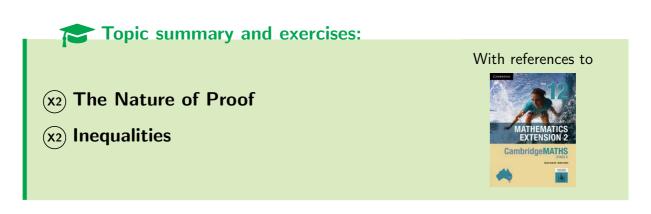


MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 2



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Symbols used	Syllabus outcomes addressed
Beware! Heed warning.	MEX12-1 understands and uses different representations of numbers and functions to model, prove results and find solutions to problems in a variety of contexts
(A) Mathematics Advanced content.	solutions to problems in a variety of contexts
(x) Mathematics Extension 1 content.	MEX12-2 chooses appropriate strategies to construct arguments and proofs in both practical and abstract settings
Literacy: note new word/phrase.	MEX12-7 applies various mathematical techniques and concepts to model and solve structured, unstructured
\mathbb{N} the set of natural numbers	and multi-step problems
\mathbb{Z} the set of integers	MEX12-8 communicates and justifies abstract ideas and relationships using appropriate language, notation and
\mathbb{Q} the set of rational numbers	logical argumen
${\mathbb R}$ the set of real numbers	Syllabus subtopics
\forall for all	MEX-P1 The Nature of Proof

Gentle reminder

- For a thorough understanding of the topic, *every* question in this handout is to be completed!
- Additional questions from *CambridgeMATHS Extension 2* will be completed at the discretion of your teacher.
- Remember to copy the question into your exercise book!

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Part I

The Nature of Proof

Section 1

The Language of Proof

Learning Goal(s)

Knowledge Vocabulary of proof
 Skills

 Identify type of proof required

Understanding Differences between logical operators

☑ By the end of this section am I able to:

20.1 Use the formal language of proof, including the terms statement, implication, converse, negation and contrapositive

1.1 Introduction

This section introduces the necessary language for proof.

Important note

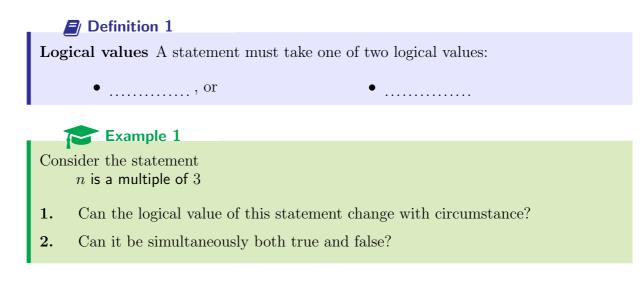
A Beware of the mathematics teacher morphing into an English teacher for this section!

A Vocabulary, grammar are all important!

Fill in the spaces

A mathematical ______ is an argument which convinces other people that something is true. In mathematics, we study ______, sentences that are either true or false but not both.

Example '8 is an even integer' and '4 is an odd integer' are statements.



Definition 2

1.2 Logical operations: an introduction to predicate logic

- In arithmetic, numbers can be combined or modified with operations such as '+, '-', ' \times ' and ' \div ', etc.
- Likewise, in logic, there are operations for combining and modifying statements, some of these operations are

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1.2.1 And, Or and Negation

Definition 3

Negation If p is a statement, then the statement 'not p' is called the "Not p" ($\neg p$, or $\sim p$) is defined to be

- true, whenever p is
- false, whenever p is

Definition 4

And If p and q are two statements, then the statement 'p and q' is defined to be

- true, when both p and q are
- false, when p is p or q is p or both p and q are
- Later at university: $p \wedge q$
- Set notation analogue: $P \cap Q$

Definition 5

Or If p and q are two statements, then the statement 'p or q' is defined to be

- true, when p is or q is or both p and q are
- false, when both p and q are
- Later at university: $p \lor q$
- Set notation analogue: $P \cup Q$

Fill in the spaces

And, Or and Negation The rules analogous to the complements of intersections of sets and unions of sets. Let A and B two sets.

• The negation of and is,

$$\neg (A \cap B) = \neg A \quad \neg B$$

• The negation of or is \dots , i.e. $\neg(A \text{ or } B) = \neg A \dots \neg B$

📰 Steps

Verify that set theory/notation is entirely analogous to predicate logic with the following example:

Let A be the set of Fibonacci numbers and B be the set of multiples of 3 inside the universal set U, the set of numbers on a die.

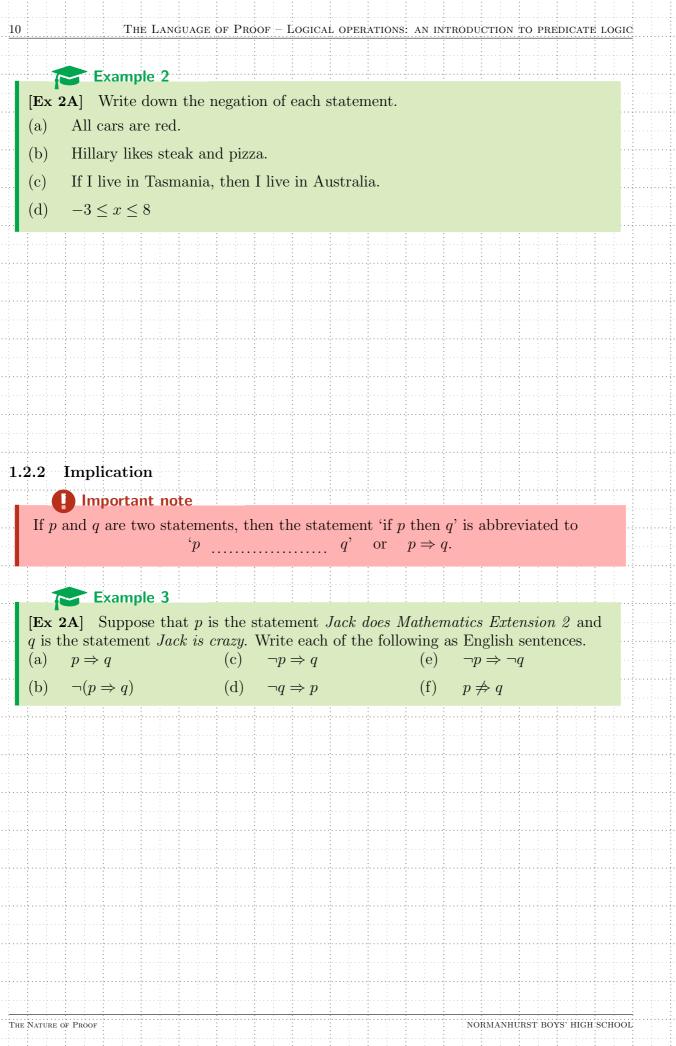
1. Draw a Venn diagram and find $A \cap B$ and $A \cup B$.

2. Verify: $\neg(A \cap B) = \dots$ is represented on the Venn Diagram by shading

$\overline{A \cap B}$

3. Verify: $\neg(A \cup B) = \dots$ is represented on the Venn Diagram by shading

 $\overline{A\cup B}$



1.3 **Quantifiers**

Consider the sentence 'x is even'. At this stage it's not possible to conclude whether it is true or false, as the value of x is still an unknown. There are three basic ways to turn this sentence into a statement.

• When x is 6, x is even. • For all integers x, x is even. • There exists an integer x such that x is even. Definition 6 The phrases for all and there exists are called **Fill in the spaces** Notation for quantifiers • \forall means • \exists means Example 4 Rewrite the following statements with the notation of quantifiers. For all integers n, the integer n(n+1) is even. (a)There exists an integer n such that $n^2 - n + 1 = 0$. (b)Example 5 Write each statement as an English sentence, without any use of symbols. $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists m \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } m > n$ (a) $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a > 0 \Rightarrow a + \frac{1}{a} \ge 2$ (b)

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• p is a	condition for q				
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Example 6					
Consider the following statements.					
(a) If I travel by bus then I use	public transport.				
(b) If a number on a die is prim	e then it is a Fib	onacci number			
Verify their sufficiency and necessa	ry condition.				
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Example 7					
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(a) If x is a multiple of 4 then x	is even.				
(b) If a quadrilateral is a rhomb		-			
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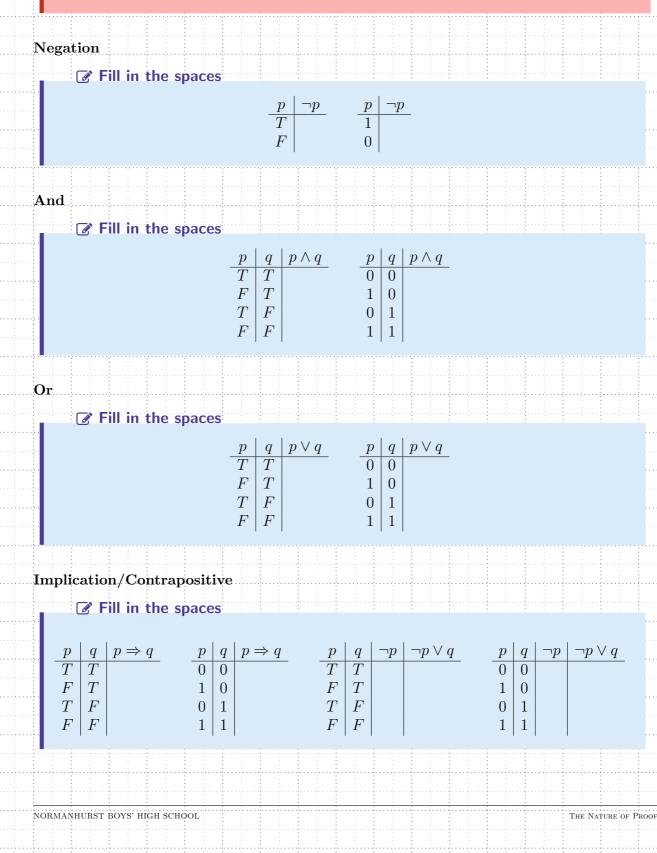
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1.4.5 Truth tables and Boolean algebra

Truth tables can assist with 'visualising' the the logical results previously shown. Some additional reading on medium.com

Important note

A Not in the Extension 2 syllabus, but an understanding of this subsection will help immensely with the previously covered material.



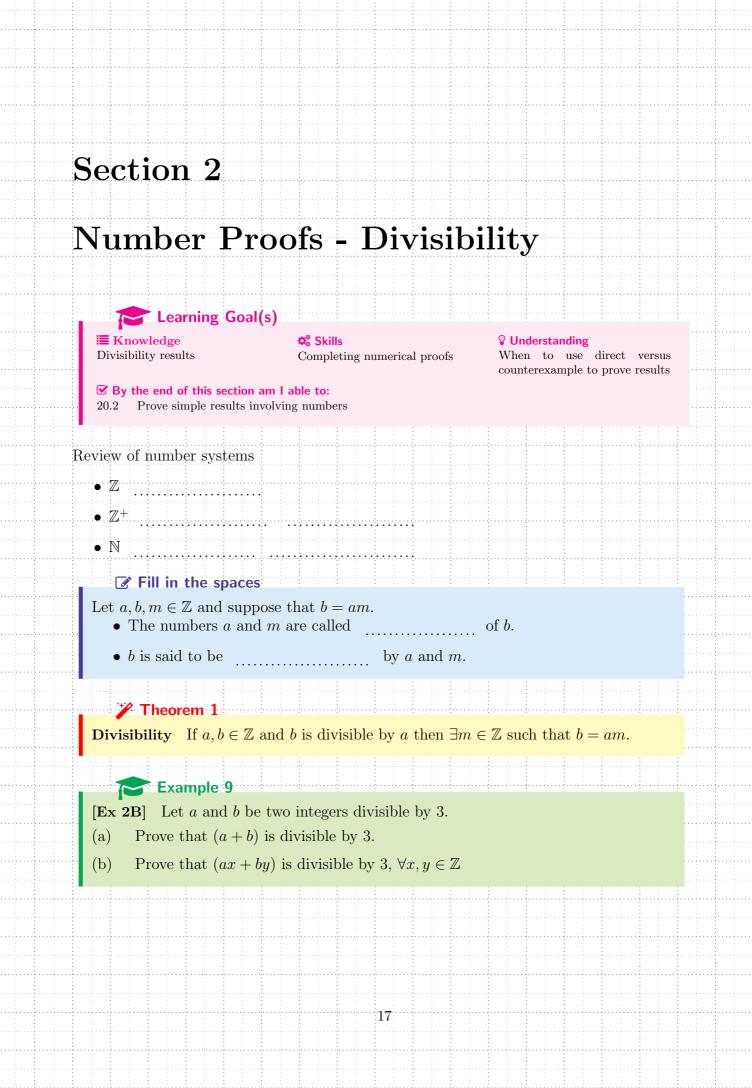
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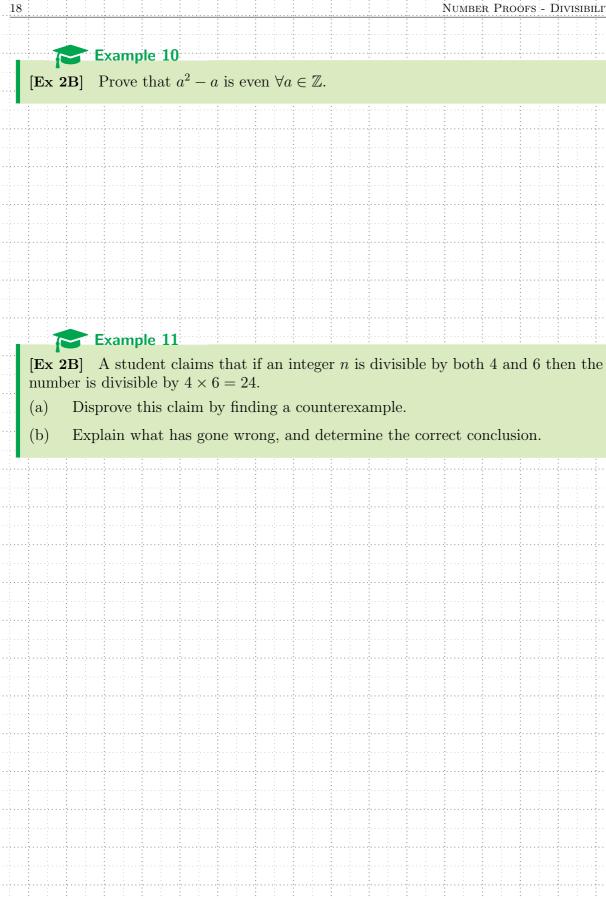
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George Boole (1815-1864) was a largely self-taught English mathematician, philosopher and logician. He worked in the fields of differential equations and algebraic logic, and is best known as the author of *The Laws of Thought* (1854) which contains *Boolean algebra*. Boolean logic is credited with laying the foundations for the information age. **Source:** Wikipedia

The Nature of Proof





Example 12 [Ex 2B] Let n = 10x + y, where $n, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

- (a) Prove that if n is divisible by 7 then (x 2y) is also divisible by 7.
- (b) Further, prove that the converse is true.
- (c) Write the result as an iff statement.
- (d) Hence determine whether or not 3871 is divisible by 7.

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[Ex 2B]

- (a) Prove that the square of an even number is divisible by 4.
- (b) Prove that the remainder is 1 when the square of an odd number is divided by 8.
- (c) Hence prove that if a and b are both odd, then $a^2 + b^2$ is not a square.



Section 3

Proof by Contraposition and Contradiction

Learning Goal(s)

Knowledge Contrapositive statements

🗘 Skills

Identifying when to prove by contrapositive or contradiction

V Understanding

Difference between direct and contrapositive statements

Solution By the end of this section am I able to:

20.3 Use proof by contradiction including proving the irrationality for numbers such as $\sqrt{2}$ and $\log_2 5$.

20.4 Use examples and counter-examples

• *Proof by contraposition* and *proof by contradiction* are commonly used in mathematics and involve negation.

3.1 **Proof by Contraposition**

Important note

• Reminder!

An implication is equivalent to its

• When an implication is not easy to prove directly, it may be suitable to use proof by _________ instead. It is important to *clearly* state what is being done at the _______.

Example 15

[Ex 2C] Prove that if n^2 is even then n is even.

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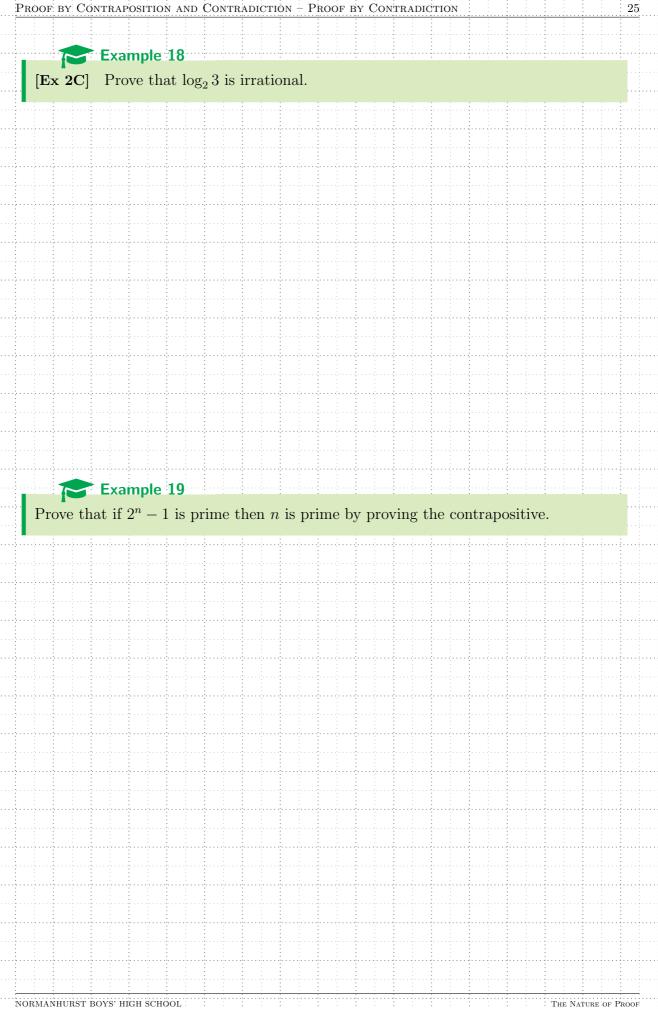
For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, if $n^2 - 6n + 5$ is even, then n is odd.

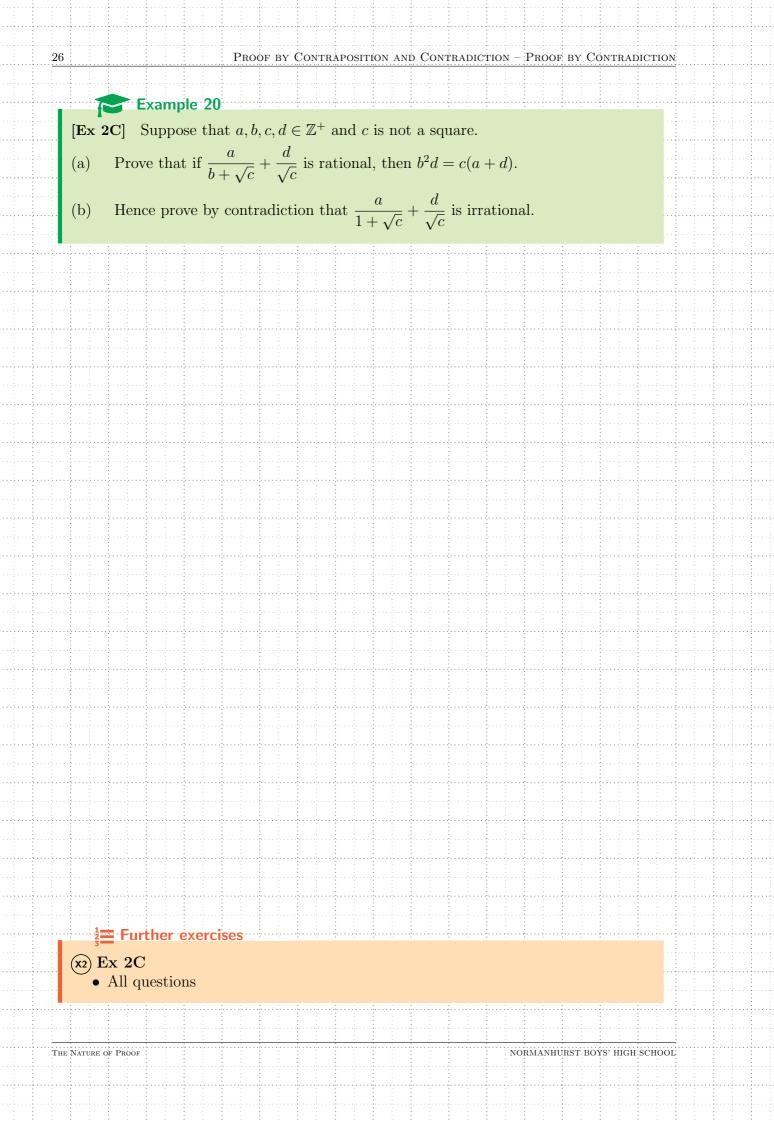
[2020 NBHS Mathematics Ext 2 Assessment Task 3] (2 marks) Prove the following statement by contrapositive:

Example 16

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3.3 HSC questions

Example 21

[2020 Ext 2 HSC Q7] Consider the proposition:

If $2^n - 1$ is not prime, then n is not prime.

Given that each of the following statements is true, which statement disproves the proposition?

(A) $2^5 - 1$ is prime

(B) $2^6 - 1$ is divisible by 9

- (C) $2^7 1$ is prime
- (D) $2^{11} 1$ is divisible by 23

Example 22

[2020 Ext 2 HSC Q8] Consider the statement:

If n is even, then if n is a multiple of 3, then n is a multiple of 6.

Which of the following is the negation of this statement?

- (A) n is odd and n is not a multiple of 3 or 6.
- (B) n is even and n is a multiple of 3 but not a multiple of 6.
- (C) If n is even, then n is not a multiple of 3 and n is not a multiple of 6.
- (D) If n is odd, then if n is not a multiple of 3 then n is not a multiple of 6.

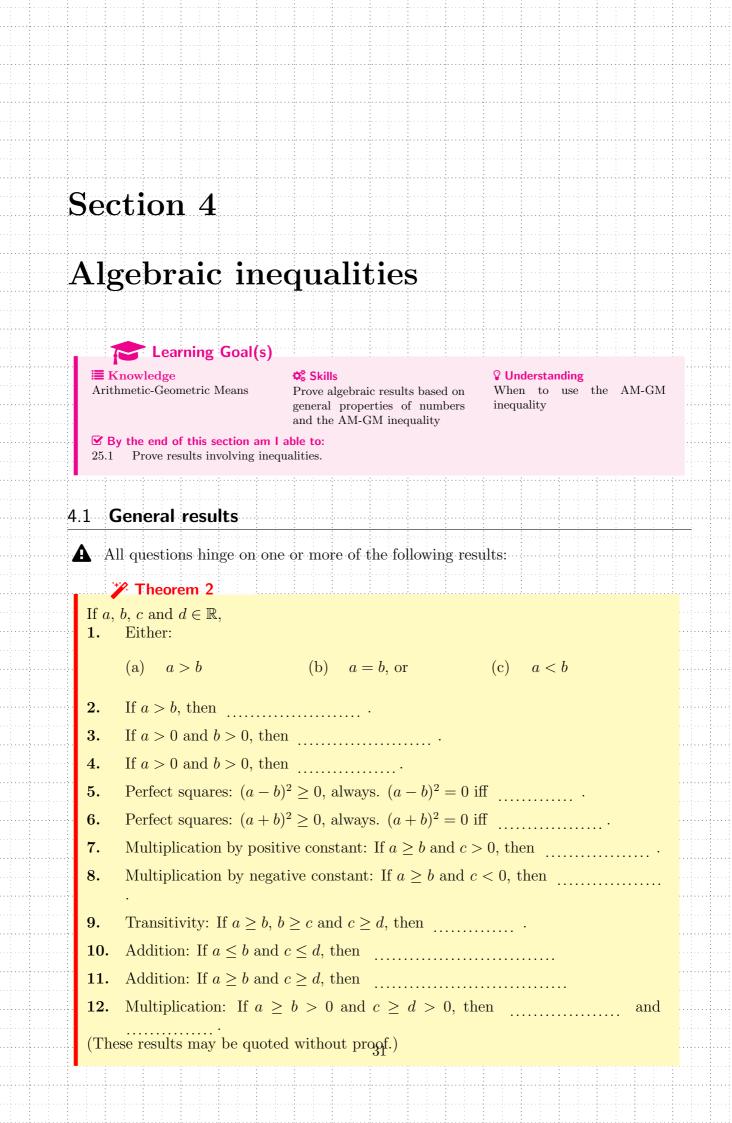
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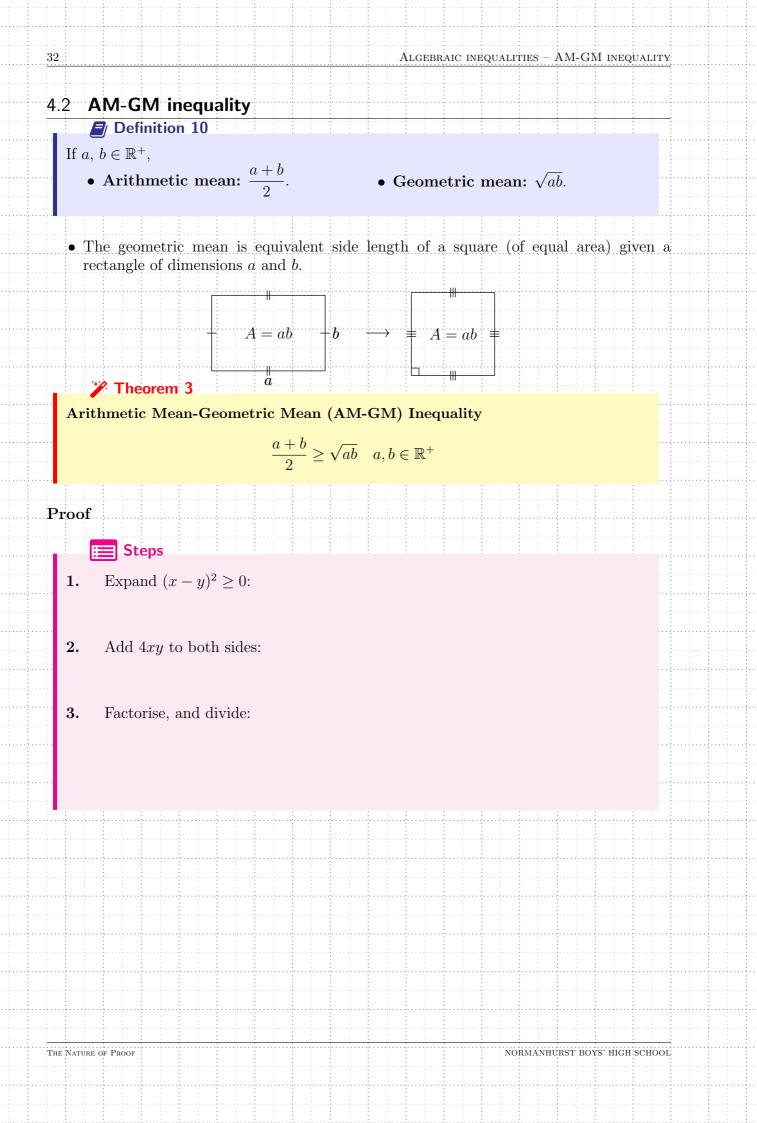
[2020 Ext 2 HSC Q14] (3 marks) Prove that for any integer n > 1, $\log_n(n+1)$ is irrational.

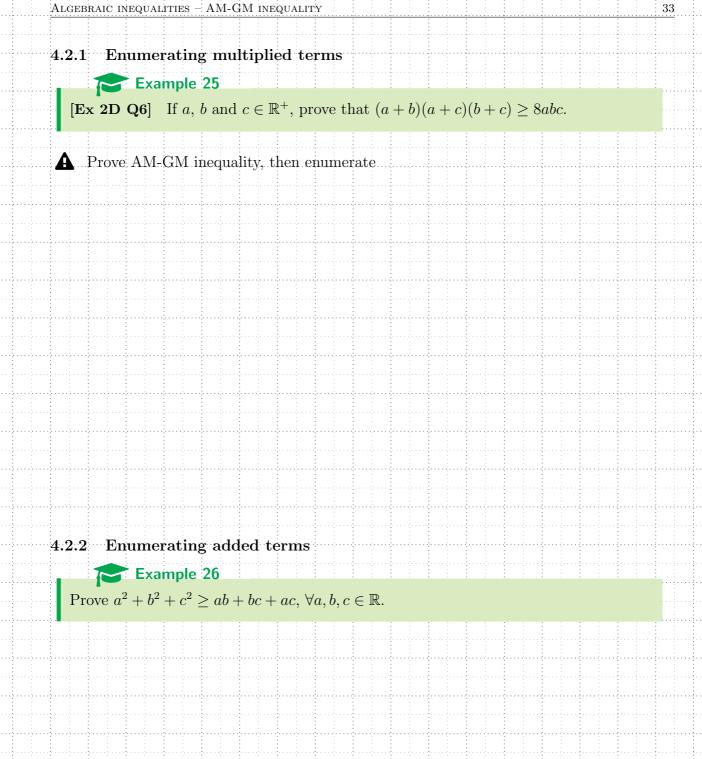
Example 24 [2020 Ext 2 HSC Q15] In the set of integers, let P be the proposition: If $k + 1$ is divisible by 3, then $k^3 + 1$ is divisible by 3.																																		
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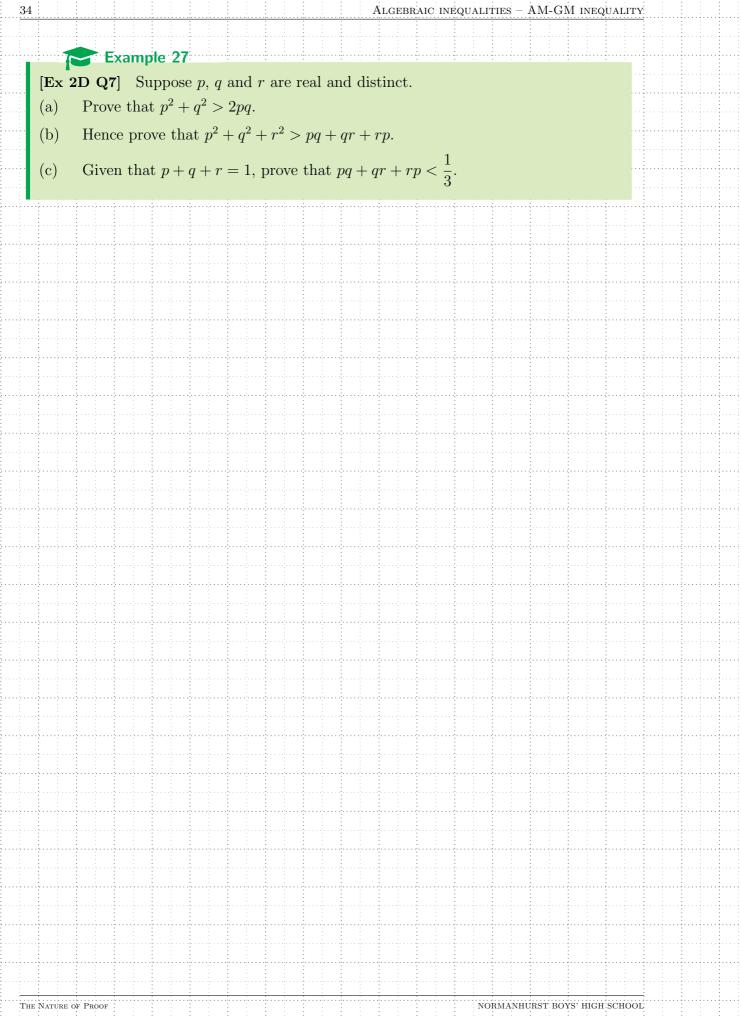
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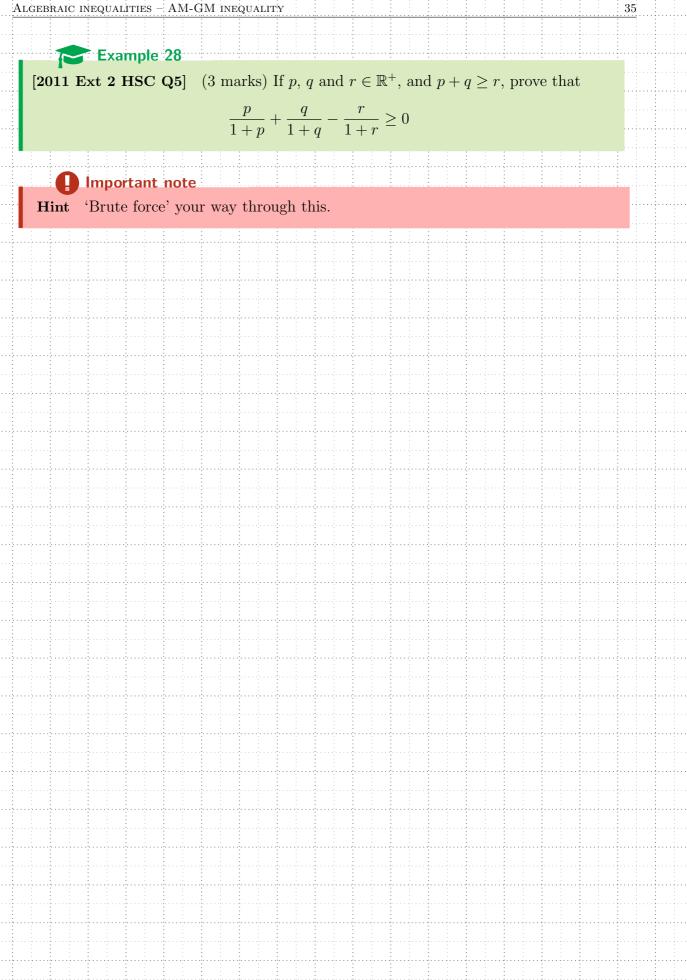
Inequalities











Example 29

- (a) Show that if a > 0, $a + \frac{1}{a} \ge 2$.
- (b) Deduce for $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^+$, then

$$(a+b)\left(\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}\right) \ge 4$$

and

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$$(a+b+c)\left(\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}\right) \ge 9$$

(c) Hence show that

$$\frac{9}{a+b+c} \le \frac{2}{b+c} + \frac{2}{c+a} + \frac{2}{a+b} \le \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$$

and state the conditions under which equality holds.

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[Ex 2D Q9] Suppose a, b and c > 0.

Prove $a^2 + b^2 \ge 2ab$. (a)

Example 30

- Hence prove $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \ge ab + bc + ac$. (b)
- Given that $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 3abc = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 ab bc ac)$, then (c) show that

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \ge 3abc$$

(d) Hence show that $x + y + z \ge 3\sqrt[3]{xyz}$ for x, y and $z \in \mathbb{R}^+$.

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38 ALGEBRAIC INEQUALITIES - AM-GM INEQUALITY Example 31 [2012 CSSA Ext 2 Trial Q16] The inequality $\frac{x+y}{2} \ge \sqrt{xy}$ is true for all $x \ge 0$ and $y \ge 0$, with i. 1 equality when x = y. Use the inequality to show that the minimum value of the function $f(x) = Ae^x + Be^{-x}$ is $2\sqrt{AB}$, where A > 0 and B > 0 are constants. The function $f(x) = Ae^x + Be^{-x}$ has line symmetry about the ii. 2 vertical line x = c. That is, we can write f(x) in the form $f(x) = k \left[e^{x-c} + e^{-(x-c)} \right]$ for some values of k and c. Using part (i), or otherwise, find k and c in terms of A and B. Answer: $k = \sqrt{AB}, c = \ln \sqrt{\frac{B}{A}}$

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4.2.3 Combination of inequalities

• Mostly involve showing a particular function is always within a certain interval.

Example 32

[2013 Independent Ext 2 Trial Q15] Consider the function

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \left(\sqrt{a_k} x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_k}}\right)^2$$

where $a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$.

i. By expressing f(x) as a quadratic function of x, show that

$$(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n) \left(\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n}\right) \ge n$$

ii. Hence show that $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \ge \frac{2n}{n+1}$.

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or

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Example 33 $[\mathbf{2012}\ \mathbf{Ext}\ \mathbf{2}\ \mathbf{HSC}\ \mathbf{Q15}]$ (Also in Sadler and Ward (2019)) Prove that $\sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{a+b}{2}$, where a > 0 and $b \geq 0$. i. 1 If $1 \le x \le y$, show that $x(y - x + 1) \ge y$. ii. $\mathbf{2}$ Let n and j be positive integers with $1 \leq j \leq n$. Prove that $\mathbf{2}$ iii. $\sqrt{n} \le \sqrt{j(n-j+1)} \le \frac{n+1}{2}$ For integers $n \ge 1$, prove that iv. 1 $\left(\sqrt{n}\right)^n \le n! \le \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n$



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Section 5

Inequalities in Geometry and Calculus



Knowledge

Using geometric facts (e.g. triangle inequality), as well as first/second derivatives and integrals to prove results

C Skills

Identify when to use first and/or second derivative or integrals to prove results

Vunderstanding

More properties of functions in relation to their derivatives and integrals

☑ By the end of this section am I able to:

25.2 Prove further results involving inequalities by logical use of previously obtained inequalities

Important note

A This section contains multidisciplinary questions, often mixing the inequalities work within MEX-P1 The Nature of Proof with any Mathematics Advanced or Extension 1 content.

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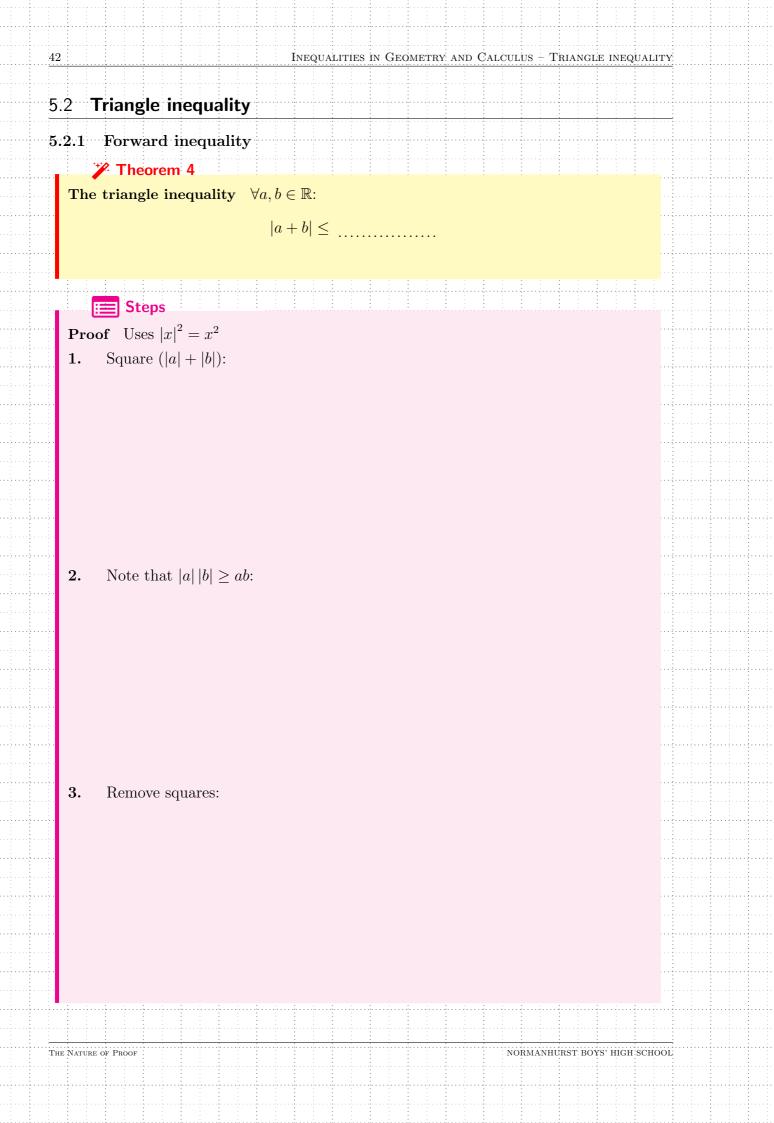
Inequalities via graphical methods 5.1

Example 34

Show that $x \ge \ln(1+x), \forall x > -1$. State when equality holds.



Example 35 Show that $\cos x \ge 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2$, $\forall x$.



5.2.2 Reverse inequality

Theorem 5

🔚 Steps

The 'reverse' triangle inequality $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$|a+b| \geq \dots$$

Proof Uses Theorem 4 on the preceding page.

1. Rewrite |a| = |(a + b) - b| and use triangle inequality:

 $|a| - |b| \le |a + b|$

2. Do likewise to |b|:

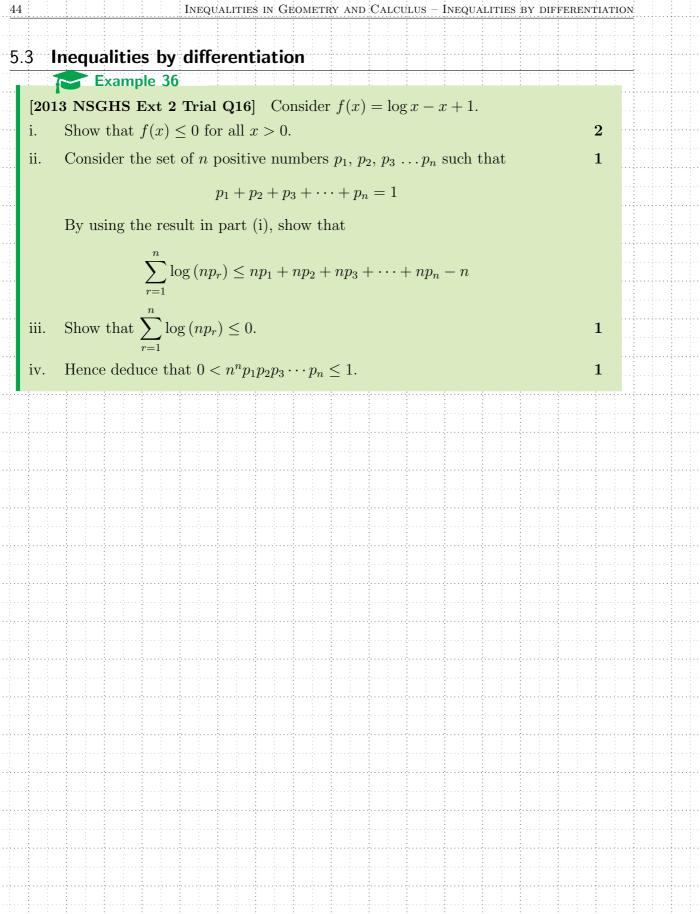
 $|b| - |a| \le |a + b|$

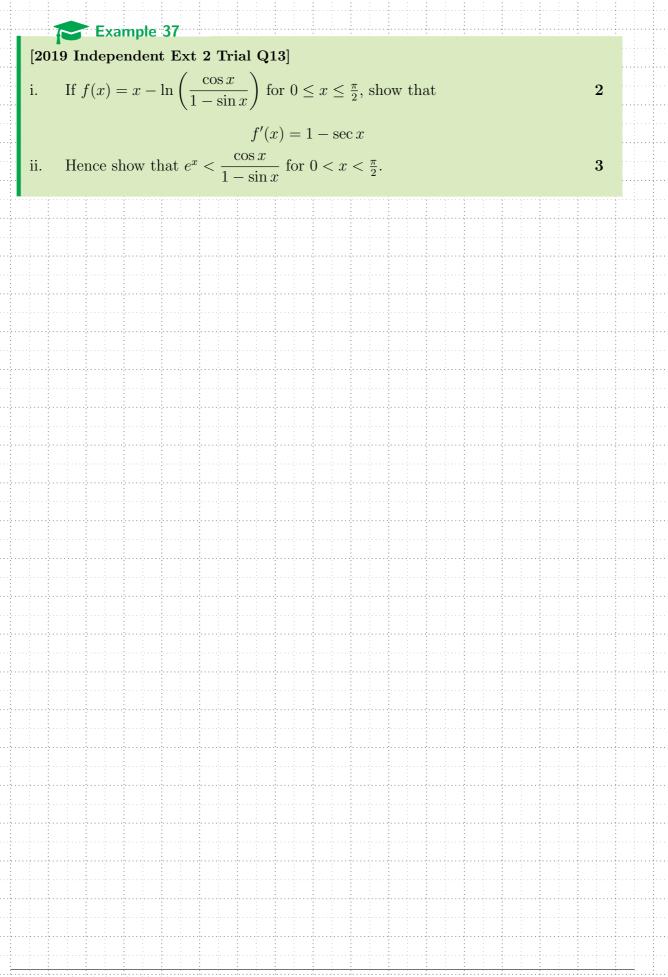
3. Use the definition of the absolute value, i.e.

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & x \ge 0\\ -x & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

(replace x with |a| - |b|)

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5.4 Inequalities by integration

See also: Topic 27 - (x_1) (x_2) Further Integration. Example 38 Use $\ln t = \int_1^t \frac{1}{x} dx$ for t > 1 to deduce that

$$1 - \frac{1}{t} \le \ln t \le \frac{1}{2} \left(t - \frac{1}{t} \right)$$

for $t \ge 1$.

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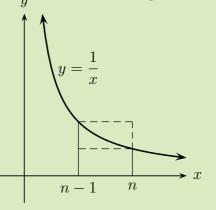
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		$1 - x + x - \dots + x - \frac{1}{1 + x^2}$								
	(ii)	Hence show that 2								
		$\frac{1}{1+x^2} \le 1 - x^2 + x^4 - \dots + x^{4n} \le \frac{1}{1+x^2} + x^{4n+2}$								
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Example 40

[2009 Ext 2 HSC Q8] Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, n > 1.

The area of the region under the curve $y = \frac{1}{x}$ from x = n - 1 to x = n is between the areas of the two rectangles, as show in the diagram.



Show that

$$e^{-\frac{n}{n-1}} < \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^n < e^{-1}$$



Section A

Past HSC questions

- Questions in this appendix appear only if they have not yet appeared in prior booklets for Topic 16 (x2) Complex Numbers or Topic 27 (x1) (x2) Further Integration.
- Questions earmarked (?) indicates that it is uncertain whether a question of this type can appear in the new 2019-2020 syllabuses, given this *escape clause* in the new syllabuses:

Prove further results involving inequalities by logical use of previously obtained inequalities (*Mathematics Extension 2 Stage 6 Syllabus*, 2017, Revised 18/11/2019, p.28)

It is uncertain due to one, or both of the following:

- Level of difficulty does it get this difficult?
- Reach into other parts of the syllabuses does it go this far outside of inequalities?

A.1 1998 4U HSC

Question 8

- (a) The numbers p, q and s are fixed and positive. Also p > 1, q > 1 and $p = \frac{q}{q-1}$.
 - i. What positive value of t minimises the expression

$$f(t) = \frac{s^p}{p} + \frac{t^q}{q} - st?$$

ii. Show that for all t > 0,

$$\frac{s^p}{p} + \frac{t^q}{q} \ge st$$

iii. Prove by induction that

$$(x_1x_2 \times \dots \times x_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \le \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n}$$

for all $x_1, \ldots, x_n > 0$.

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iv. Deduce that, for all $y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_n > 0$,

$$\frac{y_1}{y_2} + \frac{y_2}{y_3} + \dots + \frac{y_{n-1}}{y_n} + \frac{y_n}{y_1} \ge n$$

A.2 2000 4U HSC

Question 7

(a) i. Show that, for
$$x > 0$$
, $\ln x < x - 1$, with equality only at $x = 1$. 2

ii. From (i), deduce that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \ln \frac{y_i}{x_i} \le 0$$

whenever $\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_1 = 1$, where $x_i > 0, y_1 > 0$ for i = 1, 2, ..., n.

Show that equality occurs only if $x_i = y_i$ for i = 1, 2, ... n.

iii. By considering part (ii) with equal values of y_1 for i = 1, 2, ..., n, prove **3** that the maximum value of

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_1 \ln \frac{1}{x_i} = \ln n$$

where $\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_1 = 1$ and $x_i > 0$ for $i = 1, 2, ..., n$.

iv. Does the result of part (iii) hold if \ln is replaced by \log_2 ? Give reasons **1** for your answer.

A.3 2001 Ext 2 HSC

Question 8

(a) i. Show that $2ab \le a^2 + b^2$ for all real numbers a and b. 3

Hence deduce that $3(ab + bc + ca) \le (a + b + c)^2$ for all real numbers a, b and c.

ii. Suppose a, b and c are sides of a triangle. Explain why $(b-c)^2 \le a^2$. 4

Deduce that $(a + b + c)^2 \le 4(ab + bc + ca)$.

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A.4 2003 Ext 2 HSC

Question 6

(c) i. Let x and y be real numbers such that $x \ge 0$ and $y \ge 0$. 1

Prove that
$$\frac{x+y}{2} \ge \sqrt{xy}$$

ii. Suppose that
$$a, b c$$
 are real numbers.

Prove that
$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \ge a^2b^2 + a^2c^2 + b^2c^2$$
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iii. Show that
$$a^2b^2 + a^2c^2 + b^2c^2 \ge a^2bc + b^2ac + c^2ab$$
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iv. Deduce that if
$$a + b + c = d$$
, then $a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \ge abcd$. 1

Question 7 (?)

(c) Suppose that α is a real number with $0 < \alpha < \pi$.

Let
$$P_n = \cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{4}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{8}\right)\cdots\cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2^n}\right).$$

i. Show that $P_n\sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2^n}\right) = \frac{1}{2}P_{n-1}\sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2^{n-1}}\right).$ 2

ii. Deduce that
$$P_n = \frac{\sin \alpha}{2^n \sin \left(\frac{\alpha}{2^n}\right)}$$
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iii. Given that $\sin x < x$ for x > 0, show that

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{4}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{8}\right)\cdots\cos\left(\frac{\alpha}{2^n}\right)} < \alpha$$

A.5 2004 Ext 2 HSC

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ii. Let n be a positive integer and a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n be n positive real numbers. 4 Prove by induction that

$$(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)\left(\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n}\right) \ge n^2$$

iii. Hence show that $\csc^2 \theta + \sec^2 \theta + \cot^2 \theta \ge 9 \cos^2 \theta$

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A.6 2005 Ext 2 HSC

Question 8

(a) Suppose that a and b are positive real numbers, and let $f(x) = \frac{a+b+x}{3(abx)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$.

- i. Show that the minimum value of f(x) occurs at $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$
- ii. Suppose that c is a positive real number.

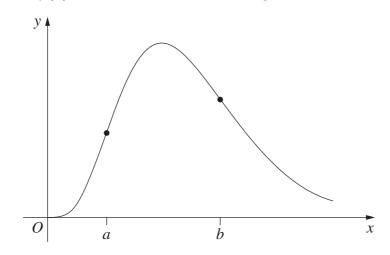
Show that
$$\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3\sqrt[3]{abc}}\right)^3 \ge \left(\frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}}\right)^2$$
 and deduce $\frac{a+b+c}{3} \ge \sqrt[3]{abc}$.
You may assume that $\frac{a+b}{2} \ge \sqrt{ab}$.

- iii. Suppose that the cubic equation $x^3 px^2 + qx r = 0$ has three positive **1** real roots. Use part (ii) to prove that $p^3 \ge 27r$.
- iv. Deduce that the cubic equation $x^3 2x^2 + x 1 = 0$ has exactly one **2** real root.

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A.7 2006 Ext 2 HSC

- (a) uest from 8 the Topic 27 (x_1) (x_2) Further Integration booklet for part (a), which contains prerequisites to part (b).
- (b) For x > 0, let $f(x) = x^n e^{-x}$, where n is an integer and $n \ge 2$.



- i. The two points of inflexion of f(x) occur at x = a and x = b, where 0 < a < b. Find a and b in terms of n.
- ii. Show that

$$\frac{f(b)}{f(a)} = \left(\frac{1+\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}{1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}\right)^n e^{-2\sqrt{n}}$$

$$1 \le \frac{f(b)}{f(a)} \le e^{\frac{4}{3\sqrt{n}}}$$

iv. What can be said about the ratio $\frac{f(b)}{f(a)}$ as $n \to \infty$? 1

A.8 2007 Ext 2 HSC

Question. 6 Use the binomial theorem

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

to show that, for $n \ge 2$,

$$2^n > \binom{n}{2}$$

ii. Hence show that, for $n \ge 2$,

$$\frac{n+2}{2^{n-1}} < \frac{4n+8}{n(n-1)}$$

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iii. Prove by induction that, for integers $n \ge 1$,

$$1 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots + n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} = 4 - \frac{n+2}{2^{n-1}}$$

Question 7 Show that $\sin x < x$ for x > 0.

- ii. Let $f(x) = \sin x x + \frac{x^3}{6}$. Show that the graph of y = f(x) is concave **2** up for x > 0.
- iii. By considering the first two derivatives of f(x), show that $\sin x > x \frac{x^3}{6}$ 2 for x > 0.

A.9 2009 Ext 2 HSC

Question
$$5(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} - x$$

- i. Show that f''(x) > 0 for all x > 0. 2
- ii. Hence, or otherwise, show that f'(x) > 0 for all x > 0. 2

iii. Hence, or otherwise, show that
$$\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} > x$$
 for all $x > 0$. 1

A.10 2010 Ext 2 HSC

Question 4

(c) Let k be a real number, $k \ge 4$.

Show that, for every positive real number b, there is a positive real number a such that

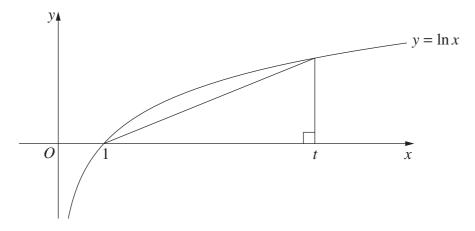
$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{\kappa}{a+b}$$

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A.11 2013 Ext 2 HSC

Question 14

(a) The diagram shows $y = \ln x$.



By comparing relevant areas in the diagram, or otherwise, show that

$$\ln t > 2\left(\frac{t-1}{t+1}\right)$$

for t > 1

Question 16

(a) i. Find the minimum value of

$$P(x) = 2x^3 - 15x^2 + 24x + 16 \qquad x \ge 0$$

ii. Hence, or otherwise, show that for
$$x \ge 0$$
,

$$(x+1)(x^2 + (x+4)^2) \ge 25x^2$$

iii. Hence, or otherwise, show that for $m \ge 0$ and $n \ge 0$,

$$(m+n)^2 + (m+n+4)^2 \ge \frac{100mn}{m+n+1}$$

A.12 2014 Ext 2 HSC

Question 15

(a) Three positive real numbers a, b and c are such that a + b + c = 1 and $2 a \le b \le c$.

By considering the expansion of $(a + b + c)^2$, or otherwise, show that

$$5a^2 + 3b^2 + c^2 \le 1$$

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A.13 2015 Ext 2 HSC

Question 15

(b) Suppose that $x \ge 0$ and n is a positive integer.

i. Show that
$$1 - x \le \frac{1}{1 + x} \le 1$$
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ii. Hence, or otherwise, show that

$$1 - \frac{1}{2n} < n \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \le 1$$

iii. Hence, explain why $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n = e$ 1

(c) For positive real numbers x and y,
$$\sqrt{xy} \le \frac{x+y}{2}$$
 (Do NOT prove this)

i. Prove
$$\sqrt{xy} \le \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}}$$
, for positive real numbers x and y. 1

ii. Prove that $\sqrt[4]{abcd} \le \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}{4}}$, for positive real numbers a, b, c and d.

A.14 2016 Ext 2 HSC

Question 14

(c) Show that $x\sqrt{x} + 1 \ge x + \sqrt{x}$, for $x \ge 0$.

A.15 2018 Ext 2 HSC

Also 2020 Ext 2 Sample HSC Q9

9. It is given that *a* and *b* are real and *p* and *q* are imaginary.

Which pair of inequalities must always be true?

(A)
$$a^2p^2 + b^2q^2 \le 2abpq, a^2b^2 + p^2q^2 \le 2abpq$$

- (B) $a^2p^2 + b^2q^2 \le 2abpq, a^2b^2 + p^2q^2 \ge 2abpq$
- (C) $a^2p^2 + b^2q^2 \ge 2abpq, a^2b^2 + p^2q^2 \le 2abpq$
- (D) $a^2p^2 + b^2q^2 \ge 2abpq, a^2b^2 + p^2q^2 \ge 2abpq$

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Question 15

- (c) Let n be a positive integer and let x be a positive real number.
 - i. Show that $x^n 1 n(x 1) = (x 1)(1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{n-1} n)$ 1
 - ii. Hence show that $x^n \ge 1 + n(x-1)$ 2
 - iii. Deduce for positive real numbers a and b,

$$a^n b^{1-n} \ge na + (1-n)b$$

A.16 2021 Ext 2 HSC

4. Consider the statement:

'For all integers n, if n is a multiple of 6, then n is a multiple of 2'.

Which of the following is the contrapositive of the statement?

- (A) There exists an integer n such that n is a multiple of 6 and not a multiple of 2.
- (B) There exists an integer n such that n is a multiple of 2 and not a multiple of 6.
- (C) For all integers n, if n is not a multiple of 2, then n is not a multiple of 6.
- (D) For all integers n, if n is not a multiple of 6, then n is not a multiple of 2.

5. Which of the following statements is FALSE?

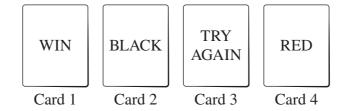
- (A) $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R},$ (B) $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R},$ (C) $\forall a, b \in (0, +\infty),$ $a < b \Rightarrow a^3 < b^3$ $a < b \Rightarrow e^{-a} > e^{-b}$ $a < b \Rightarrow \ln a < \ln b$
- (D) $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, with $a, b \neq 0$, $a < b \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} > \frac{1}{b}$

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Four cards have either RED or BLACK on one side and either WIN or TRY AGAIN on the other side.

Sam places the four cards on the table as shown below.



A statement is made: 'If a card is RED, then it has WIN written on the other side'.

Sam wants to check if the statement is true by turning over the minimum number of cards.

Which cards show	ıld Sam turn over?		
(A) $1 \text{ and } 4$	(B) $3 \text{ and } 4$	(C) $1, 2 \text{ and } 4$	(D) $1, 3 \text{ and } 4$

Question 12

(b) Consider Statement A.

Statement A: 'If n^2 is even, then n is even.'

- i. What is the converse of Statement A? 1
- ii. Show that the converse of Statement A is true.

Question 15

(a) For all non-negative real numbers x and y,

$$\sqrt{xy} = \frac{x+y}{2}$$
 (Do NOT prove this)

i. Using this fact, show that for all non-negative real numbers a, b and c, 2

$$\sqrt{abc} \le \frac{a^2 + b^2 + 2c}{4}$$

ii. Using part (i), or otherwise, show that for all non-negative real numbers a, b and c, 2

$$\sqrt{abc} \le \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + a + b + c}{6}$$

(b) For integers $n \ge 1$, the triangular numbers t_n are defined by $t_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$, giving $t_1 = 1$, $t_2 = 3$, $t_3 = 6$, $t_4 = 10$ and so on.

For integers $n \ge 1$, the hexagonal numbers h_n are defined by $h_n = 2n^2 - n$, giving $h_1 = 1$, $h_2 = 6$, $h_3 = 15$, $h_4 = 28$ and so on.

- i. Show that the triangular numbers t_1, t_3, t_5 , and so on, are also hexagonal **2** numbers.
- ii. Show that the triangular numbers t_2 , t_4 , t_6 , and so on, are not hexagonal 1 numbers.

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2. The following proof aims to establish that -4 = 0.

Let a = -4 $a^2 = 16$ and 4a + 4 = -12 \Rightarrow Line 1 $a^2 + 4a + 4 = 4$ Line 2 \Rightarrow $(a+2)^2 = 2^2$ \Rightarrow Line 3 a + 2 = 2 \Rightarrow Line 4 a = 0 \Rightarrow

At which line is the implication incorrect?

- (A) Line 1 (B) Line 2 (C) Line 3 (D) Line 4
- **3.** Let A, B and P be three points in three-dimensional space with $A \neq B$.

Consider the following statement.

If P is on the line AB, then there exists a real number λ such that $\overrightarrow{AP} = \lambda \overrightarrow{AB}$.

Which of the following is the contrapositive of this statement?

- (A) If for all real numbers λ , $\overrightarrow{AP} = \lambda \overrightarrow{AB}$, then P is on the line AB.
- (B) If for all real numbers λ , $\overrightarrow{AP} \neq \lambda \overrightarrow{AB}$, then P is not on the line AB.
- (C) If there exists a real number λ such that $\overrightarrow{AP} = \lambda \overrightarrow{AB}$, then P is on the line AB.
- (D) If there exists a real number λ such that $\overrightarrow{AP} \neq \lambda \overrightarrow{AB}$, then P is not on the line AB.

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7. Consider the statement *P*.

P: For all integers $n \ge 1$, if n is a prime number then $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ is a prime number.

Which of the following is true about this statement and its converse?

- (A) The statement P and its converse are both true.
- (B) The statement P and its converse are both false.
- (C) The statement P is true and its converse is false.
- (D) The statement P is false and its converse is true.

Question 13

(a) Prove that for all integers n with $n \ge 3$, if $2^n - 1$ is prime, then n cannot be even. **3**

Question 16

(a) It is given that for positive numbers $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ with arithmetic mean A,

 $\frac{x_1 \times x_2 \times x_3 \times \dots \times x_n}{A^n} \le 1 \qquad \text{(Do NOT prove this)}$

Suppose a rectangular prism has dimensions a, b and c and surface area S.

i. Show that
$$abc \leq \left(\frac{S}{6}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$
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ii. Using part (i), show that when the rectangular prism with surface area S is a cube, it has maximum volume. 2

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Measurement

Length

 $l = \frac{\theta}{360} \times 2\pi r$

Area

 $A = \frac{\theta}{360} \times \pi r^2$ $A = \frac{h}{2} (a+b)$

Surface area

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

Volume

 $V = \frac{1}{3}Ah$ $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

Functions

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

For
$$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$$
:
 $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -\frac{b}{a}$
 $\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma = \frac{c}{a}$
and $\alpha\beta\gamma = -\frac{d}{a}$

Relations

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

Financial Mathematics

$$A = P(1+r)^n$$

Sequences and series

$$T_n = a + (n-1)d$$

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

$$T_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} = \frac{a(r^n-1)}{r-1}, r \neq 1$$

$$S = \frac{a}{1-r}, |r| < 1$$

Logarithmic and Exponential Functions

$$\log_{a} a^{x} = x = a^{\log_{a} x}$$
$$\log_{a} x = \frac{\log_{b} x}{\log_{b} a}$$
$$a^{x} = e^{x \ln a}$$

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Trigonometric Functions Statistical Analysis $\sin A = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}, \quad \cos A = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}, \quad \tan A = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$ An outlier is a score $z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$ less than $Q_1 - 1.5 \times IQR$ $A = \frac{1}{2}ab\sin C$ more than $Q_3 + 1.5 \times IQR$ $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$ Normal distribution $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab\cos C$ $\cos C = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}$ $\sqrt{3}$ $l = r\theta$ $A = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta$ 2 Ò -3 _2 -1approximately 68% of scores have **Trigonometric identities** z-scores between -1 and 1 $\sec A = \frac{1}{\cos A}, \ \cos A \neq 0$ approximately 95% of scores have z-scores between –2 and 2 $\csc A = \frac{1}{\sin A}, \ \sin A \neq 0$ approximately 99.7% of scores have z-scores between -3 and 3 $\cot A = \frac{\cos A}{\sin A}, \ \sin A \neq 0$ $E(X) = \mu$ $Var(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E(X^2) - \mu^2$ $\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$ Probability **Compound angles** $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ $\sin(A+B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$ $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$ $\cos(A+B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B$ $\tan(A+B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$ $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}, \ P(B) \neq 0$ If $t = \tan \frac{A}{2}$ then $\sin A = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}$ Continuous random variables $P(X \le x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) dx$ $\cos A = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}$ $P(a < X < b) = \int_{-b}^{b} f(x) dx$ $\tan A = \frac{2t}{1-t^2}$ $\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos(A - B) + \cos(A + B) \right]$ **Binomial distribution** $\sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B) \right]$ $P(X = r) = {}^{n}C_{r}p^{r}(1-p)^{n-r}$ $X \sim \operatorname{Bin}(n, p)$ $\sin A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B) \right]$ $\Rightarrow P(X = x)$ $= \binom{n}{x} p^{x} (1-p)^{n-x}, x = 0, 1, \dots, n$ $\cos A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sin(A+B) - \sin(A-B) \right]$ $\sin^2 nx = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2nx)$ E(X) = npVar(X) = np(1-p) $\cos^2 nx = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2nx)$

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Differential Calculus

Integral Calculus

FunctionDerivative
$$y = f(x)^n$$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = nf'(x)[f(x)]^{n-1}$ $\int f'(x)[f(x)]^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1}[f'(x)]^{n+1} + c$
where $n \neq -1$ $y = uv$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = u\frac{dv}{dx} + v\frac{du}{dx}$ $\int f'(x)\sin f(x) dx = -\cos f(x) + c$ $y = g(u)$ where $u = f(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx}$ $\int f'(x)\cos f(x) dx = \sin f(x) + c$ $y = g(u)$ where $u = f(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{u} \times \frac{du}{dx}$ $\int f'(x)\cos f(x) dx = \sin f(x) + c$ $y = g(u)$ where $u = f(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x)\cos f(x)$ $\int f'(x)\sin f(x) dx = -\cos f(x) + c$ $y = \sin f(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x)\cos f(x)$ $\int f'(x)e^{f(x)} dx = \sin f(x) + c$ $y = \cos f(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x)\cos f(x)$ $\int f'(x)e^{f(x)} dx = e^{f(x)} + c$ $y = \cos f(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x)\sin f(x)$ $\int f'(x)a^{f(x)} dx = \ln|f(x)| + c$ $y = tan f(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x)e^{f(x)}$ $\int f'(x)a^{f(x)} dx = \frac{a^{f(x)}}{\ln a} + c$ $y = \ln f(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x)e^{f(x)}$ $\int \frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{a^2} - [f(x)]^2} dx = \sin^{-1}\frac{f(x)}{a} + c$ $y = a^{f(x)}$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{f'(x)}{(\ln a)f(x)}$ $\int u\frac{dy}{dx} dx = uv - \int v\frac{du}{dx} dx$ $y = \cos^{-1}f(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{1 - [f(x)]^2}}$ $\int a^b f(x) dx$ $y = \tan^{-1}f(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{1 - [f(x)]^2}}$ $\int a^b f(x) dx$ $y = \tan^{-1}f(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{1 - [f(x)]^2}}$ $uv - \int v\frac{du}{dx} dx$ $y = \tan^{-1}f(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{1 - [f(x)]^2}}$ $uv - \int v\frac{du}{dx} dx$ $y = \tan^{-1}f(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{1 - [f(x)]^2}}$ $uv - \int v\frac{du}{dx} dx$ $y = \tan^{-1}f(x)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{1 - [f(x)]^2}}$ $uv - \int v\frac{du}{dx} d$

Combinatorics

$${}^{n}P_{r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$$\binom{n}{r} = {}^{n}C_{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$$(x+a)^{n} = x^{n} + \binom{n}{1}x^{n-1}a + \dots + \binom{n}{r}x^{n-r}a^{r} + \dots + a^{n}$$

Vectors

$$\begin{aligned} |\underline{u}| &= \left| x\underline{i} + y\underline{j} \right| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} &= \left| \underline{u} \right| \left| \underline{v} \right| \cos \theta = x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2, \\ \text{where } \underline{u} &= x_1 \underline{i} + y_1 \underline{j} \\ \text{and } \underline{v} &= x_2 \underline{i} + y_2 \underline{j} \\ \underline{r} &= \underline{a} + \lambda \underline{b} \end{aligned}$$

Complex Numbers

 $z = a + ib = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$ $= re^{i\theta}$ $\left[r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)\right]^n = r^n(\cos n\theta + i\sin n\theta)$ $= r^n e^{in\theta}$

Mechanics

 $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{dv}{dt} = v\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{2}v^2\right)$ $x = a\cos(nt + \alpha) + c$ $x = a\sin(nt + \alpha) + c$ $\ddot{x} = -n^2(x - c)$

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