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GCSE to A-level transition booklet

This booklet contains key topics to ease the transition from GCSE to A-level maths. Use the examples to help you answer all the practice questions on lined paper and hand your answers in to your teacher in the first week of year 12.

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Section 1 - Surds and rationalising the denominator

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.
- $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}$
- $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$
- 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 $\left(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{2}\right)\left(\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{2}\right)$

$\left(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{2}\right)\left(\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{2}\right)$ $= \sqrt{49}-\sqrt{7}\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{2}\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{4}$ $= 7 - 2$ $= 5$	**1** Expand the brackets. A common mistake here is to write $\left(\sqrt{7}\right)^2 = 49$ **2** Collect like terms: $-\sqrt{7}\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{2}\sqrt{7}$ $= -\sqrt{7}\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{7}\sqrt{2} = 0$

Example 2 Rationalise and simplify $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}}$

$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}} \times \frac{\sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{12}}$ $= \frac{\sqrt{2}\times\sqrt{4\times3}}{12}$ $= \frac{2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}{12}$ $= \frac{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}{6}$	**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: $\frac{2}{12}$ simplifies to $\frac{1}{6}$

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Example 3 Rationalise and simplify $\frac{3}{2+\sqrt{5}}$

$\frac{3}{2+\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3}{2+\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{2-\sqrt{5}}{2-\sqrt{5}}$	**1** Multiply the numerator and denominator by $2-\sqrt{5}$
$= \frac{3(2-\sqrt{5})}{(2+\sqrt{5})(2-\sqrt{5})}$	
$= \frac{6-3\sqrt{5}}{4+2\sqrt{5}-2\sqrt{5}-5}$	**2** Expand the brackets
$= \frac{6-3\sqrt{5}}{-1}$	**3** Simplify the fraction
$= 3\sqrt{5}-6$	**4** Divide the numerator by −1 Remember to change the sign of all terms when dividing by −1

Practice

1 Simplify.

a $\sqrt{45}$ **b** $\sqrt{125}$

c $\sqrt{48}$ **d** $\sqrt{175}$

> **Hint**
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> One of the two numbers you choose at the start must be a square number.

2 Simplify.

a $\sqrt{72}+\sqrt{162}$ **b** $\sqrt{45}-2\sqrt{5}$

c $\sqrt{50}-\sqrt{8}$ **d** $\sqrt{75}-\sqrt{48}$

> **Watch out!**
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> Check you have chosen the highest square number at the start.

3 Expand and simplify.

a $(\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{3})$ **b** $(3+\sqrt{3})(5-\sqrt{12})$

4 Rationalise and simplify, if possible.

a $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$ **b** $\frac{1}{\sqrt{11}}$

c $\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}}$ **d** $\frac{2}{\sqrt{8}}$

5 Rationalise and simplify.

a $\frac{1}{3-\sqrt{5}}$ **b** $\frac{2}{4+\sqrt{3}}$

Extend

6 Expand and simplify $\left(\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}\right)\left(\sqrt{x}-\sqrt{y}\right)$

7 Rationalise and simplify, if possible.

a $\frac{1}{\sqrt{9}-\sqrt{8}}$ **b** $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}-\sqrt{y}}$

Section 2 - Rules of indices

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*
- $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m} = \left(\sqrt[n]{a}\right)^m$
- $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$
- The square root of a number produces two solutions, e.g. $\sqrt{16} = \pm 4$.

Examples

Example 1 Evaluate $27^{\frac{2}{3}}$

$27^{\frac{2}{3}} = \left(\sqrt[3]{27}\right)^2$ $= 3^2$ $= 9$	**1** Use the rule $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \left(\sqrt[n]{a}\right)^m$ **2** Use $\sqrt[3]{27} = 3$

Example 2 Evaluate 4^{-2}

$4^{-2} = \frac{1}{4^2}$ $= \frac{1}{16}$	**1** Use the rule $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$ **2** Use $4^2 = 16$

Example 3 Write $\frac{1}{3x}$ as a single power of x

$\frac{1}{3x} = \frac{1}{3}x^{-1}$	Use the rule $\frac{1}{a^m} = a^{-m}$, note that the fraction $\frac{1}{3}$ remains unchanged

Example 4 Write $\frac{4}{\sqrt{x}}$ as a single power of x

$\frac{4}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{4}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ $= 4x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	**1** Use the rule $a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$ **2** Use the rule $\frac{1}{a^m} = a^{-m}$

Practice

1 Evaluate.

a $49^{\frac{1}{2}}$ **b** $64^{\frac{1}{3}}$

2 Evaluate.

a $25^{\frac{3}{2}}$ **b** $8^{\frac{5}{3}}$

3 Evaluate.

a 5^{-2} **b** 4^{-3}

4 Simplify.

a $\frac{3x^2 \times x^3}{2x^2}$ **b** $\frac{10x^5}{2x^2 \times x}$

c $\dfrac{(2x^2)^3}{4x^0}$ **d** $\dfrac{x^{\frac{1}{2}} \times x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{x^{-2} \times x^3}$

5 Evaluate.

a $4^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ **b** $27^{-\frac{2}{3}}$ **c** $9^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 2^3$

6 Write the following as a single power of x.

a $\dfrac{1}{x}$ **b** $\dfrac{1}{x^7}$ **c** $\sqrt[4]{x}$

d $\sqrt[5]{x^2}$ **e** $\dfrac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$ **f** $\dfrac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$

7 Write the following in the form ax^n.

a $5\sqrt{x}$ **b** $\dfrac{2}{x^3}$ **c** $\dfrac{1}{3x^4}$

d $\dfrac{2}{\sqrt{x}}$ **e** $\dfrac{4}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$ **f** 3

Section 3 - Factorising expressions

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 $4x^2 - 25y^2$

$4x^2 - 25y^2 = (2x + 5y)(2x - 5y)$	This is the difference of two squares as the two terms can be written as $(2x)^2$ and $(5y)^2$

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

$b = 3$, $ac = -10$ 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 3 Factorise $6x^2 - 11x - 10$

$b = -11$, $ac = -60$ So $6x^2 - 11x - 10 = 6x^2 - 15x + 4x - 10$ $= 3x(2x - 5) + 2(2x - 5)$ $= (2x - 5)(3x + 2)$	**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

Example 4 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 $2x^2 + 9x + 9 = 2x^2 + 6x + 3x + 9$ $= 2x(x + 3) + 3(x + 3)$	**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

$= (x+3)(2x+3)$ So $\frac{x^2-4x-21}{2x^2+9x+9} = \frac{(x-7)(x+3)}{(x+3)(2x+3)}$ $= \frac{x-7}{2x+3}$	**10** $(x + 3)$ is a factor of both the numerator and denominator so cancels out as a value divided by itself is 1

Practice

1 Factorise

a $x^2 + 7x + 12$

b $x^2 + 5x - 14$

c $x^2 - 11x + 30$

d $x^2 - 5x - 24$

2 Factorise

a $36x^2 - 49y^2$

b $4x^2 - 81y^2$

3 Factorise

a $2x^2 + x - 3$

b $6x^2 + 17x + 5$

c $2x^2 + 7x + 3$

d $9x^2 - 15x + 4$

4 Simplify the algebraic fractions.

a $\frac{2x^2+4x}{x^2-x}$

b $\frac{x^2+3x}{x^2+2x-3}$

c $\frac{x^2-2x-8}{x^2-4x}$

d $\frac{x^2-5x}{x^2-25}$

5 Simplify

a $\frac{9x^2-16}{3x^2+17x-28}$

b $\frac{2x^2-7x-15}{3x^2-17x+10}$

Extend

6 Simplify $\sqrt{x^2+10x+25}$

7 Simplify $\frac{(x+2)^2+3(x+2)^2}{x^2-4}$

Section 4 - Completing the square

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.

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Examples

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

$x^2 + 6x - 2$ $= (x + 3)^2 - 9 - 2$ $= (x + 3)^2 - 11$	**1** Write $x^2 + bx + c$ in the form $\left(x+\frac{b}{2}\right)^2-\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2+c$ **2** Simplify

Example 2 Write $2x^2 - 5x + 1$ in the form $p(x + q)^2 + r$

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

Practice

1 Write the following quadratic expressions in the form $(x + p)^2 + q$

a $x^2 + 4x + 3$ **b** $x^2 - 10x - 3$

c $x^2 - 8x$ **d** $x^2 + 6x$

2 Write the following quadratic expressions in the form $p(x + q)^2 + r$

a $2x^2 - 8x - 16$ **b** $4x^2 - 8x - 16$

3 Complete the square.

a $2x^2 + 3x + 6$ **b** $3x^2 - 2x$

Extend

4 Write $(25x^2 + 30x + 12)$ in the form $(ax + b)^2 + c$.

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Section 5a - Solving quadratic equations by factorisation

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 $x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$

$x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$ $b = 7$, $ac = 12$ $x^2 + 4x + 3x + 12 = 0$ $x(x + 4) + 3(x + 4) = 0$ $(x + 4)(x + 3) = 0$ So $(x + 4) = 0$ or $(x + 3) = 0$ Therefore $x = -4$ or $x = -3$	**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.

Example 2 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 $x = -\frac{3}{2}$	**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.

Practice

1 Solve

a $6x^2 + 4x = 0$ **b** $28x^2 - 21x = 0$

c $x^2 + 7x + 10 = 0$ **d** $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$

e $x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$ **f** $x^2 + 3x - 10 = 0$

2 Solve

a $x^2 - 3x = 10$ **b** $x^2 - 3 = 2x$

c $x(3x + 1) = x^2 + 15$ **d** $3x(x - 1) = 2(x + 1)$

> **Hint**
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> Get all terms onto one side of the equation.

Section 5b - Solving quadratic equations by completing the square

Key points

- Completing the square lets you write a quadratic equation in the form $p(x + q)^2 + r = 0$.

Examples

Example 3 Solve $2x^2 - 7x + 4 = 0$. Give your solutions in surd form.

$2x^2 - 7x + 4 = 0$	
$2\left(x^2 - \frac{7}{2}x\right) + 4 = 0$	**1** Before completing the square write $ax^2 + bx + c$ in the form $a\left(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x\right) + c$
$2\left[\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2\right] + 4 = 0$	**2** Now complete the square by writing $x^2 - \frac{7}{2}x$ in the form $\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2$
$2\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{49}{8} + 4 = 0$	**3** Expand the square brackets.
$2\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{17}{8} = 0$	**4** Simplify.
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$2\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{17}{8}$	**5** Rearrange the equation to work out x. First, add $\frac{17}{8}$ to both sides.

$\left(x-\frac{7}{4}\right)^2=\frac{17}{16}$	**6** Divide both sides by 2.
$x-\frac{7}{4}=\pm\frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}$	**7** Square root both sides. Remember that the square root of a value gives two answers.
$x=\pm\frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}+\frac{7}{4}$	**8** Add $\frac{7}{4}$ to both sides.
So $x=\frac{7}{4}-\frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}$ or $x=\frac{7}{4}+\frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}$	**9** Write down both the solutions.

Practice

3 Solve by completing the square.

a $x^2 – 4x – 3 = 0$ **b** $x^2 – 10x + 4 = 0$

c $2x^2 + 8x – 5 = 0$ d $5x^2 + 3x – 4 = 0$

Section 5c - Solving quadratic equations by using the formula

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 4 Solve $3x^2 - 7x - 2 = 0$. Give your solutions in surd form.

$a = 3, b = -7, c = -2$ $x = \dfrac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$	**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.
$x = \dfrac{-(-7) \pm \sqrt{(-7)^2 - 4(3)(-2)}}{2(3)}$	**2** Substitute $a = 3$, $b = -7$, $c = -2$ into the formula.
$x = \dfrac{7 \pm \sqrt{73}}{6}$	**3** Simplify. The denominator is 6 when $a = 3$. A common mistake is to always write a denominator of 2.
So $x = \dfrac{7 - \sqrt{73}}{6}$ or $x = \dfrac{7 + \sqrt{73}}{6}$	**4** Write down both the solutions.

Practice

4 Solve, giving your solutions in surd form.

a $3x^2 + 6x + 2 = 0$ **b** $2x^2 - 4x - 7 = 0$

5 Solve the equation $x^2 - 7x + 2 = 0$

Give your solutions in the form $\dfrac{a \pm \sqrt{b}}{c}$, where a, b and c are integers.

Extend

6 Choose an appropriate method to solve each quadratic equation, giving your answer in surd form when necessary.

a $4x(x - 1) = 3x - 2$

b $10 = (x + 1)^2$

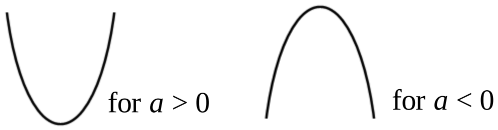
c $x(3x - 1) = 10$

Section 6 - Sketching quadratic graphs

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

Key points

- The graph of the quadratic function $y = ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a \neq 0$, is a curve called a parabola.
- Parabolas have a line of symmetry and a shape as shown.

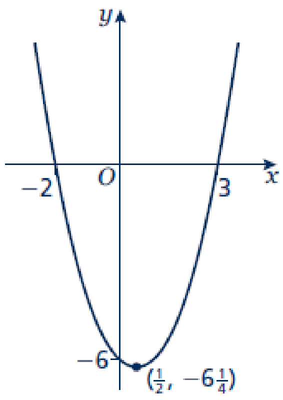


- To sketch the graph of a function, find the points where the graph intersects the axes.
- To find where the curve intersects the y-axis substitute $x = 0$ into the function.
- To find where the curve intersects the x-axis substitute $y = 0$ into the function.
- At the turning points of a graph the gradient of the curve is 0 and any tangents to the curve at these points are horizontal.
- To find the coordinates of the maximum or minimum point (turning points) of a quadratic curve (parabola) you can use the completed square form of the function.

Examples

Example 1 Sketch the graph of $y = x^2 - x - 6$.

When $x = 0$, $y = 0^2 - 0 - 6 = -6$ So the graph intersects the y-axis at $(0, -6)$	**1** Find where the graph intersects the y-axis by substituting $x = 0$.
When $y = 0$, $x^2 - x - 6 = 0$	**2** Find where the graph intersects the x-axis by substituting $y = 0$. **3** Solve the equation by factorising.
$(x + 2)(x - 3) = 0$	**4** Solve $(x + 2) = 0$ and $(x - 3) = 0$.
$x = -2$ or $x = 3$	**5** $a = 1$ which is greater than zero, so the graph has the shape: 
So,	*(continued on next page)*
the graph intersects the x-axis at $(-2, 0)$ and $(3, 0)$	**6** To find the turning point, complete the square.
$x^2 - x - 6 = \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} - 6$	

$= \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{4}$ When $\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 0$, $x = \frac{1}{2}$ and $y = -\frac{25}{4}$, so the turning point is at the point $\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{25}{4}\right)$  	**7** The turning point is the minimum value for this expression and occurs when the term in the bracket is equal to zero.

Practice

1 Sketch the graph of $y = -x^2$.

2 Sketch each graph, labelling where the curve crosses the axes.

a $y = (x + 2)(x - 1)$ **b** $y = x(x - 3)$

3 Sketch each graph, labelling where the curve crosses the axes.

a $y = x^2 - x - 6$ **b** $y = x^2 - 5x + 4$ **c** $y = x^2 - 4$

4 Sketch the graph of $y = 2x^2 + 5x - 3$, labelling where the curve crosses the axes.

Extend

5 Sketch each graph. Label where the curve crosses the axes and write down the coordinates of the turning point.

a $y = x^2 - 5x + 6$ **b** $y = -x^2 + 7x - 12$

6 Sketch the graph of $y = x^2 + 2x + 1$. Label where the curve crosses the axes and write down the equation of the line of symmetry.

Section 7a - Solving linear simultaneous equations using the elimination method

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 $2x + 3y = 2$ and $5x + 4y = 12$ simultaneously.

$(2x + 3y = 2) \times 4 \rightarrow \quad 8x + 12y = 8$ $(5x + 4y = 12) \times 3 \rightarrow \quad 15x + 12y = 36$ $7x \quad = 28$ So $x = 4$ Using $2x + 3y = 2$ $2 \times 4 + 3y = 2$ So $y = -2$ Check: equation 1: $2 \times 4 + 3 \times (-2) = 2$ YES equation 2: $5 \times 4 + 4 \times (-2) = 12$ YES	**1** Multiply the first equation by 4 and the second equation by 3 to make the coefficient of y the same for both equations. Then subtract the first equation from the second equation to eliminate the y term. **2** To find the value of y, substitute $x = 4$ into one of the original equations. **3** Substitute the values of x and y into both equations to check your answers.

Practice

Solve these simultaneous equations.

1 $4x + y = 8$
$x + y = 5$

2 $3x + y = 7$
$3x + 2y = 5$

3 $4x + y = 3$
$3x - y = 11$

4 $3x + 4y = 7$
$x - 4y = 5$

Section 7b - Solving linear simultaneous equations using the substitution method

Key points

- The subsitution method is the method most commonly used for A level. This is because it is the method used to solve linear and quadratic simultaneous equations.

Examples

Example 2 Solve $2x - y = 16$ and $4x + 3y = -3$ simultaneously.

$y = 2x - 16$ $4x + 3(2x - 16) = -3$	**1** Rearrange the first equation. **2** Substitute $2x - 16$ for y into the second equation.
$4x + 6x - 48 = -3$	**3** Expand the brackets and simplify.
$10x - 48 = -3$ $10x = 45$ So $x = 4\frac{1}{2}$	**4** Work out the value of x.
Using $y = 2x - 16$ $y = 2 \times 4\frac{1}{2} - 16$ So $y = -7$	**5** To find the value of y, substitute $x = 4\frac{1}{2}$ into one of the original equations.
Check: equation 1: $2 \times 4\frac{1}{2} - (-7) = 16$ YES equation 2: $4 \times 4\frac{1}{2} + 3 \times (-7) = -3$ YES	**6** Substitute the values of x and y into both equations to check your answers.

Practice

Solve these simultaneous equations.

5 $y = x - 4$
$2x + 5y = 43$

6 $y = 2x - 3$
$5x - 3y = 11$

7 $3x + 4y = 8$
$2x - y = -13$

8 $3y = 4x - 7$
$2y = 3x - 4$

Extend

9 Solve the simultaneous equations $3x + 5y - 20 = 0$ and $2(x + y) = \frac{3(y - x)}{4}$.

Section 8 - Solving linear and quadratic simultaneous equations

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 $x^2 + y^2 = 13$

$x^2 + (x + 1)^2 = 13$	**1** Substitute $x + 1$ for y into the second equation.
$x^2 + x^2 + x + x + 1 = 13$ $2x^2 + 2x + 1 = 13$	**2** Expand the brackets and simplify.
$2x^2 + 2x - 12 = 0$ $(2x - 4)(x + 3) = 0$	**3** Factorise the quadratic equation.
So $x = 2$ or $x = -3$	**4** Work out the values of x.
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 $x = -3,\ y = -2$	**5** To find the value of y, substitute both values of x into one of the original equations.
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	**6** Substitute both pairs of values of x and y into both equations to check your answers.

Practice

Solve these simultaneous equations.

1 $y = 2x + 1$
$x^2 + y^2 = 10$

2 $y = 6 - x$
$x^2 + y^2 = 20$

3 $y = x - 3$
$x^2 + y^2 = 5$

4 $y = 9 - 2x$
$x^2 + y^2 = 17$

Extend

5 $x - y = 1$
$x^2 + y^2 = 3$

6 $y - x = 2$
$x^2 + xy = 3$

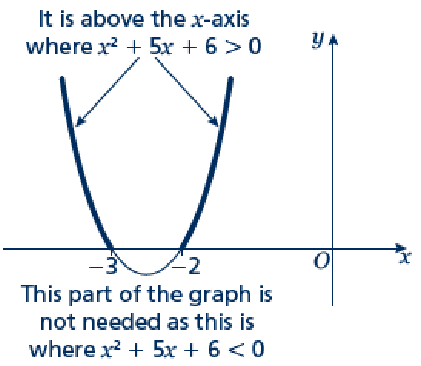
Section 9 - Quadratic inequalities

Key points

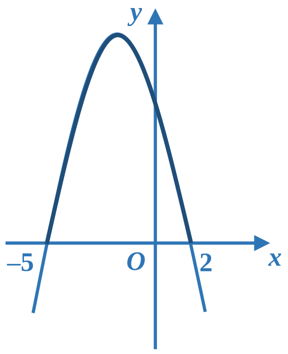
- First replace the inequality sign by = and solve the quadratic equation.
- Sketch the graph of the quadratic function.
- Use the graph to find the values which satisfy the quadratic inequality.

Examples

Example 1 Find the set of values of x which satisfy $x^2 + 5x + 6 > 0$

$x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$ $(x + 3)(x + 2) = 0$ $x = -3$ or $x = -2$	**1** Solve the quadratic equation by factorising.
	**2** Sketch the graph of $y = (x + 3)(x + 2)$ **3** Identify on the graph where $x^2 + 5x + 6 > 0$, i.e. where $y > 0$
$x < -3$ or $x > -2$	**4** Write down the values which satisfy the inequality $x^2 + 5x + 6 > 0$

Example 2 Find the set of values of x which satisfy $-x^2 - 3x + 10 \geq 0$

$-x^2 - 3x + 10 = 0$ $(-x + 2)(x + 5) = 0$ $x = 2$ or $x = -5$	**1** Solve the quadratic equation by factorising.
	**2** Sketch the graph of $y = (-x + 2)(x + 5) = 0$ **3** Identify on the graph where $-x^2 - 3x + 10 \geq 0$, i.e. where $y \geq 0$
$-5 \leq x \leq 2$	**3** Write down the values which satisfy the inequality $-x^2 - 3x + 10 \geq 0$

Practice

1 Find the set of values of x for which $(x + 7)(x - 4) \leq 0$

2 Find the set of values of x for which $x^2 - 4x - 12 \geq 0$

3 Find the set of values of x for which $2x^2 - 7x + 3 < 0$

4 Find the set of values of x for which $4x^2 + 4x - 3 > 0$

5 Find the set of values of x for which $12 + x - x^2 \geq 0$

Extend

Find the set of values which satisfy the following inequalities.

6 $x^2 + x \leq 6$

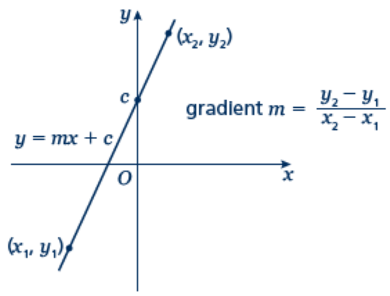
7 $x(2x - 9) < -10$

8 $6x^2 \geq 15 + x$

Section 10 - Straight line graphs

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 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 $ax + by + c = 0$.

$m = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $c = 3$ So $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 3$ $\frac{1}{2}x + y - 3 = 0$ $x + 2y - 6 = 0$	**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.

Example 2 Find the equation of the line which passes through the point (5, 13) and has gradient 3.

$m = 3$ $y = 3x + c$ $13 = 3 \times 5 + c$ $13 = 15 + c$ $c = -2$ $y = 3x - 2$	**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 $y = 3x + c$

Example 3 Find the equation of the line passing through the points with coordinates (2, 4) and (8, 7).

$x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 8$, $y_1 = 4$ and $y_2 = 7$ $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{7-4}{8-2} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$	**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.
$y = \frac{1}{2}x + c$	**2** Substitute the gradient into the equation of a straight line $y = mx + c$.
$4 = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 + c$	**3** Substitute the coordinates of either point into the equation.
$c = 3$	**4** Simplify and solve the equation.
$y = \frac{1}{2}x + 3$	**5** Substitute $c = 3$ into the equation $y = \frac{1}{2}x + c$

Practice

1 Find the gradient and the *y*-intercept of the following equations.

a $y = 3x + 5$ **b** $y = -\frac{1}{2}x - 7$

c $2y = 4x - 3$ **d** $x + y = 5$

e $2x - 3y - 7 = 0$ **f** $5x + y - 4 = 0$

> **Hint**
> Rearrange the equations to the form $y = mx + c$

2 Find, in the form $ax + by + c = 0$ where *a*, *b* and *c* are integers, an equation for each of the lines with the following gradients and *y*-intercepts.

a gradient $-\frac{1}{2}$, *y*-intercept –7 **b** gradient 2, *y*-intercept 0

c gradient $\frac{2}{3}$, *y*-intercept 4 **d** gradient –1.2, *y*-intercept –2

3 Write an equation for the line which passes though the point (2, 5) and has gradient 4.

4 Write an equation for the line which passes through the point (6, 3) and has gradient $-\frac{2}{3}$

5 Write an equation for the line passing through each of the following pairs of points.

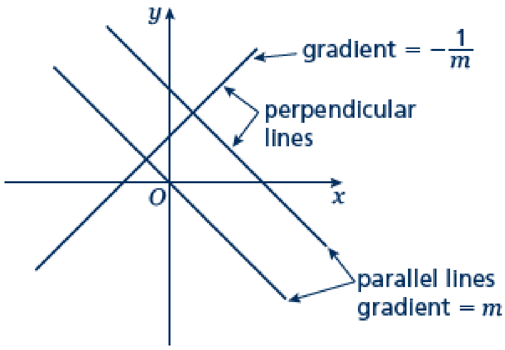
a (4, 5), (10, 17) **b** (0, 6), (–4, 8)

c (–1, –7), (5, 23) **d** (3, 10), (4, 7)

Section 11 - Parallel and perpendicular lines

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).

$y = 2x + 4$ $m = 2$ $y = 2x + c$ $9 = 2 \times 4 + c$ $9 = 8 + c$ $c = 1$ $y = 2x + 1$	**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 $y = 2x + c$

Example 2 Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $y = 2x - 3$ which passes through the point (−2, 5).

$y = 2x - 3$ $m = 2$ $-\frac{1}{m} = -\frac{1}{2}$ $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + c$ $5 = -\frac{1}{2} \times (-2) + c$ $5 = 1 + c$ $c = 4$ $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4$	**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 $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + c$.

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.

$x_1 = 0$, $x_2 = 9$, $y_1 = 5$ and $y_2 = -1$ $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{-1-5}{9-0}$ $= \frac{-6}{9} = -\frac{2}{3}$	**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.
$-\frac{1}{m} = \frac{3}{2}$	**2** As the lines are perpendicular, the gradient of the perpendicular line is $-\frac{1}{m}$.
$y = \frac{3}{2}x + c$	**3** Substitute the gradient into the equation $y = mx + c$.
Midpoint = $\left(\frac{0+9}{2}, \frac{5+(-1)}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{9}{2}, 2\right)$	**4** Work out the coordinates of the midpoint of the line.
$2 = \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{9}{2} + c$	**5** Substitute the coordinates of the midpoint into the equation.
$c = -\frac{19}{4}$	**6** Simplify and solve the equation.
$y = \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{19}{4}$	**7** Substitute $c = -\frac{19}{4}$ into the equation $y = \frac{3}{2}x + c$.

Practice

1 Find the equation of the line parallel to each of the given lines and which passes through each of the given points.

a $y = 3x + 1$ (3, 2)

b $2x + 4y + 3 = 0$ (6, –3)

2 Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $y = \frac{1}{2}x - 3$ which passes through the point (–5, 3).

Hint
If $m = \frac{a}{b}$ then the negative reciprocal $-\frac{1}{m} = -\frac{b}{a}$

3 Find the equation of the line perpendicular to each of the given lines and which passes through each of the given points.

a $y = 2x - 6$ (4, 0)

b $x - 4y - 4 = 0$ (5, 15)

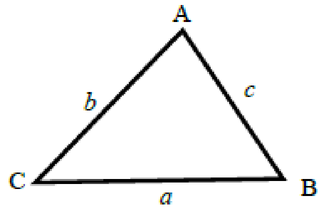
4 In each case find an equation for the line passing through the origin which is also perpendicular to the line joining the two points given.

a (4, 3), (–2, –9) **b** (0, 3), (–10, 8)

Section 12a - The cosine rule

Key points

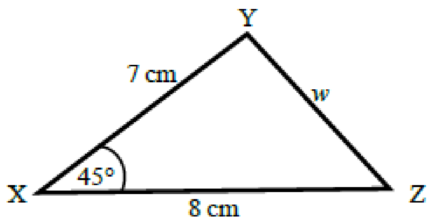
- a is the side opposite angle A.
  b is the side opposite angle B.
  c is the side opposite angle C.

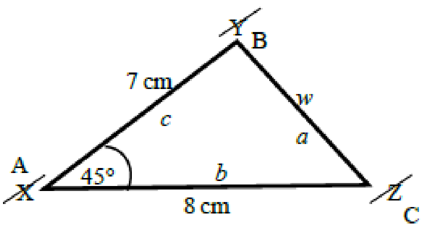


- You can use the cosine rule to find the length of a side when two sides and the included angle are given.
- To calculate an unknown side use the formula $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc\cos A$.
- Alternatively, you can use the cosine rule to find an unknown angle if the lengths of all three sides are given.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

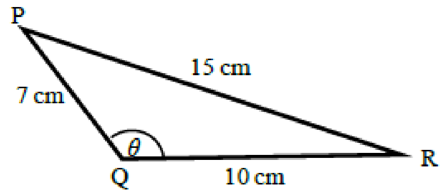
Examples

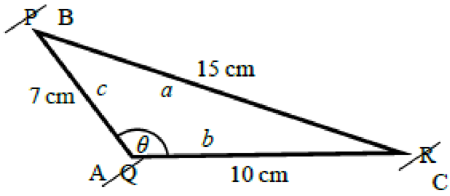
Example 1 Work out the length of side w.
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.



	**1** Always start by labelling the angles and sides.
$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc\cos A$	**2** Write the cosine rule to find the side.
$w^2 = 8^2 + 7^2 - 2 \times 8 \times 7 \times \cos 45°$	**3** Substitute the values a, b and A into the formula.
$w^2 = 33.804\,040\,51...$ $w = \sqrt{33.80404051}$	**4** Use a calculator to find w^2 and then w.
$w = 5.81$ cm	**5** Round your final answer to 3 significant figures and write the units in your answer.

Example 2 Work out the size of angle θ.
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

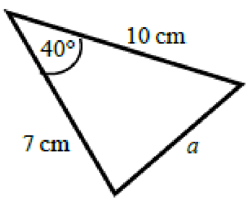


	**1** Always start by labelling the angles and sides.
$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$	**2** Write the cosine rule to find the angle.
$\cos\theta = \frac{10^2 + 7^2 - 15^2}{2 \times 10 \times 7}$	**3** Substitute the values *a*, *b* and *c* into the formula.
$\cos\theta = \frac{-76}{140}$	**4** Use $\cos^{-1}$ to find the angle.
$\theta = 122.878\,349...$	**5** Use your calculator to work out $\cos^{-1}(-76 \div 140)$.
$\theta = 122.9°$	**6** Round your answer to 1 decimal place and write the units in your answer.

Practice

1 Work out the length of the unknown side in each triangle.
Give your answers correct to 3 significant figures.

a



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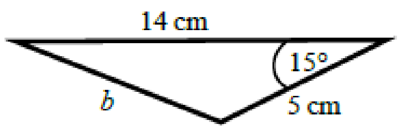
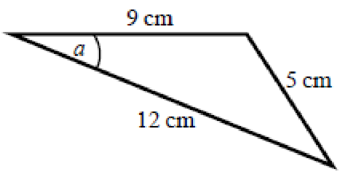


2 Calculate the angles labelled θ in each triangle.
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

a



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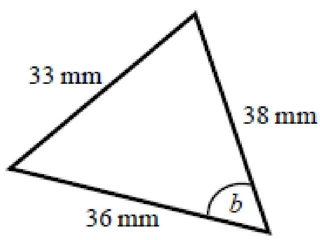
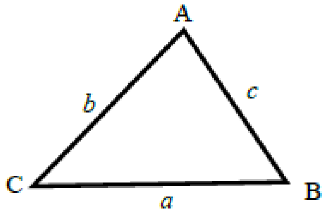


Section 12b - The sine rule

Key points

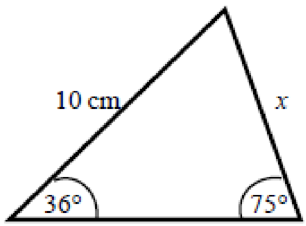
- *a* is the side opposite angle A.
  b is the side opposite angle B.
  c is the side opposite angle C.

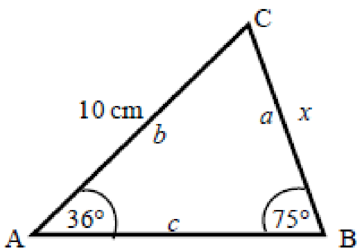


- You can use the sine rule to find the length of a side when its opposite angle and another opposite side and angle are given.
- To calculate an unknown side use the formula $\dfrac{a}{\sin A} = \dfrac{b}{\sin B} = \dfrac{c}{\sin C}$.
- Alternatively, you can use the sine rule to find an unknown angle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

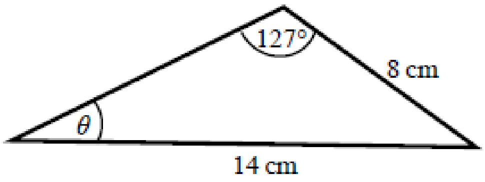
Examples

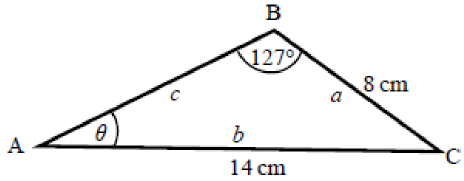
Example 3 Work out the length of side *x*.
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.



	**1** Always start by labelling the angles and sides.
$\dfrac{a}{\sin A} = \dfrac{b}{\sin B}$	**2** Write the sine rule to find the side.
$\dfrac{x}{\sin 36°} = \dfrac{10}{\sin 75°}$	**3** Substitute the values *a*, *b*, *A* and *B* into the formula.
$x = \dfrac{10 \times \sin 36°}{\sin 75°}$	**4** Rearrange to make *x* the subject.
$x = 6.09$ cm	**5** Round your answer to 3 significant figures and write the units in your answer.

Example 4 Work out the size of angle θ.
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

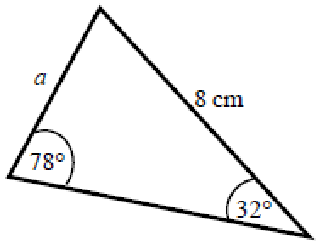


	**1** Always start by labelling the angles and sides.
$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b}$	**2** Write the sine rule to find the angle.
$\frac{\sin\theta}{8} = \frac{\sin 127°}{14}$	**3** Substitute the values *a*, *b*, *A* and *B* into the formula.
$\sin\theta = \frac{8 \times \sin 127°}{14}$	**4** Rearrange to make sin θ the subject.
$\theta = 27.2°$	**5** Use $\sin^{-1}$ to find the angle. Round your answer to 1 decimal place and write the units in your answer.

Practice

3 Find the length of the unknown side in each triangle.
Give your answers correct to 3 significant figures.

a



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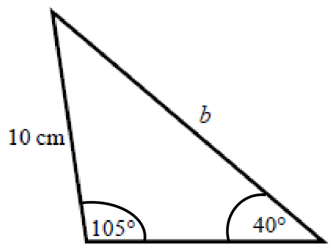
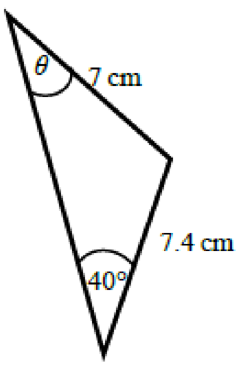


4 Calculate the angles labelled θ in each triangle.
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

a



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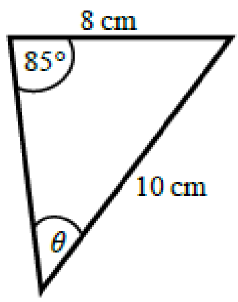
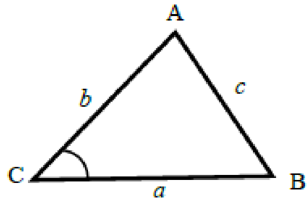


Section 12c - Areas of triangles

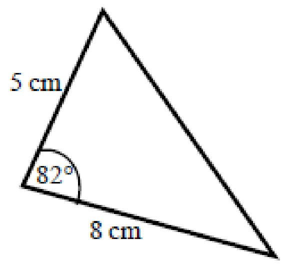
Key points

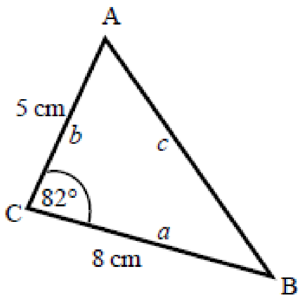
- *a* is the side opposite angle A.
  b is the side opposite angle B.
  c is the side opposite angle C.
- The area of the triangle is $\frac{1}{2}ab\sin C$.



Examples

Example 5 Find the area of the triangle.

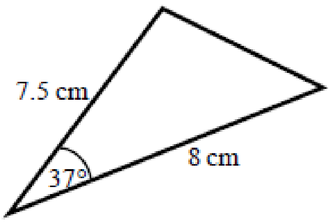


	**1** Always start by labelling the sides and angles of the triangle.
Area = $\frac{1}{2}ab\sin C$	**2** State the formula for the area of a triangle.
Area = $\frac{1}{2}\times 8\times 5\times \sin 82°$	**3** Substitute the values of *a*, *b* and *C* into the formula for the area of a triangle.
Area = 19.805 361...	**4** Use a calculator to find the area.
Area = 19.8 cm^2	**5** Round your answer to 3 significant figures and write the units in your answer.

Practice

5 Work out the area of each triangle.
Give your answers correct to 3 significant figures.

a



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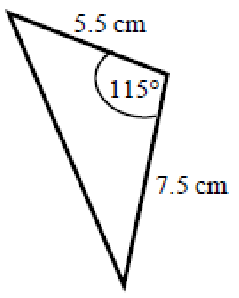

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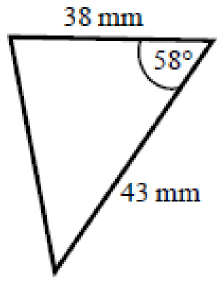
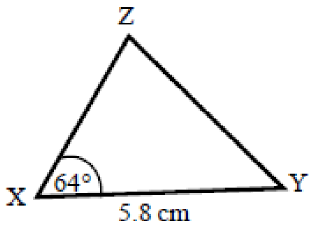


6 The area of triangle XYZ is 13.3 cm^2.
Work out the length of XZ.



> **Hint:**
>
> Rearrange the formula to make a side the subject.

Section 13 - Rearranging equations

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 2 Make t the subject of the formula $r = 2t - \pi t$.

$r = 2t - \pi t$	**1** All the terms containing t are already on one side and everything else is on the other side.
$r = t(2 - \pi)$	**2** Factorise as t is a common factor.
$t = \dfrac{r}{2-\pi}$	**3** Divide throughout by $2 - \pi$.

Example 3 Make t the subject of the formula $\dfrac{t+r}{5} = \dfrac{3t}{2}$.

$\dfrac{t+r}{5} = \dfrac{3t}{2}$ $2t + 2r = 15t$	**1** Remove the fractions first by multiplying throughout by 10.
$2r = 13t$	**2** Get the terms containing t on one side and everything else on the other side and simplify.
$t = \dfrac{2r}{13}$	**3** Divide throughout by 13.

Example 4 Make t the subject of the formula $r = \dfrac{3t+5}{t-1}$.

$r = \dfrac{3t+5}{t-1}$ $r(t - 1) = 3t + 5$	**1** Remove the fraction first by multiplying throughout by $t - 1$.
$rt - r = 3t + 5$	**2** Expand the brackets.
$rt - 3t = 5 + r$	**3** Get the terms containing t on one side and everything else on the other side.
$t(r - 3) = 5 + r$	**4** Factorise the LHS as t is a common factor.
$t = \dfrac{5+r}{r-3}$	**5** Divide throughout by $r - 3$.

Practice

Change the subject of each formula to the letter given in the brackets.

1 $C = \pi d$ [d]

2 $P = 2l + 2w$ [w]

3 $D = \frac{S}{T}$ [T]

4 $p = \frac{q - r}{t}$ [t]

5 $u = at - \frac{1}{2}t$ [t]

6 $V = ax + 4x$ [x]

7 $\frac{y - 7x}{2} = \frac{7 - 2y}{3}$ [y]

8 $x = \frac{2a - 1}{3 - a}$ [a]

9 $x = \frac{b - c}{d}$ [d]

10 $h = \frac{7g - 9}{2 + g}$ [g]

11 $e(9 + x) = 2e + 1$ [e]

12 $y = \frac{2x + 3}{4 - x}$ [x]

13 Make r the subject of the following formulae.

a $A = \pi r^2$ **b** $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ **c** $P = \pi r + 2r$ **d** $V = \frac{2}{3}\pi r^2 h$

14 Make x the subject of the following formulae.

a $\frac{xy}{z} = \frac{ab}{cd}$ **b** $\frac{4\pi cx}{d} = \frac{3z}{py^2}$

15 Make sin B the subject of the formula $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B}$

16 Make cos B the subject of the formula $b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B$.

Remember to give your answers to your teacher in the first week of year 12.

See you in September!