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Expansions:

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

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b) \quad (\text{difference of squares})$$

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

Quadratics

Solve $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$	$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
	Sum of roots = $-b/a$ Product of roots = c/a Discriminant = $b^2 - 4ac$

Area:

Triangle: $(1/2)$ base x height

Circle: πr^2

Sector of a circle with angle x degrees: $(\pi r^2 x)/360$

Sector of a circle with angle x radians: $(r^2 x)/2$

Volume:

Sphere: $(4 \pi r^3)/3$

Cone height h : $(\pi r^2 h)/3$

Cylinder $\pi r^2 h$

Scale factors:

Increasing scale of an object by k increases area by k^2 and volume by k^3 .

Powers:

$$(-1)^2 = 1$$

$$(x^m)/(x^n) = x^{m-n}$$

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

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

$$x^{1/2} = \text{sqrt}(x)$$

$$x^{-1} = 1/x$$

$$(x/y)^n = x^n/y^n$$

Arithmetic series:

Let L = last term

S_n = sum to n terms

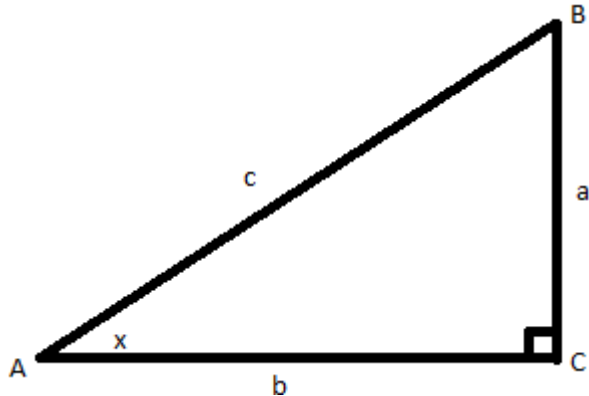
$$S_n = a + (a + d) + \dots + (a + (n - 1) d) = (n/2) [2a + (n - 1) d] = (n/2) (a + L)$$

$$T_n = \text{term } n = a + (n - 1) d$$

$$S_n = (n(n + 1))/2$$

Pythagoras theorem $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$; a, b and c are the sides of a right angled triangle.
If a, b and c are integers they are called a Pythagorean triple. Examples are: 3, 4, 5; 5, 12, 13; 7, 24, 25.

Trigonometric identities:



a = opposite side to angle x (also called angle A).

b = adjacent side to angle x.

c = hypotenuse.

$$\sin(x) = a/c$$

$$\cos(x) = b/c$$

$$\tan(x) = a/b$$

$$\sin(-x) = -\sin(x)$$

$$\cos(-x) = \cos(x)$$

$$\tan(-x) = -\tan(x)$$

$$\sec(x) = 1/\cos(x)$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}(x) = \csc(x) = 1/\sin(x)$$

$$\cot(x) = 1/\tan(x) = (\tan(x))^{-1}$$

$$\cot(x) = \tan(90^\circ - x)$$

$$\cos(x) = \sin(90^\circ - x) = \sin(90^\circ + x)$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}(x) = \csc(x) = \sec(90^\circ - x)$$

$$1 + \sin(2x) = (\sin(x) + \cos(x))^2$$

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

$$1 + \tan^2x = \sec^2x = (\sec(x))^2$$

$$1 + \cot^2x = \operatorname{cosec}^2x = \csc^2x$$

Statistics:

Mean = average = $\mu = \text{sum_of_items} / \text{number_of_items} = E(X) = \text{estimated value of } X$

Standard deviation = σ

Variance: $\text{var}(X) = \sigma^2 = E((X - \mu)^2) = E(X^2) - \mu^2$

Median = middle value in an ordered data set.

If the number of data points is even use the mean of the 2 central data points.

Mode = most frequent value in a data set.

Range = largest value – smallest value.

Mean absolute deviation (MAD) from mean = $E(|X - \mu|) = (\sum |X - \mu|)/n$ where n is number of terms.

Arithmetic mean of a and b is $(a + b)/2$.

Geometric mean of a and b is $\sqrt{(ab)}$.