ALGEBRA

Arithmetic Operations

$$a(b+c) = ab + ac$$

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad + bc}{bd}$$

$$\underbrace{a+c}_{b} = \frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{b}$$

$$\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{\frac{c}{d}} = \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{d}{c} = \frac{ad}{bc}$$

Exponents and Radicals

$$\frac{x^m}{x^n} = x^{m-n}$$

$$x^{-n} = \frac{1}{x^n}$$

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

$$\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^n = \frac{x^n}{y^n}$$

$$x^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{x}$$

$$x^{m/n} = \sqrt[n]{x^m} = \left(\sqrt[n]{x}\right)^m$$

$$\sqrt[n]{xy} = \sqrt[n]{x} \sqrt[n]{y}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{\frac{x}{y}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{x}}{\sqrt[n]{y}}$$

Factoring Special Polynomials

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

$$x^{3} + y^{3} = (x + y)(x^{2} - xy + y^{2})$$

$$x^3 - y^3 = (x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)$$

Binomial Theorem

$$(x + y)^2 = x^2 + 2xy + y^2$$

$$(x - y)^2 = x^2 - 2xy + y^2$$

$$(x + y)^3 = x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3$$

$$(x - y)^3 = x^3 - 3x^2y + 3xy^2 - y^3$$

$$(x+y)^n = x^n + nx^{n-1}y + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^{n-2}y^2$$

$$+ \cdots + \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k + \cdots + n x y^{n-1} + y^n$$

where
$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)}{1\cdot 2\cdot 3\cdot \cdots \cdot k}$$

Quadratic Formula

If
$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$
, then $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$.

Inequalities and Absolute Value

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

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

If
$$a < b$$
 and $c > 0$, then $ca < cb$.

If
$$a < b$$
 and $c < 0$, then $ca > cb$.

If
$$a > 0$$
, then

$$|x| = a$$
 means $x = a$ or $x = -a$

$$|x| < a$$
 means $-a < x < a$

$$|x| > a$$
 means $x > a$ or $x < -a$

GEOMETRY

Geometric Formulas

Formulas for area A, circumference C, and volume V:

Triangle

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

$$=\frac{1}{2}ab\sin\theta$$

Circle

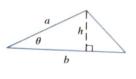
$$A = \pi r$$

$$C=2\pi r$$

Sector of Circle

$$A = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta$$

$$s = r\theta \ (\theta \text{ in radians})$$







Sphere

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

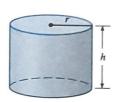
$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

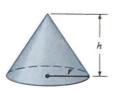
$$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$$

$$A=4\pi r^2$$

$$A = \pi r \sqrt{r^2 + h^2}$$







Distance and Midpoint Formulas

Distance between $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2)$:

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

Midpoint of
$$\overline{P_1P_2}$$
: $\left(\frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2}\right)$

Lines

Slope of line through $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2)$:

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

Point-slope equation of line through $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ with slope m:

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

Slope-intercept equation of line with slope m and y-intercept b:

$$y = mx + b$$

Circles

Equation of the circle with center (h, k) and radius r:

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