

# Additional Mathematics Revision Sheet

## UNIT 1 (WITHOUT A CALCULATOR)

### Surds

$$\sqrt{n} \times \sqrt{n} = n.$$

$$(\sqrt{n})^2 = n.$$

$$\sqrt[n]{n} \times \sqrt[n]{m} = \sqrt[n]{nm}.$$

$$\sqrt[n]{n} \div \sqrt[n]{m} = \sqrt[n]{\frac{n}{m}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{n}}{\sqrt[n]{m}}.$$

Rationalising the denominator:

$$\frac{a}{b\sqrt{c}} = \frac{a \times \sqrt{c}}{b\sqrt{c} \times \sqrt{c}} = \frac{a\sqrt{c}}{bc}.$$

$$\frac{a}{d+e\sqrt{f}} = \left(\frac{a}{d+e\sqrt{f}}\right) \times \left(\frac{d-e\sqrt{f}}{d-e\sqrt{f}}\right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{E.g. } \frac{2}{3+5\sqrt{2}} &= \frac{2(3-5\sqrt{2})}{(3+5\sqrt{2})(3-5\sqrt{2})} \\ &= \frac{6-10\sqrt{2}}{9-15\sqrt{2}+15\sqrt{2}-25 \times 2} = \frac{6-10\sqrt{2}}{-41}. \end{aligned}$$

### Rules of Indices

$$n^a \times n^b = n^{a+b}.$$

$$n^a \div n^b = n^{a-b} = \frac{n^a}{n^b}.$$

$$n^0 = 1.$$

$$(n^a)^b = n^{a \times b}.$$

$$(nm)^a = n^a m^a.$$

$$\left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^a = \frac{n^a}{m^a}.$$

$$n^{-a} = \frac{1}{n^a}.$$

$$n^{\frac{1}{a}} = \sqrt[a]{n}.$$

$$(\sqrt[b]{n})^a = n^{\frac{a}{b}} = \sqrt[b]{n^a}.$$

### Proof

Proof by **deduction**.

Using **algebraic identities** ( $\equiv$ ).

## Quadratic Functions

$$ax^2 + bx + c \text{ with } a \neq 0.$$

'u'-shaped if  $a > 0$ ;

'n'-shaped if  $a < 0$ .

### Completing the Square

$$x^2 + 2ax = (x+a)^2 - a^2.$$

Finding maximum or minimum points.

### Solving Equations and Inequalities

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

Solving equations with **higher powers**.

Simultaneous equations.

### The Discriminant

Two distinct real roots:

$$b^2 - 4ac > 0.$$

Two real roots:

$$b^2 - 4ac \geq 0.$$

One repeated root:

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0.$$

Two complex roots / No real roots:

$$b^2 - 4ac < 0.$$

### Arithmetic Series

First term  $a$ .

Common difference  $d$ .

Nth term  $t_n = a + (n-1)d$ .

Sum of the first  $n$  terms:

$$S_n = \frac{1}{2}n(a+l).$$

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

### Geometric Series

First term  $a$ .

Common ratio  $r$ .

Nth term  $t_n = ar^{n-1}$ .

Sum of the first  $n$  terms:

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

## UNIT 2 (WITH A CALCULATOR)

### Differentiation

[From first principles:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}.]$$

Quick differentiation: If  $y = ax^n$  then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = nax^{n-1}$ .

Second derivative:  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ .

Finding the equation of the tangent or normal (perpendicular to the tangent):

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

### Stationary Points

We must solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  and use the

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  test to find the nature of the

stationary point. If  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  is **negative**

the point is a **maximum** point; if

it is positive we have a **minimum**

point; if it is **zero** further

investigation is necessary.

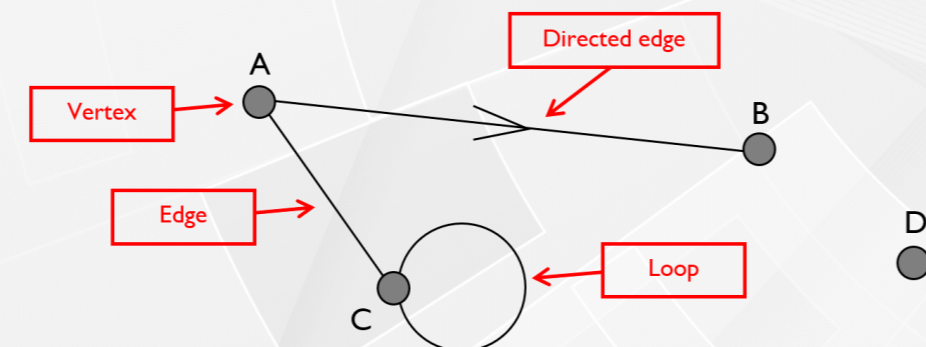
### Integration

$$\int ax^n dx = \frac{ax^{n+1}}{n+1} + c.$$

$$\int_p^q ax^n dx = \left[ \frac{ax^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]_p^q.$$

## UNIT 6 (WITH A CALCULATOR)

### Graphs



A **walk** is a route through a graph along edges from one vertex to the next.

An **open walk** is a walk where the start vertex is not the same as the end vertex.

A **closed walk** is a walk where the start vertex is the same as the end vertex.

A **trail** is a walk in which no edge is visited more than once.

A **path** is a walk in which no vertex is visited more than once.

A **cycle** is a closed walk where no vertex (apart from the start vertex) is visited more than once.

A graph is a **simple graph** if it contains

- no loops;
- no directed edges;
- only one edge connecting any pair of vertices.

A graph is a **connected graph** if every pair of vertices is connected by a walk.

A graph is a **complete graph** if every vertex is connected to every other vertex by a unique edge.

A graph is a **tree** if it is a connected graph with no cycles.

A **spanning tree** is a subgraph of a graph  $G$  that includes all vertices and is also a tree.

A graph is an **Eulerian graph** if it is a connected graph where every vertex has an even degree.

A graph is a **semi-Eulerian graph** if it is a connected graph where precisely two vertices have odd degree.

### Algorithms

Choosing a minimal spanning tree:

**Kruskal** (form a path starting from a point).

**Prim** (choose edges in ascending order).

**Dijkstra's** algorithm is used to find the shortest distance between two points.

### Key

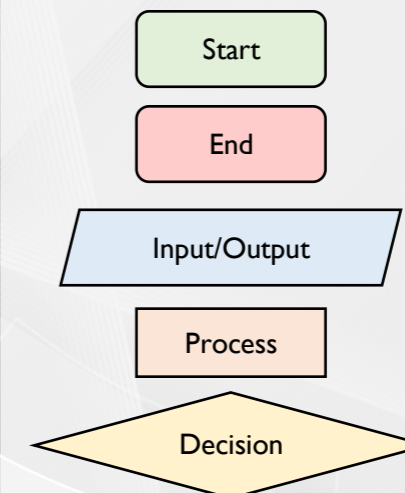
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| Vertex        | Final Label |
| Working Value |             |

Sorting data:

**Bubble sort** (working left-to-right over one or more passes).

**Quick sort** (choosing a pivot and sorting each side of the pivot).

**Flow chart** symbols:



An algorithm can be **finite**, **definite** or **correct**.

### Critical Paths

An **arc network** represents a project. Each **arc** (or arrow) represents an activity, with the label showing the letter of the activity and its completion time in brackets. The **nodes** (circles) show the start and end of activities and are considered to be **events**.

The **float** of an activity is

Late event time for event  $j$  – early event time for event  $i$  – length of the activity.

Any activity with a float of zero is considered to be a **critical** activity.

A **Gantt Chart** shows when different events run (or can run) in a project.

### Linear Programming

The **decision variables** are used to form **constraints** for the problem. In the **feasible region**, the **objective function** must be maximised to find the **optimal solution**.

### The Examination

Length of each paper: 50 minutes. 40 marks.

33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the qualification.

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