ ]	Positive	Mode < Median < Mean
Left whisker longer / [Math: $Q_3 - Q_2 < Q_2 - Q_1$ ]	Negative	Mean < Median < Mode
Symmetric	None	Mode = Median = Mean

## B. Probability Theory

$$P(A) = \frac{\text{favourable outcomes}}{\text{total outcomes}} \quad P(A') = 1 - P(A) \quad 0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$$

Rule	Formula
Addition (general)	[Math: $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$ ]
Mutually exclusive ([Math: $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ])	[Math: $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$ ]
Conditional	[Math: $P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$ ]
Independent	[Math: $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$ ]

Two non-zero-probability events cannot be simultaneously mutually exclusive and independent.

**Tree diagrams:** multiply along branches for intersection probabilities; add across branches for union. The syllabus restricts trees to two initial branches.

**Venn diagrams:** restricted to two sets; the four regions (  $A$  only,  $B$  only,  $A \cap B$ , neither) must sum to  $P(S) = 1$ .