

Examples – Maths Transition work

Expanding brackets & simplifying expressions

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Scheme of work: 1a. Algebraic expressions – basic algebraic manipulation, indices and surds

Key points

- When you expand one set of brackets you must multiply everything inside the bracket by what is outside.
- When you expand two linear expressions, each with two terms of the form $ax + b$, where $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$, you create four terms. Two of these can usually be simplified by collecting like terms.

Examples

Example 1 Expand $4(3x - 2)$

$4(3x - 2) = 12x - 8$	Multiply everything inside the bracket by the 4 outside the bracket
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Example 2 Expand and simplify $3(x + 5) - 4(2x + 3)$

$\begin{aligned} 3(x + 5) - 4(2x + 3) \\ = 3x + 15 - 8x - 12 \\ \\ = 3 - 5x \end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Expand each set of brackets separately by multiplying $(x + 5)$ by 3 and $(2x + 3)$ by -42 Simplify by collecting like terms: $3x - 8x = -5x$ and $15 - 12 = 3$
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Example 3 Expand and simplify $(x + 3)(x + 2)$

$\begin{aligned} (x + 3)(x + 2) \\ = x(x + 2) + 3(x + 2) \\ = x^2 + 2x + 3x + 6 \\ = x^2 + 5x + 6 \end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Expand the brackets by multiplying $(x + 2)$ by x and $(x + 2)$ by 32 Simplify by collecting like terms: $2x + 3x = 5x$
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Example 4 Expand and simplify $(x - 5)(2x + 3)$

$\begin{aligned} (x - 5)(2x + 3) \\ = x(2x + 3) - 5(2x + 3) \\ = 2x^2 + 3x - 10x - 15 \\ = 2x^2 - 7x - 15 \end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Expand the brackets by multiplying $(2x + 3)$ by x and $(2x + 3)$ by -52 Simplify by collecting like terms: $3x - 10x = -7x$
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Surds and rationalising the denominator

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Scheme of work: 1a. Algebraic expressions – basic algebraic manipulation, indices and surds

Key points

- A surd is the square root of a number that is not a square number, for example $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{3}$, $\sqrt{5}$, etc.
- Surds can be used to give the exact value for an answer.
- $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}$
- $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$
- To rationalise the denominator means to remove the surd from the denominator of a fraction.
- To rationalise $\frac{a}{\sqrt{b}}$ you multiply the numerator and denominator by the surd \sqrt{b}
- To rationalise $\frac{a}{b+\sqrt{c}}$ you multiply the numerator and denominator by $b-\sqrt{c}$

Examples

Example 1 Simplify $\sqrt{50}$

$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{50} &= \sqrt{25 \times 2} \\ &= \sqrt{25} \times \sqrt{2} \\ &= 5 \times \sqrt{2} \\ &= 5\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Choose two numbers that are factors of 50. One of the factors must be a square number2 Use the rule $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}$3 Use $\sqrt{25} = 5$
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Example 2 Simplify $\sqrt{147} - 2\sqrt{12}$

$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{147} - 2\sqrt{12} \\ &= \sqrt{49 \times 3} - 2\sqrt{4 \times 3} \\ &= \sqrt{49} \times \sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{3} \\ &= 7 \times \sqrt{3} - 2 \times 2 \times \sqrt{3} \\ &= 7\sqrt{3} - 4\sqrt{3} \\ &= 3\sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Simplify $\sqrt{147}$ and $2\sqrt{12}$. Choose two numbers that are factors of 147 and two numbers that are factors of 12. One of each pair of factors must be a square number2 Use the rule $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}$3 Use $\sqrt{49} = 7$ and $\sqrt{4} = 2$4 Collect like terms
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Example 3 Simplify $(\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{2})$

$ \begin{aligned} &(\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{2}) \\ &= \sqrt{49} - \sqrt{7}\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{4} \\ &= 7 - 2 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned} $	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Expand the brackets. A common mistake here is to write $(\sqrt{7})^2 = 49$ 2 Collect like terms: $\begin{aligned} &-\sqrt{7}\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}\sqrt{7} \\ &= -\sqrt{7}\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{7}\sqrt{2} = 0 \end{aligned}$
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Example 4 Rationalise $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$ \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{1 \times \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{9}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \end{aligned} $	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Multiply the numerator and denominator by $\sqrt{3}$ 2 Use $\sqrt{9} = 3$
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Example 5 Rationalise and simplify $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}}$

$ \begin{aligned} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}} &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}} \times \frac{\sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{12}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{4 \times 3}}{12} \\ &= \frac{2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}{12} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}{6} \end{aligned} $	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Multiply the numerator and denominator by $\sqrt{12}$ 2 Simplify $\sqrt{12}$ in the numerator. Choose two numbers that are factors of 12. One of the factors must be a square number 3 Use the rule $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}$ 4 Use $\sqrt{4} = 2$ 5 Simplify the fraction: $\frac{2}{12} \text{ simplifies to } \frac{1}{6}$
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Example 6 Rationalise and simplify $\frac{3}{2+\sqrt{5}}$

$\frac{3}{2+\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3}{2+\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{2-\sqrt{5}}{2-\sqrt{5}}$ $= \frac{3(2-\sqrt{5})}{(2+\sqrt{5})(2-\sqrt{5})}$ $= \frac{6-3\sqrt{5}}{4+2\sqrt{5}-2\sqrt{5}-5}$ $= \frac{6-3\sqrt{5}}{-1}$ $= 3\sqrt{5}-6$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Multiply the numerator and denominator by $2-\sqrt{5}$2 Expand the brackets3 Simplify the fraction4 Divide the numerator by -1 Remember to change the sign of all terms when dividing by -1
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Rules of indices

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Scheme of work: 1a. Algebraic expressions – basic algebraic manipulation, indices and surds

Key points

- $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$
- $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$
- $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$
- $a^0 = 1$
- $a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$ i.e. the n th root of a
- $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$
- $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$
- The square root of a number produces two solutions, e.g. $\sqrt{16} = \pm 4$.

Examples

Example 1 Evaluate 10^0

$10^0 = 1$	Any value raised to the power of zero is equal to 1
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Example 2 Evaluate $9^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$9^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{9}$ $= 3$	Use the rule $a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$
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Example 3 Evaluate $27^{\frac{2}{3}}$

$27^{\frac{2}{3}} = (\sqrt[3]{27})^2$ $= 3^2$ $= 9$	1 Use the rule $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$ 2 Use $\sqrt[3]{27} = 3$
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Example 4 Evaluate 4^{-2}

$4^{-2} = \frac{1}{4^2}$ $= \frac{1}{16}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Use the rule $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$2 Use $4^2 = 16$
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Example 5 Simplify $\frac{6x^5}{2x^2}$

$\frac{6x^5}{2x^2} = 3x^3$	<p>$6 \div 2 = 3$ and use the rule $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$ to give $\frac{x^5}{x^2} = x^{5-2} = x^3$</p>
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Example 6 Simplify $\frac{x^3 \times x^5}{x^4}$

$\frac{x^3 \times x^5}{x^4} = \frac{x^{3+5}}{x^4} = \frac{x^8}{x^4}$ $= x^{8-4} = x^4$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Use the rule $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$2 Use the rule $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$
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Example 7 Write $\frac{1}{3x}$ as a single power of x

$\frac{1}{3x} = \frac{1}{3}x^{-1}$	<p>Use the rule $\frac{1}{a^m} = a^{-m}$, note that the fraction $\frac{1}{3}$ remains unchanged</p>
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Example 8 Write $\frac{4}{\sqrt{x}}$ as a single power of x

$\frac{4}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{4}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ $= 4x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Use the rule $a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$2 Use the rule $\frac{1}{a^m} = a^{-m}$
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Factorising expressions

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Scheme of work: 1b. Quadratic functions – factorising, solving, graphs and the discriminants

Key points

- Factorising an expression is the opposite of expanding the brackets.
- A quadratic expression is in the form $ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a \neq 0$.
- To factorise a quadratic equation find two numbers whose sum is b and whose product is ac .
- An expression in the form $x^2 - y^2$ is called the difference of two squares. It factorises to $(x - y)(x + y)$.

Examples

Example 1 Factorise $15x^2y^3 + 9x^4y$

$$15x^2y^3 + 9x^4y = 3x^2y(5y^2 + 3x^2)$$

The highest common factor is $3x^2y$.

So take $3x^2y$ outside the brackets and then divide each term by $3x^2y$ to find the terms in the brackets

Example 2 Factorise $4x^2 - 25y^2$

$$4x^2 - 25y^2 = (2x + 5y)(2x - 5y)$$

This is the difference of two squares as the two terms can be written as $(2x)^2$ and $(5y)^2$

Example 3 Factorise $x^2 + 3x - 10$

$$b = 3, ac = -10$$

$$\text{So } x^2 + 3x - 10 = x^2 + 5x - 2x - 10$$

$$= x(x + 5) - 2(x + 5)$$

$$= (x + 5)(x - 2)$$

1 Work out the two factors of $ac = -10$ which add to give $b = 3$ (5 and -2)

2 Rewrite the b term ($3x$) using these two factors

3 Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms

4 $(x + 5)$ is a factor of both terms

Example 4 Factorise $6x^2 - 11x - 10$

$b = -11, ac = -60$ So $6x^2 - 11x - 10 = 6x^2 - 15x + 4x - 10$ $= 3x(2x - 5) + 2(2x - 5)$ $= (2x - 5)(3x + 2)$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Work out the two factors of $ac = -60$ which add to give $b = -11$ (-15 and 4) 2 Rewrite the b term ($-11x$) using these two factors 3 Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms 4 $(2x - 5)$ is a factor of both terms
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Example 5 Simplify $\frac{x^2 - 4x - 21}{2x^2 + 9x + 9}$

$\frac{x^2 - 4x - 21}{2x^2 + 9x + 9}$ For the numerator: $b = -4, ac = -21$ So $x^2 - 4x - 21 = x^2 - 7x + 3x - 21$ $= x(x - 7) + 3(x - 7)$ $= (x - 7)(x + 3)$ For the denominator: $b = 9, ac = 18$ So $2x^2 + 9x + 9 = 2x^2 + 6x + 3x + 9$ $= 2x(x + 3) + 3(x + 3)$ $= (x + 3)(2x + 3)$ So $\frac{x^2 - 4x - 21}{2x^2 + 9x + 9} = \frac{(x - 7)(x + 3)}{(x + 3)(2x + 3)}$ $= \frac{x - 7}{2x + 3}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Factorise the numerator and the denominator 2 Work out the two factors of $ac = -21$ which add to give $b = -4$ (-7 and 3) 3 Rewrite the b term ($-4x$) using these two factors 4 Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms 5 $(x - 7)$ is a factor of both terms 6 Work out the two factors of $ac = 18$ which add to give $b = 9$ (6 and 3) 7 Rewrite the b term ($9x$) using these two factors 8 Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms 9 $(x + 3)$ is a factor of both terms 10 $(x + 3)$ is a factor of both the numerator and denominator so cancels out as a value divided by itself is 1
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Completing the square

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Scheme of work: 1b. Quadratic functions – factorising, solving, graphs and the discriminants

Key points

- Completing the square for a quadratic rearranges $ax^2 + bx + c$ into the form $p(x + q)^2 + r$
- If $a \neq 1$, then factorise using a as a common factor.

Examples

Example 1 Complete the square for the quadratic expression $x^2 + 6x - 2$

$x^2 + 6x - 2$ $= (x + 3)^2 - 9 - 2$ $= (x + 3)^2 - 11$	<p>1 Write $x^2 + bx + c$ in the form $\left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c$</p> <p>2 Simplify</p>
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Example 2 Write $2x^2 - 5x + 1$ in the form $p(x + q)^2 + r$

$2x^2 - 5x + 1$ $= 2\left(x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x\right) + 1$ $= 2\left[\left(x - \frac{5}{4}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2\right] + 1$ $= 2\left(x - \frac{5}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{8} + 1$ $= 2\left(x - \frac{5}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{17}{8}$	<p>1 Before completing the square write $ax^2 + bx + c$ in the form $a\left(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x\right) + c$</p> <p>2 Now complete the square by writing $x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x$ in the form $\left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$</p> <p>3 Expand the square brackets – don't forget to multiply $\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2$ by the factor of 2</p> <p>4 Simplify</p>
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Solving quadratic equations by factorisation

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Scheme of work: 1b. Quadratic functions – factorising, solving, graphs and the discriminants

Key points

- A quadratic equation is an equation in the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ where $a \neq 0$.
- To factorise a quadratic equation find two numbers whose sum is b and whose products is ac .
- When the product of two numbers is 0, then at least one of the numbers must be 0.
- If a quadratic can be solved it will have two solutions (these may be equal).

Examples

Example 1 Solve $5x^2 = 15x$

$5x^2 = 15x$ $5x^2 - 15x = 0$ $5x(x - 3) = 0$ So $5x = 0$ or $(x - 3) = 0$ Therefore $x = 0$ or $x = 3$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Rearrange the equation so that all of the terms are on one side of the equation and it is equal to zero. Do not divide both sides by x as this would lose the solution $x = 0$.2 Factorise the quadratic equation. $5x$ is a common factor.3 When two values multiply to make zero, at least one of the values must be zero.4 Solve these two equations.
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Example 2 Solve $x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$

$x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$ $b = 7, ac = 12$ $x^2 + 4x + 3x + 12 = 0$ $x(x + 4) + 3(x + 4) = 0$ $(x + 4)(x + 3) = 0$ So $(x + 4) = 0$ or $(x + 3) = 0$ Therefore $x = -4$ or $x = -3$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Factorise the quadratic equation. Work out the two factors of $ac = 12$ which add to give you $b = 7$. (4 and 3)2 Rewrite the b term ($7x$) using these two factors.3 Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms.4 $(x + 4)$ is a factor of both terms.5 When two values multiply to make zero, at least one of the values must be zero.6 Solve these two equations.
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Example 3 Solve $9x^2 - 16 = 0$

$9x^2 - 16 = 0$ $(3x + 4)(3x - 4) = 0$ So $(3x + 4) = 0$ or $(3x - 4) = 0$ $x = -\frac{4}{3}$ or $x = \frac{4}{3}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Factorise the quadratic equation. This is the difference of two squares as the two terms are $(3x)^2$ and $(4)^2$.2 When two values multiply to make zero, at least one of the values must be zero.3 Solve these two equations.
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Example 4 Solve $2x^2 - 5x - 12 = 0$

$b = -5, ac = -24$ So $2x^2 - 8x + 3x - 12 = 0$ $2x(x - 4) + 3(x - 4) = 0$ $(x - 4)(2x + 3) = 0$ So $(x - 4) = 0$ or $(2x + 3) = 0$ $x = 4$ or $x = -\frac{3}{2}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Factorise the quadratic equation. Work out the two factors of $ac = -24$ which add to give you $b = -5$. (-8 and 3)2 Rewrite the b term ($-5x$) using these two factors.3 Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms.4 $(x - 4)$ is a factor of both terms.5 When two values multiply to make zero, at least one of the values must be zero.6 Solve these two equations.
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Solving quadratic equations by using the formula

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Scheme of work: 1b. Quadratic functions – factorising, solving, graphs and the discriminants

Key points

- Any quadratic equation of the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ can be solved using the formula

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

- If $b^2 - 4ac$ is negative then the quadratic equation does not have any real solutions.
- It is useful to write down the formula before substituting the values for a , b and c .

Examples

Example 7 Solve $x^2 + 6x + 4 = 0$. Give your solutions in surd form.

$a = 1, b = 6, c = 4$ $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ $x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{6^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2(1)}$ $x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{20}}{2}$ $x = \frac{-6 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}{2}$ $x = -3 \pm \sqrt{5}$ So $x = -3 - \sqrt{5}$ or $x = \sqrt{5} - 3$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Identify a, b and c and write down the formula. Remember that $-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$ is all over $2a$, not just part of it.Substitute $a = 1, b = 6, c = 4$ into the formula.Simplify. The denominator is 2, but this is only because $a = 1$. The denominator will not always be 2.Simplify $\sqrt{20}$. $\sqrt{20} = \sqrt{4 \times 5} = \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{5} = 2\sqrt{5}$Simplify by dividing numerator and denominator by 2.Write down both the solutions.
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Example 8 Solve $3x^2 - 7x - 2 = 0$. Give your solutions in surd form.

$a = 3, b = -7, c = -2$ $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ $x = \frac{-(-7) \pm \sqrt{(-7)^2 - 4(3)(-2)}}{2(3)}$ $x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{73}}{6}$ <p>So $x = \frac{7 - \sqrt{73}}{6}$ or $x = \frac{7 + \sqrt{73}}{6}$</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Identify a, b and c, making sure you get the signs right and write down the formula. Remember that $-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$ is all over $2a$, not just part of it.2 Substitute $a = 3$, $b = -7$, $c = -2$ into the formula.3 Simplify. The denominator is 6 when $a = 3$. A common mistake is to always write a denominator of 2.4 Write down both the solutions.
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Solving linear simultaneous equations using the elimination method

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Scheme of work: 1c. Equations – quadratic/linear simultaneous

Key points

- Two equations are simultaneous when they are both true at the same time.
- Solving simultaneous linear equations in two unknowns involves finding the value of each unknown which works for both equations.
- Make sure that the coefficient of one of the unknowns is the same in both equations.
- Eliminate this equal unknown by either subtracting or adding the two equations.

Examples

Example 1 Solve the simultaneous equations $3x + y = 5$ and $x + y = 1$

$\begin{array}{r} 3x + y = 5 \\ - \quad x + y = 1 \\ \hline 2x \quad = 4 \end{array}$ <p>So $x = 2$</p> <p>Using $x + y = 1$ $2 + y = 1$ So $y = -1$</p> <p>Check: equation 1: $3 \times 2 + (-1) = 5$ YES equation 2: $2 + (-1) = 1$ YES</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Subtract the second equation from the first equation to eliminate the y term.2 To find the value of y, substitute $x = 2$ into one of the original equations.3 Substitute the values of x and y into both equations to check your answers.
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Example 2 Solve $x + 2y = 13$ and $5x - 2y = 5$ simultaneously.

$\begin{array}{r} x + 2y = 13 \\ + \quad 5x - 2y = 5 \\ \hline 6x \quad = 18 \end{array}$ <p>So $x = 3$</p> <p>Using $x + 2y = 13$ $3 + 2y = 13$ So $y = 5$</p> <p>Check: equation 1: $3 + 2 \times 5 = 13$ YES equation 2: $5 \times 3 - 2 \times 5 = 5$ YES</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Add the two equations together to eliminate the y term.2 To find the value of y, substitute $x = 3$ into one of the original equations.3 Substitute the values of x and y into both equations to check your answers.
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Solving linear and quadratic simultaneous equations

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Scheme of work: 1c. Equations – quadratic/linear simultaneous

Key points

- Make one of the unknowns the subject of the linear equation (rearranging where necessary).
- Use the linear equation to substitute into the quadratic equation.
- There are usually two pairs of solutions.

Examples

Example 1 Solve the simultaneous equations $y = x + 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 13$

$x^2 + (x + 1)^2 = 13$ $x^2 + x^2 + x + x + 1 = 13$ $2x^2 + 2x + 1 = 13$ $2x^2 + 2x - 12 = 0$ $(2x - 4)(x + 3) = 0$ So $x = 2$ or $x = -3$ Using $y = x + 1$ When $x = 2$, $y = 2 + 1 = 3$ When $x = -3$, $y = -3 + 1 = -2$ So the solutions are $x = 2, y = 3$ and $x = -3, y = -2$ Check: equation 1: $3 = 2 + 1$ YES and $-2 = -3 + 1$ YES equation 2: $2^2 + 3^2 = 13$ YES and $(-3)^2 + (-2)^2 = 13$ YES	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Substitute $x + 1$ for y into the second equation.2 Expand the brackets and simplify.3 Factorise the quadratic equation.4 Work out the values of x.5 To find the value of y, substitute both values of x into one of the original equations.6 Substitute both pairs of values of x and y into both equations to check your answers.
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Example 2 Solve $2x + 3y = 5$ and $2y^2 + xy = 12$ simultaneously.

$$x = \frac{5-3y}{2}$$

$$2y^2 + \left(\frac{5-3y}{2}\right)y = 12$$

$$2y^2 + \frac{5y-3y^2}{2} = 12$$

$$4y^2 + 5y - 3y^2 = 24$$

$$y^2 + 5y - 24 = 0$$

$$(y+8)(y-3) = 0$$

$$\text{So } y = -8 \text{ or } y = 3$$

Using $2x + 3y = 5$

$$\text{When } y = -8, \quad 2x + 3 \times (-8) = 5, \quad x = 14.5$$

$$\text{When } y = 3, \quad 2x + 3 \times 3 = 5, \quad x = -2$$

So the solutions are

$$x = 14.5, y = -8 \quad \text{and} \quad x = -2, y = 3$$

Check:

$$\text{equation 1: } 2 \times 14.5 + 3 \times (-8) = 5 \quad \text{YES}$$

$$\text{and } 2 \times (-2) + 3 \times 3 = 5 \quad \text{YES}$$

$$\text{equation 2: } 2 \times (-8)^2 + 14.5 \times (-8) = 12 \quad \text{YES}$$

$$\text{and } 2 \times (3)^2 + (-2) \times 3 = 12 \quad \text{YES}$$

- 1** Rearrange the first equation.
- 2** Substitute $\frac{5-3y}{2}$ for x into the second equation. Notice how it is easier to substitute for x than for y .
- 3** Expand the brackets and simplify.
- 4** Factorise the quadratic equation.
- 5** Work out the values of y .
- 6** To find the value of x , substitute both values of y into one of the original equations.
- 7** Substitute both pairs of values of x and y into both equations to check your answers.

Linear inequalities

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Scheme of work: 1d. Inequalities – linear and quadratic (including graphical solutions)

Key points

- Solving linear inequalities uses similar methods to those for solving linear equations.
- When you multiply or divide an inequality by a negative number you need to reverse the inequality sign, e.g. $<$ becomes $>$.

Examples

Example 1 Solve $-8 \leq 4x < 16$

$\begin{aligned} -8 &\leq 4x < 16 \\ -2 &\leq x < 4 \end{aligned}$	Divide all three terms by 4.
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Example 2 Solve $4 \leq 5x < 10$

$\begin{aligned} 4 &\leq 5x < 10 \\ \frac{4}{5} &\leq x < 2 \end{aligned}$	Divide all three terms by 5.
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Example 3 Solve $2x - 5 < 7$

$\begin{aligned} 2x - 5 &< 7 \\ 2x &< 12 \\ x &< 6 \end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Add 5 to both sides.2 Divide both sides by 2.
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Example 4 Solve $2 - 5x \geq -8$

$\begin{aligned} 2 - 5x &\geq -8 \\ -5x &\geq -10 \\ x &\leq 2 \end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Subtract 2 from both sides.2 Divide both sides by -5. Remember to reverse the inequality when dividing by a negative number.
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Example 5 Solve $4(x - 2) > 3(9 - x)$

$\begin{aligned} 4(x - 2) &> 3(9 - x) \\ 4x - 8 &> 27 - 3x \\ 7x - 8 &> 27 \\ 7x &> 35 \\ x &> 5 \end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Expand the brackets.2 Add $3x$ to both sides.3 Add 8 to both sides.4 Divide both sides by 7.
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Straight line graphs

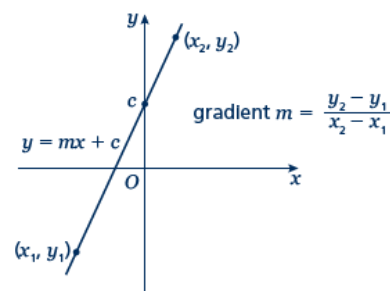
A LEVEL LINKS

Scheme of work: 2a. Straight-line graphs, parallel/perpendicular, length and area problems

Key points

- A straight line has the equation $y = mx + c$, where m is the gradient and c is the y -intercept (where $x = 0$).
- The equation of a straight line can be written in the form $ax + by + c = 0$, where a , b and c are integers.
- When given the coordinates (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) of two points on a line the gradient is calculated using the

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



Examples

Example 1 A straight line has gradient $-\frac{1}{2}$ and y -intercept 3.

Write the equation of the line in the form $ax + by + c = 0$.

$m = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } c = 3$ $\text{So } y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 3$ $\frac{1}{2}x + y - 3 = 0$ $x + 2y - 6 = 0$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 A straight line has equation $y = mx + c$. Substitute the gradient and y-intercept given in the question into this equation.2 Rearrange the equation so all the terms are on one side and 0 is on the other side.3 Multiply both sides by 2 to eliminate the denominator.
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Example 2 Find the gradient and the y -intercept of the line with the equation $3y - 2x + 4 = 0$.

$3y - 2x + 4 = 0$ $3y = 2x - 4$ $y = \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{4}{3}$ $\text{Gradient} = m = \frac{2}{3}$ $y\text{-intercept} = c = -\frac{4}{3}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Make y the subject of the equation.2 Divide all the terms by three to get the equation in the form $y = \dots$3 In the form $y = mx + c$, the gradient is m and the y-intercept is c.
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Example 3 Find the equation of the line which passes through the point (5, 13) and has gradient 3.

$m = 3$ $y = 3x + c$ $13 = 3 \times 5 + c$ $13 = 15 + c$ $c = -2$ $y = 3x - 2$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Substitute the gradient given in the question into the equation of a straight line $y = mx + c$.2 Substitute the coordinates $x = 5$ and $y = 13$ into the equation.3 Simplify and solve the equation.4 Substitute $c = -2$ into the equation $y = 3x + c$
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Example 4 Find the equation of the line passing through the points with coordinates (2, 4) and (8, 7).

$x_1 = 2, x_2 = 8, y_1 = 4 \text{ and } y_2 = 7$ $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{7 - 4}{8 - 2} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$ $y = \frac{1}{2}x + c$ $4 = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 + c$ $c = 3$ $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 3$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Substitute the coordinates into the equation $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ to work out the gradient of the line.2 Substitute the gradient into the equation of a straight line $y = mx + c$.3 Substitute the coordinates of either point into the equation.4 Simplify and solve the equation.5 Substitute $c = 3$ into the equation $y = \frac{1}{2}x + c$
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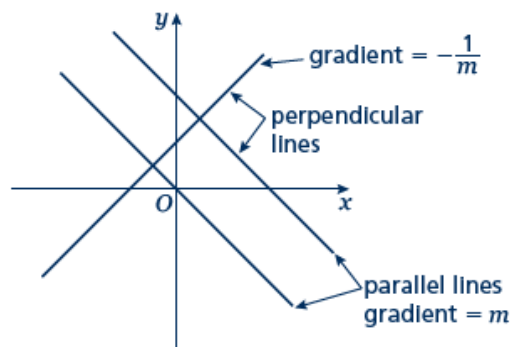
Parallel and perpendicular lines

A LEVEL LINKS

Scheme of work: 2a. Straight-line graphs, parallel/perpendicular, length and area problems

Key points

- When lines are parallel they have the same gradient.
- A line perpendicular to the line with equation $y = mx + c$ has gradient $-\frac{1}{m}$.



Examples

Example 1 Find the equation of the line parallel to $y = 2x + 4$ which passes through the point $(4, 9)$.

$y = 2x + 4$ $m = 2$ $y = 2x + c$ $9 = 2 \times 4 + c$ $9 = 8 + c$ $c = 1$ $y = 2x + 1$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 As the lines are parallel they have the same gradient. 2 Substitute $m = 2$ into the equation of a straight line $y = mx + c$. 3 Substitute the coordinates into the equation $y = 2x + c$ 4 Simplify and solve the equation. 5 Substitute $c = 1$ into the equation $y = 2x + c$
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Example 2 Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $y = 2x - 3$ which passes through the point $(-2, 5)$.

$y = 2x - 3$ $m = 2$ $-\frac{1}{m} = -\frac{1}{2}$ $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + c$ $5 = -\frac{1}{2} \times (-2) + c$ $5 = 1 + c$ $c = 4$ $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 As the lines are perpendicular, the gradient of the perpendicular line is $-\frac{1}{m}$. 2 Substitute $m = -\frac{1}{2}$ into $y = mx + c$. 3 Substitute the coordinates $(-2, 5)$ into the equation $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + c$ 4 Simplify and solve the equation. 5 Substitute $c = 4$ into $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + c$.
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Example 3 A line passes through the points $(0, 5)$ and $(9, -1)$.
Find the equation of the line which is perpendicular to the line and passes through its midpoint.

$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 9, y_1 = 5 \text{ and } y_2 = -1$ $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{-1 - 5}{9 - 0}$ $= \frac{-6}{9} = -\frac{2}{3}$ $-\frac{1}{m} = \frac{3}{2}$ $y = \frac{3}{2}x + c$ $\text{Midpoint} = \left(\frac{0+9}{2}, \frac{5+(-1)}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{9}{2}, 2 \right)$ $2 = \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{9}{2} + c$ $c = -\frac{19}{4}$ $y = \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{19}{4}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Substitute the coordinates into the equation $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ to work out the gradient of the line. 2 As the lines are perpendicular, the gradient of the perpendicular line is $-\frac{1}{m}$. 3 Substitute the gradient into the equation $y = mx + c$. 4 Work out the coordinates of the midpoint of the line. 5 Substitute the coordinates of the midpoint into the equation. 6 Simplify and solve the equation. 7 Substitute $c = -\frac{19}{4}$ into the equation $y = \frac{3}{2}x + c .$
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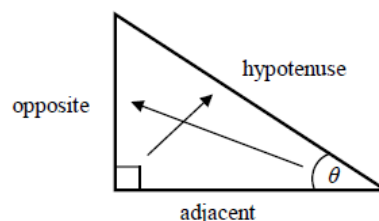
Trigonometry in right-angled triangles

A LEVEL LINKS

Scheme of work: 4a. Trigonometric ratios and graphs

Key points

- In a right-angled triangle:
 - the side opposite the right angle is called the hypotenuse
 - the side opposite the angle θ is called the opposite
 - the side next to the angle θ is called the adjacent.

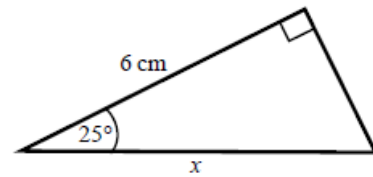


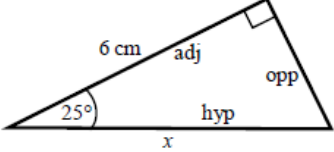
- In a right-angled triangle:
 - the ratio of the opposite side to the hypotenuse is the sine of angle θ , $\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$
 - the ratio of the adjacent side to the hypotenuse is the cosine of angle θ , $\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$
 - the ratio of the opposite side to the adjacent side is the tangent of angle θ , $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$
- If the lengths of two sides of a right-angled triangle are given, you can find a missing angle using the inverse trigonometric functions: \sin^{-1} , \cos^{-1} , \tan^{-1} .
- The sine, cosine and tangent of some angles may be written exactly.

	0	30°	45°	60°	90°
sin	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1
cos	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
tan	0	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$	1	$\sqrt{3}$	

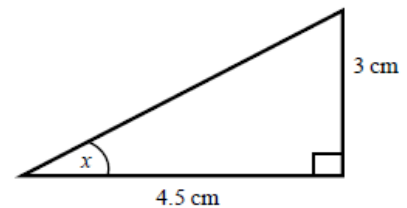
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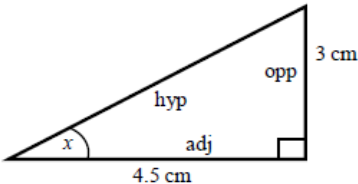
Example 1 Calculate the length of side x .
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.



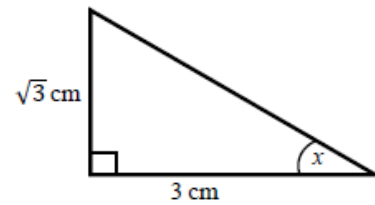
 <p> $\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$ $\cos 25^\circ = \frac{6}{x}$ $x = \frac{6}{\cos 25^\circ}$ $x = 6.620\ 267\ 5\dots$ $x = 6.62\ \text{cm}$ </p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Always start by labelling the sides. 2 You are given the adjacent and the hypotenuse so use the cosine ratio. 3 Substitute the sides and angle into the cosine ratio. 4 Rearrange to make x the subject. 5 Use your calculator to work out $6 \div \cos 25^\circ$. 6 Round your answer to 3 significant figures and write the units in your answer.
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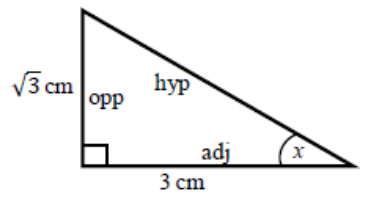
Example 2 Calculate the size of angle x .
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.



 <p> $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$ $\tan x = \frac{3}{4.5}$ $x = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4.5}\right)$ $x = 33.690\ 067\ 5\dots$ $x = 33.7^\circ$ </p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Always start by labelling the sides. 2 You are given the opposite and the adjacent so use the tangent ratio. 3 Substitute the sides and angle into the tangent ratio. 4 Use \tan^{-1} to find the angle. 5 Use your calculator to work out $\tan^{-1}(3 \div 4.5)$. 6 Round your answer to 3 significant figures and write the units in your answer.
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Example 3 Calculate the exact size of angle x .



 <p>$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$</p> <p>$\tan x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$</p> <p>$x = 30^\circ$</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Always start by labelling the sides.2 You are given the opposite and the adjacent so use the tangent ratio.3 Substitute the sides and angle into the tangent ratio.4 Use the table from the key points to find the angle.
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The cosine rule

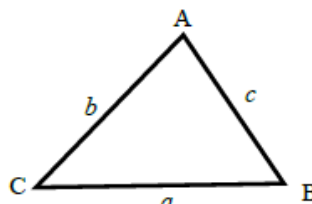
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Scheme of work: 4a. Trigonometric ratios and graphs

Textbook: Pure Year 1, 9.1 The cosine rule

Key points

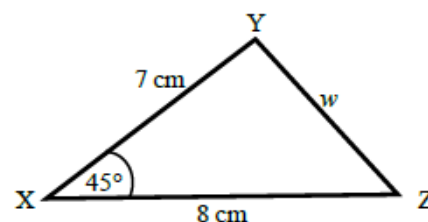
- a is the side opposite angle A .
- b is the side opposite angle B .
- c is the side opposite angle C .



- You can use the cosine rule to find the length of a side when two sides and the included angle are given.
- To calculate an unknown side use the formula $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$.
- Alternatively, you can use the cosine rule to find an unknown angle if the lengths of all three sides are given.
- To calculate an unknown angle use the formula $\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$.

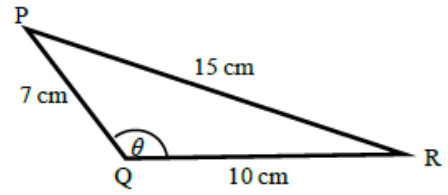
Examples

Example 4 Work out the length of side w .
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.



<p> $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$ $w^2 = 8^2 + 7^2 - 2 \times 8 \times 7 \times \cos 45^\circ$ $w^2 = 33.804\ 040\ 51\dots$ $w = \sqrt{33.80404051}$ $w = 5.81 \text{ cm}$ </p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Always start by labelling the angles and sides. 2 Write the cosine rule to find the side. 3 Substitute the values a, b and A into the formula. 4 Use a calculator to find w^2 and then w. 5 Round your final answer to 3 significant figures and write the units in your answer.
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Example 5 Work out the size of angle θ .
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.



$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$ $\cos \theta = \frac{10^2 + 7^2 - 15^2}{2 \times 10 \times 7}$ $\cos \theta = \frac{-76}{140}$ $\theta = 122.878\ 349\dots$ $\theta = 122.9^\circ$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Always start by labelling the angles and sides. 2 Write the cosine rule to find the angle. 3 Substitute the values a, b and c into the formula. 4 Use \cos^{-1} to find the angle. 5 Use your calculator to work out $\cos^{-1}(-76 \div 140)$. 6 Round your answer to 1 decimal place and write the units in your answer.
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The sine rule

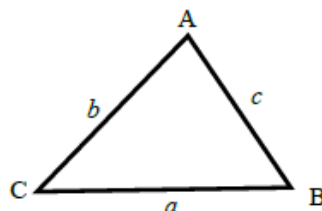
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Scheme of work: 4a. Trigonometric ratios and graphs

Textbook: Pure Year 1, 9.2 The sine rule

Key points

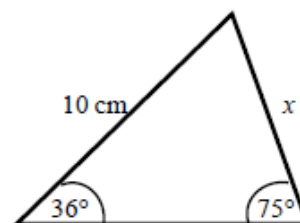
- a is the side opposite angle A .
- b is the side opposite angle B .
- c is the side opposite angle C .



- You can use the sine rule to find the length of a side when its opposite angle and another opposite side and angle are given.
- To calculate an unknown side use the formula $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$.
- Alternatively, you can use the sine rule to find an unknown angle if the opposite side and another opposite side and angle are given.
- To calculate an unknown angle use the formula $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$.

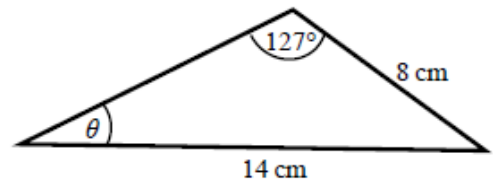
Examples

Example 6 Work out the length of side x .
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.



<p>$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B}$$\frac{x}{\sin 36^\circ} = \frac{10}{\sin 75^\circ}$$x = \frac{10 \times \sin 36^\circ}{\sin 75^\circ}$$x = 6.09 \text{ cm}$</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Always start by labelling the angles and sides.2 Write the sine rule to find the side.3 Substitute the values a, b, A and B into the formula.4 Rearrange to make x the subject.5 Round your answer to 3 significant figures and write the units in your answer.
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Example 7 Work out the size of angle θ .
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.



$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b}$ $\frac{\sin \theta}{8} = \frac{\sin 127^\circ}{14}$ $\sin \theta = \frac{8 \times \sin 127^\circ}{14}$ $\theta = 27.2^\circ$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Always start by labelling the angles and sides. 2 Write the sine rule to find the angle. 3 Substitute the values a, b, A and B into the formula. 4 Rearrange to make $\sin \theta$ the subject. 5 Use \sin^{-1} to find the angle. Round your answer to 1 decimal place and write the units in your answer.
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Areas of triangles

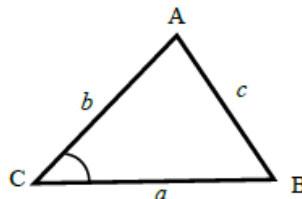
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Scheme of work: 4a. Trigonometric ratios and graphs

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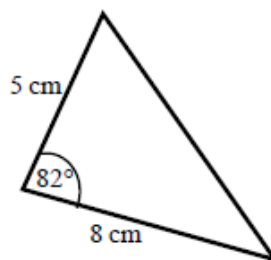
Key points

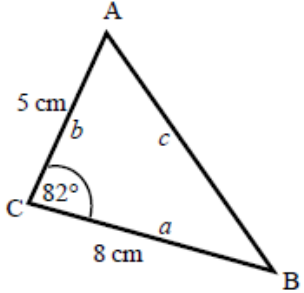
- a is the side opposite angle A .
 b is the side opposite angle B .
 c is the side opposite angle C .
- The area of the triangle is $\frac{1}{2}ab\sin C$.



Examples

Example 8 Find the area of the triangle.



 <p>Area = $\frac{1}{2}ab\sin C$</p> <p>Area = $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 5 \times \sin 82^\circ$</p> <p>Area = 19.805 361...</p> <p>Area = 19.8 cm²</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Always start by labelling the sides and angles of the triangle.2 State the formula for the area of a triangle.3 Substitute the values of a, b and C into the formula for the area of a triangle.4 Use a calculator to find the area.5 Round your answer to 3 significant figures and write the units in your answer.
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Rearranging equations

A LEVEL LINKS

Scheme of work: 6a. Definition, differentiating polynomials, second derivatives

Textbook: Pure Year 1, 12.1 Gradients of curves

Key points

- To change the subject of a formula, get the terms containing the subject on one side and everything else on the other side.
- You may need to factorise the terms containing the new subject.

Examples

Example 1 Make t the subject of the formula $v = u + at$.

$v = u + at$ $v - u = at$ $t = \frac{v - u}{a}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Get the terms containing t on one side and everything else on the other side.2 Divide throughout by a.
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Example 2 Make t the subject of the formula $r = 2t - \pi t$.

$r = 2t - \pi t$ $r = t(2 - \pi)$ $t = \frac{r}{2 - \pi}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 All the terms containing t are already on one side and everything else is on the other side.2 Factorise as t is a common factor.3 Divide throughout by $2 - \pi$.
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Example 3 Make t the subject of the formula $\frac{t+r}{5} = \frac{3t}{2}$.

$\frac{t+r}{5} = \frac{3t}{2}$ $2t + 2r = 15t$ $2r = 13t$ $t = \frac{2r}{13}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Remove the fractions first by multiplying throughout by 10.2 Get the terms containing t on one side and everything else on the other side and simplify.3 Divide throughout by 13.
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Example 4 Make t the subject of the formula $r = \frac{3t+5}{t-1}$.

$r = \frac{3t+5}{t-1}$ $r(t-1) = 3t+5$ $rt - r = 3t+5$ $rt - 3t = 5+r$ $t(r-3) = 5+r$ $t = \frac{5+r}{r-3}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Remove the fraction first by multiplying throughout by $t-1$.2 Expand the brackets.3 Get the terms containing t on one side and everything else on the other side.4 Factorise the LHS as t is a common factor.5 Divide throughout by $r-3$.
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