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## Arithmetic of Quotients

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad + bc}{bd}, \quad b \neq 0, d \neq 0$$

$$\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}, \quad b \neq 0, d \neq 0$$

$$\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{\frac{c}{d}} = \frac{ad}{bc}, \quad b \neq 0, c \neq 0, d \neq 0$$

## Special Products/Factoring Formulas

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

$$(x+a)^2 = x^2 + 2ax + a^2$$

$$(x-a)^2 = x^2 - 2ax + a^2$$

$$(x+a)(x+b) = x^2 + (a+b)x + ab$$

$$(x-a)(x^2 + ax + a^2) = x^3 - a^3$$

$$(x+a)(x^2 - ax + a^2) = x^3 + a^3$$

$$(x+a)^3 = x^3 + 3ax^2 + 3a^2x + a^3$$

$$(x-a)^3 = x^3 - 3ax^2 + 3a^2x - a^3$$

## Laws of Exponents

$$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

$$(ab)^n = a^n b^n$$

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}, \quad a \neq 0$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}, \quad b \neq 0$$

## Properties of Radicals

$$\sqrt[n]{a^m} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m = a^{m/n}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{ab} = \sqrt[n]{a} \sqrt[n]{b}$$

$$\sqrt[m]{\sqrt[n]{a}} = \sqrt[mn]{a}$$

## Properties of Logarithms

$$\log_a MN = \log_a M + \log_a N$$

$$\log_a \left(\frac{M}{N}\right) = \log_a M - \log_a N$$

$$\log_a M^r = r \log_a M$$

$$\log_a M = \frac{\log M}{\log a} = \frac{\ln M}{\ln a}$$

## Properties of Inequalities

If  $a < b$ , then  $a + c < b + c$ .

If  $a < b$  and  $c > 0$ , then  $ac < bc$ .

If  $a < b$  and  $c < 0$ , then  $ac > bc$ .

## Absolute Value

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

## Complex Numbers

$$i^2 = -1$$

$$(a+bi) + (c+di) = (a+c) + (b+d)i$$

$$(a+bi)(c+di) = (ac-bd) + (ad+bc)i$$

$$\overline{a+bi} = a-bi$$

## Permutations/Combinations

$$0! = 1 \quad 1! = 1$$

$$n! = n(n-1) \cdots (3)(2)(1)$$

$$P(n, r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$$C(n, r) = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!}$$

## Binomial Theorem

$$(a+b)^n = a^n + \binom{n}{1} ba^{n-1} + \binom{n}{2} b^2 a^{n-2}$$

$$+ \cdots + \binom{n}{1} b^{n-1} a + b^n$$

## Arithmetic Sequence

$$a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \cdots + [a + (n-1)d] = na + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} d$$

## Geometric Sequence

$$a + ar + ar^2 + \cdots + ar^{n-1} = a \frac{1-r^n}{1-r}$$

## Geometric Series

$$\text{If } |r| < 1, a + ar + ar^2 + \cdots = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ar^k = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

## Formulas/Equations

Distance Formula      If  $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$  and  $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$ , the distance from  $P_1$  to  $P_2$  is

$$d(P_1, P_2) = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Equation of a Circle      The equation of a circle of radius  $r$  with center at  $(h, k)$  is

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

Slope of a Line      The slope  $m$  of the line containing the points  $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$  and  $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$  is

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \quad \text{if } x_1 \neq x_2$$

$m$  is undefined      if  $x_1 = x_2$

Point-Slope Equation of a Line      The equation of a line with slope  $m$  containing the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  is

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

Slope-Intercept Equation of a Line      The equation of a line with slope  $m$  and  $y$ -intercept  $b$  is

$$y = mx + b$$

Quadratic Formula      The solutions of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , are

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

If  $b^2 - 4ac > 0$ , there are two real unequal solutions.

If  $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ , there is a repeated real solution.

If  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ , there are two complex solutions.

## Functions

Constant Function       $f(x) = b$

Linear Function       $f(x) = mx + b$ ,  $m$  is slope,  $b$  is  $y$ -intercept

Quadratic Function       $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

Polynomial Function       $f(x) = a_nx^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$

Rational Function       $R(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} = \frac{a_nx^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0}{b_mx^m + b_{m-1}x^{m-1} + \dots + b_1x + b_0}$

Exponential Function       $f(x) = a^x$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $a \neq 1$

Logarithmic Function       $f(x) = \log_a x$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $a \neq 1$

## Trigonometric Functions

Of a Real Number

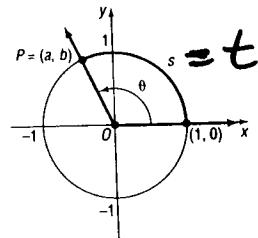
$$\sin t = b \quad \cos t = a \quad \tan t = \frac{b}{a}, a \neq 0$$

$$\csc t = \frac{1}{b}, b \neq 0 \quad \sec t = \frac{1}{a}, a \neq 0 \quad \cot t = \frac{a}{b}, b \neq 0$$

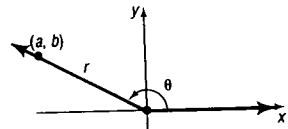
Of a General Angle

$$\sin \theta = \frac{b}{r} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{a}{r} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{b}{a}, a \neq 0$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{r}{b}, b \neq 0 \quad \sec \theta = \frac{r}{a}, a \neq 0 \quad \cot \theta = \frac{a}{b}, b \neq 0$$



Unit circle,  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$   
 $\theta = t$  radians;  $s = t$  units



## Trigonometric Identities

Fundamental Identities

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

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \quad \sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \quad \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$$

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

$$\tan^2 \theta + 1 = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$$

Even-Odd Identities

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(-\theta) &= -\sin \theta & \csc(-\theta) &= -\csc \theta \\ \cos(-\theta) &= \cos \theta & \sec(-\theta) &= \sec \theta \\ \tan(-\theta) &= -\tan \theta & \cot(-\theta) &= -\cot \theta \end{aligned}$$

Sum and Difference Formulas

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

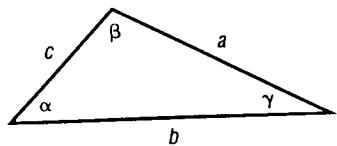
$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta$$

$$\tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$$

$$\tan(\alpha - \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$$

## Solving Triangles



Half-Angle Formulas

$$\sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}}$$

$$\cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}}$$

$$\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}}$$

Double-Angle Formulas

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

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

$$\cos 2\theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$$

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

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

Product-to-Sum Formulas

$$\sin \alpha \sin \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$$

$$\cos \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(\alpha - \beta) + \cos(\alpha + \beta)]$$

$$\sin \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(\alpha + \beta) + \sin(\alpha - \beta)]$$

Sum-to-Product Formulas

$$\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = 2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}$$

$$\sin \alpha - \sin \beta = 2 \sin \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}$$

$$\cos \alpha + \cos \beta = 2 \cos \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}$$

$$\cos \alpha - \cos \beta = -2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \sin \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}$$

Law of Sines

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{a} = \frac{\sin \beta}{b} = \frac{\sin \gamma}{c}$$

Law of Cosines

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

$$\cos^2 X = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2X$$

$$\sin^2 X = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2X$$

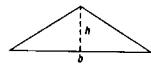
## Geometry Formulas

Circle



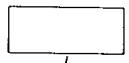
$r$  = Radius,  $A$  = Area,  $C$  = Circumference  
 $A = \pi r^2$        $C = 2\pi r$

Triangle



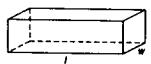
$b$  = Base,  $h$  = Altitude (Height),  $A$  = area  
 $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$

Rectangle



$l$  = Length,  $w$  = Width,  $A$  = area,  $P$  = perimeter  
 $A = lw$        $P = 2l + 2w$

Rectangular Box



$l$  = Length,  $w$  = Width,  $h$  = Height,  $V$  = Volume  
 $V = lwh$

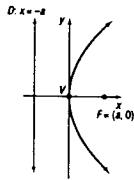
Sphere



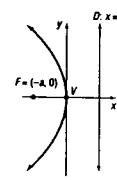
$r$  = Radius,  $V$  = Volume,  $S$  = Surface area  
 $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$        $S = 4\pi r^2$

## Conics

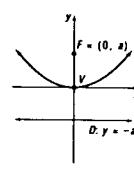
Parabola



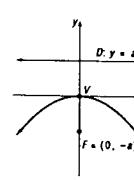
$$y^2 = 4ax$$



$$y^2 = -4ax$$

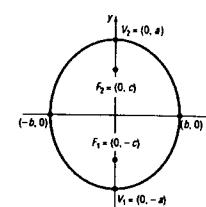
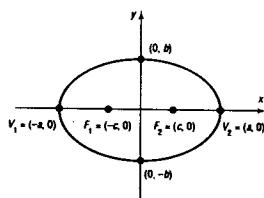


$$x^2 = 4ay$$



$$x^2 = -4ay$$

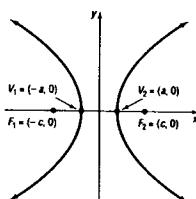
Ellipse



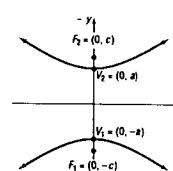
$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, \quad c^2 = a^2 - b^2$$

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Hyperbola



$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, \quad c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$



$$\frac{y^2}{a^2} - \frac{x^2}{b^2} = 1, \quad c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

Asymptotes:  $y = \frac{b}{a}x, \quad y = -\frac{b}{a}x$

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