



Math Notes: Algebra, Calculus, and More!

1 Algebra: The Language of Mathematics

◆ Exponents and Logarithms

Laws of Exponents:

1. **Multiplication Rule:** $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$ $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$
2. **Division Rule:** $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$ $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$
3. **Power Rule:** $(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$ $(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$
4. **Negative Exponent:** $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$ $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$
5. **Zero Exponent:** $a^0 = 1$ $a^0 = 1$

Logarithms: The Inverse of Exponents

- If $a^x = b$, then $\log_a(b) = x$ $\log_a(b) = x$
- **Log Rules:**
 - $\log(ab) = \log a + \log b$ $\log(ab) = \log a + \log b$
 - $\log\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \log a - \log b$ $\log\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \log a - \log b$
 - $\log(a^n) = n \log a$ $\log(a^n) = n \log a$
 - $\log_a(a) = 1$, $\log_a(1) = 0$ $\log_a(a) = 1$, $\log_a(1) = 0$



Example:

- $\log_2(8) = 3$ because $2^3 = 8$
- $\log_{10}(1000) = 3$ because $10^3 = 1000$

2 Quadratic Equations

A quadratic equation is in the form:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

where a, b, c are constants, and $a \neq 0$.

♦ Solving Quadratics

1. Factoring

- Example: $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$
- Factor: $(x-2)(x-3) = 0$ $(x-2)(x-3) = 0$ $(x-2)(x-3) = 0$
- Solutions: $x=2, 3$ $x=2, 3$ $x=2, 3$

2. Quadratic Formula

- Formula:

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

- Example: Solve $2x^2 - 3x - 5 = 0$ $2x^2 - 3x - 5 = 0$ $2x^2 - 3x - 5 = 0$
- $a=2, b=-3, c=-5$ $a=2, b=-3, c=-5$ $a=2, b=-3, c=-5$
- Discriminant: $(-3)^2 - 4(2)(-5) = 9 + 40 = 49$ $(-3)^2 - 4(2)(-5) = 9 + 40 = 49$ $(-3)^2 - 4(2)(-5) = 9 + 40 = 49$
- Solutions: $x = \frac{3 \pm 7}{4} = \frac{10}{4}, \frac{-4}{4}$ $x = \frac{3 \pm 7}{4} = \frac{10}{4}, \frac{-4}{4}$ $x = \frac{3 \pm 7}{4} = \frac{10}{4}, \frac{-4}{4}$

3 Calculus: The Study of Change

♦ Limits and Continuity

The limit of a function describes its behavior as x approaches a value.

Basic Limit Laws

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) + g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) + g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) + g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$
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💡 **Example:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x^2 + 2x) = 3^2 + 2(3) = 9 + 6 = 15$$
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♦ Derivatives: The Rate of Change

The derivative of a function measures how it changes.

- Definition: $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$
- **Power Rule:** $\frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$ $\frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$ $\frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$
- **Product Rule:** $(fg)' = f'g + fg'$ $(fg)' = f'g + fg'$ $(fg)' = f'g + fg'$

- **Quotient Rule:** $(\frac{f}{g})' = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$
- **Chain Rule:** $\frac{d}{dx}f(g(x)) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$

 **Example:**

$$f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 2x + 7 \quad f'(x) = 3x^2 + 8x - 2$$

♦ Integration: The Reverse of Derivatives

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \quad \int x^{n+1} dx = \frac{x^{n+2}}{n+2} + C$$

- **Definite Integral:** $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ gives the area under the curve from $x=a$ to $x=b$.

 **Example:**

$$\int (3x^2 + 8x - 2) dx = x^3 + 4x^2 - 2x + C$$

4 Probability and Statistics

♦ Probability Basics

- Probability of an event: $P(A) = \frac{\text{Number of favorable outcomes}}{\text{Total number of outcomes}}$
- **Addition Rule:** $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$
- **Multiplication Rule:** If events are independent, $P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$


 **Example:**

- Rolling a die: $P(\text{rolling a 4}) = \frac{1}{6}$
- Drawing an ace from a deck: $P(\text{Ace}) = \frac{4}{52} = \frac{1}{13}$

♦ Normal Distribution (Bell Curve)

- **Mean (μ):** The average value.
- **Standard Deviation (σ):** Measures spread of data.
- **Empirical Rule:**

- 68% of data falls within 1σ of the mean.
- 95% falls within 2σ .
- 99.7% falls within 3σ .

 **Example:** If heights of students are normally distributed with $\mu=170$ $\mu = 170$ $\mu=170$ cm and $\sigma=10$ $\sigma = 10$ $\sigma=10$ cm:

- 68% of students have heights between **160 cm and 180 cm**.
 - 95% are between **150 cm and 190 cm**.
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Fun Math Fact!

The number π (pi) $\approx 3.1415926535\dots$ is **irrational**, meaning it **never ends** and **never repeats!**

