

**2016 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE
EXAMINATION**

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Mathematics

Factorisation

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

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

Angle sum of a polygon

$$S = (n - 2) \times 180^\circ$$

Equation of a circle

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

Trigonometric ratios and identities

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent side}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{adjacent side}}$$

$$\operatorname{cosec} \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$

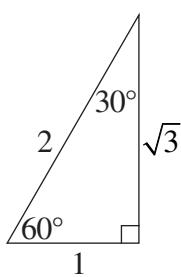
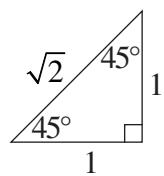
$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

$$\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

Exact ratios



Sine rule

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

Cosine rule

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

Area of a triangle

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

Distance between two points

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Perpendicular distance of a point from a line

$$d = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

Slope (gradient) of a line

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Point-gradient form of the equation of a line

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

nth term of an arithmetic series

$$T_n = a + (n - 1)d$$

Sum to n terms of an arithmetic series

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

nth term of a geometric series

$$T_n = ar^{n-1}$$

Sum to n terms of a geometric series

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} \quad \text{or} \quad S_n = \frac{a(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$$

Limiting sum of a geometric series

$$S = \frac{a}{1 - r}$$

Compound interest

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

Mathematics (continued)

Differentiation from first principles

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Derivatives

If $y = x^n$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$

If $y = uv$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = u\frac{dv}{dx} + v\frac{du}{dx}$

If $y = \frac{u}{v}$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v\frac{du}{dx} - u\frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$

If $y = F(u)$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = F'(u)\frac{du}{dx}$

If $y = e^{f(x)}$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x)e^{f(x)}$

If $y = \log_e f(x) = \ln f(x)$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$

If $y = \sin f(x)$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) \cos f(x)$

If $y = \cos f(x)$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = -f'(x) \sin f(x)$

If $y = \tan f(x)$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) \sec^2 f(x)$

Solution of a quadratic equation

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

Sum and product of roots of a quadratic equation

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

Equation of a parabola

$$(x - h)^2 = \pm 4a(y - k)$$

Integrals

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

$$\int e^{ax+b} dx = \frac{1}{a}e^{ax+b} + C$$

$$\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \ln |f(x)| + C$$

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

$$\int \cos(ax + b) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax + b) + C$$

$$\int \sec^2(ax + b) dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan(ax + b) + C$$

Trapezoidal rule (one application)

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{b-a}{2} [f(a) + f(b)]$$

Simpson's rule (one application)

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{b-a}{6} \left[f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right]$$

Logarithms – change of base

$$\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$$

Angle measure

$$180^\circ = \pi \text{ radians}$$

Length of an arc

$$l = r\theta$$

Area of a sector

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta$$

Mathematics Extension 1

Angle sum identities

$$\sin(\theta + \phi) = \sin\theta\cos\phi + \cos\theta\sin\phi$$

$$\cos(\theta + \phi) = \cos\theta\cos\phi - \sin\theta\sin\phi$$

$$\tan(\theta + \phi) = \frac{\tan\theta + \tan\phi}{1 - \tan\theta\tan\phi}$$

t formulae

If $t = \tan\frac{\theta}{2}$, then

$$\sin\theta = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{2t}{1-t^2}$$

General solution of trigonometric equations

$$\sin\theta = a, \quad \theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \sin^{-1} a$$

$$\cos\theta = a, \quad \theta = 2n\pi \pm \cos^{-1} a$$

$$\tan\theta = a, \quad \theta = n\pi + \tan^{-1} a$$

Division of an interval in a given ratio

$$\left(\frac{mx_2 + nx_1}{m+n}, \frac{my_2 + ny_1}{m+n} \right)$$

Parametric representation of a parabola

For $x^2 = 4ay$,

$$x = 2at, \quad y = at^2$$

At $(2at, at^2)$,

$$\text{tangent: } y = tx - at^2$$

$$\text{normal: } x + ty = at^3 + 2at$$

At (x_1, y_1) ,

$$\text{tangent: } xx_1 = 2a(y + y_1)$$

$$\text{normal: } y - y_1 = -\frac{2a}{x_1}(x - x_1)$$

Chord of contact from (x_0, y_0) : $xx_0 = 2a(y + y_0)$

Acceleration

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{dv}{dt} = v \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{2}v^2 \right)$$

Simple harmonic motion

$$x = b + a \cos(nt + \alpha)$$

$$\ddot{x} = -n^2(x - b)$$

Further integrals

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a} + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a} + C$$

Sum and product of roots of a cubic equation

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

$$\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = -\frac{d}{a}$$

Estimation of roots of a polynomial equation

Newton's method

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)}$$

Binomial theorem

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^k$$