

SAT/ACT Formula Sheet

Exponents and Radicals

$$x^m \cdot x^n = x^{m+n} \quad \frac{x^m}{x^n} = x^{m-n} \quad (x^m)^n = x^{mn} \quad (xy)^n = x^n y^n \quad \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^n = \frac{x^n}{y^n}$$
$$x^{-n} = \frac{1}{x^n} \quad \sqrt[n]{x} = x^{\frac{1}{n}} \quad \sqrt[n]{xy} = \sqrt[n]{x \cdot y} \quad \sqrt[n]{\frac{x}{y}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{x}}{\sqrt[n]{y}} \quad \sqrt[n]{x^m} = x^{\frac{m}{n}}$$

Logarithms

$$\log_a a^x = x \quad x \log_a y = \log_a y^x \quad \log_a x + \log_a y = \log_a (xy) \quad \log_a x - \log_a y = \log_a \left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \quad \log_a x = b \Leftrightarrow a^b = x$$

Miscellaneous

$$\text{Percents } \% = \frac{\text{part}}{\text{whole}} \cdot 100$$

$$\text{Arithmetic Mean} = \frac{\text{sum of terms}}{\text{quantity of terms}}$$

$$\text{Percent Change: } \frac{\text{New}-\text{Old}}{\text{Old}} \cdot 100$$

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}$$

Linear Equations

$$\text{Slope}(m) = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$\text{Slope - Intercept Form: } y = mx + b$$

$$\text{Point - Slope Form: } y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$m = \text{slope}$$
$$b = y - \text{intercept}$$

$$\text{Midpoint} = \left(\frac{x_2 + x_1}{2}, \frac{y_2 + y_1}{2} \right)$$

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

Quadratic Equations

$$\text{Standard Form: } f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$\text{Axis of Symmetry: } x = -\frac{b}{2a}$$

$$\text{Factored Form: } f(x) = a(x - r)(x - s)$$

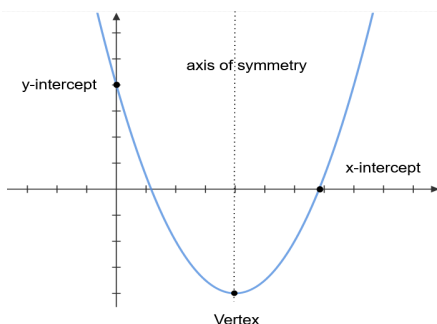
$$\text{Vertex: } \left(-\frac{b}{2a}, f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right) \right)$$

$$\text{Vertex Form: } a(x - h)^2 + k$$

$$\text{Quadratic Formula:}$$

$$\text{vertex: } (h, k)$$

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



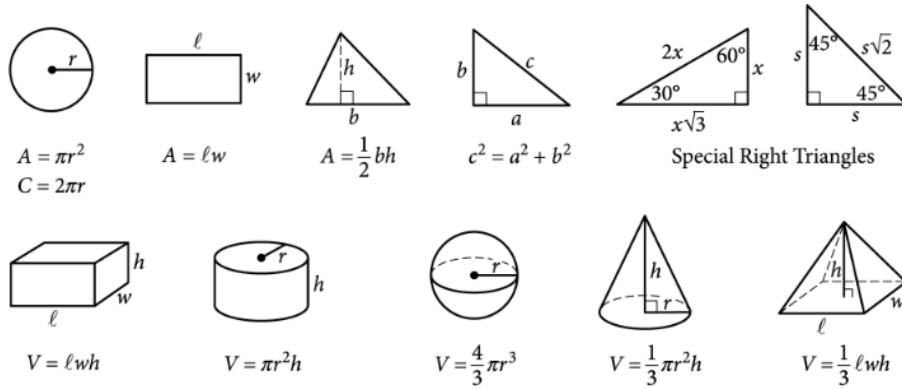
$$\text{Discriminant: } b^2 - 4ac$$

$$\text{If } b^2 - 4ac > 0, 2 \text{ real solutions}$$

$$\text{If } b^2 - 4ac = 0, 1 \text{ real solution}$$

$$\text{If } b^2 - 4ac < 0, 2 \text{ complex solutions}$$

SAT Given Formulas

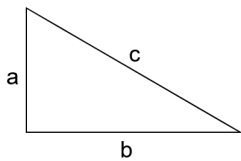


The number of degrees of arc in a circle is 360.

The number of radians of arc in a circle is 2π .

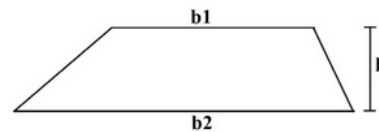
The sum of the measures in degrees of the angles of a triangle is 180.

Additional Shape Geometry



Pythagorean Theorem:

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$



Area of a Trapezoid:

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(b_1 + b_2)h$$

Triangle Inequality Theorem:
The sum of any 2 side lengths of a triangle is greater than the length of the third side.

General Equation of a Circle:

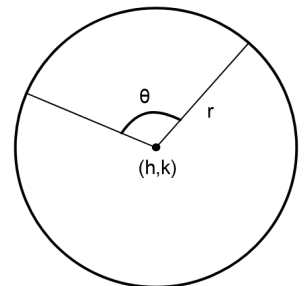
$$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$$

Area of a Sector of a Circle:

$$A = \frac{\theta}{360^\circ} \cdot \pi r^2$$

Arc Length of a Circle:

$$L = \frac{\theta}{360^\circ} \cdot 2\pi r$$



Angles and Lines

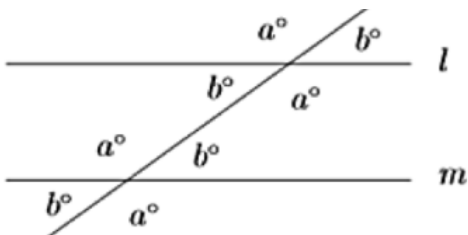
$$\text{Sum of Interior Angles} = 180(n - 2)^\circ$$

$$\text{Sum of Exterior Angles} = 360^\circ$$

$$\text{Each Interior Angle} = \frac{180(n-2)^\circ}{n}$$

$$\text{Each Exterior Angle} = \frac{360^\circ}{n}$$

*where n = number of sides in the polygon



Given two parallel lines and a third straight line that crosses both of them (called a transversal), the angles marked on the diagram show which angles are equal in degree measure.

$$\angle a + \angle b = 180^\circ$$

Trigonometry

SOH $\sin A = \frac{\text{opposite leg}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$

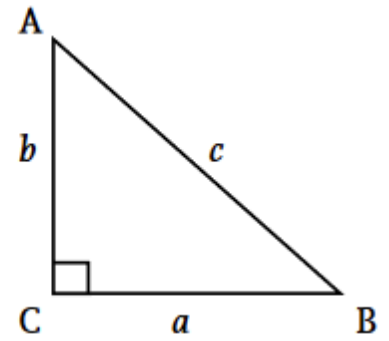
CAH $\cos A = \frac{\text{adjacent leg}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$

TOA $\tan A = \frac{\text{opposite leg}}{\text{adjacent leg}}$

$$\csc A = \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{opposite leg}}$$

$$\sec A = \frac{\text{hypotenuse}}{\text{adjacent leg}}$$

$$\cot A = \frac{\text{adjacent leg}}{\text{opposite leg}}$$



$$\sin A = \cos(90 - A)$$

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