

Edexcel A Level Maths Formulalet

Quadratic equation $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$	Trigonometry Cosine Rule: $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$ $\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$ Sine rule: $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$ Area of a triangle: $A = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$ Trig Definitions: $\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \equiv \tan \theta$ $\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \equiv \operatorname{cosec} \theta$ $\frac{1}{\cos \theta} \equiv \sec \theta$ $\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} \equiv \cot \theta$ Pythagorean Identities: $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta \equiv 1$ $1 + \cot^2 \theta \equiv \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta$ $\tan^2 \theta + 1 \equiv \sec^2 \theta$ Double angle formulae: $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$ $\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$ $= 2 \cos^2 \theta - 1$ $= 1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta$ $\tan 2\theta = \frac{2 \tan \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta}$	Coordinate geometry For straight line between (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) : Gradient, $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ Length = $\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$ Midpoint: $\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$ Lines perpendicular if: $m_1 m_2 = -1$ Equation of a straight line: $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ Equation of a circle (centre (a, b) , radius r): $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$	Area and volume Circle: $A = \pi r^2$ circumference = πd Cylinder: $V = \pi r^2 h$ $SA = 2\pi rh + 2\pi r^2$ Trapezium: $A = \frac{1}{2}(a + b)h$ Sphere: $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ $A = 4\pi r^2$ Prisms: $V = A \text{ of cross section} \times l$
Laws of indices $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$ $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$ $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$ $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$ $a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$ $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$	Laws of logarithms $a^x = y \Rightarrow x = \log_a(y)$ $\log_a(x) + \log_a(y) = \log_a(xy)$ $\log_a(x) - \log_a(y) = \log_a\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$ $\log_a(x^y) = y \log_a(x)$ $\log_a(a) = 1$ $\log_a(1) = 0$ $\log_a\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\log_a(x)$	Pure	Vectors $\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA}$ $\hat{a} = \frac{1}{ a }a$ For $a = \begin{pmatrix} i \\ j \\ k \end{pmatrix}$, $ a = \sqrt{i^2 + j^2 + k^2}$
		Radians Definition: $1 \text{ rad} = \frac{180^\circ}{\pi}$ Arc length: $l = r\theta$ Sector area: $A = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta$	Sequences and series General forms of arithmetic and geometric series: Arithmetic: $u_n = a + (n - 1)d$ Geometric: $u_n = ar^{n-1}$ Factor theorem If $f(p) = 0$ then $(x - p)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

Edexcel A Level Maths Formula List is an essential resource for students embarking on their mathematical journey at the A Level. This comprehensive guide outlines the key formulas and concepts that are critical for success in the Edexcel A Level Mathematics curriculum. Understanding these formulas not only aids in solving complex problems but also equips students with the tools needed for higher education and various career paths in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). In this article, we will explore the formula list, the importance of these formulas, and provide tips on how to effectively use them during your studies.

Understanding the Edexcel A Level Maths Curriculum

The Edexcel A Level Mathematics curriculum is structured to enhance a student's grasp of mathematical concepts and their applications. The program is divided into several key areas, including:

- Pure Mathematics
- Statistics
- Mechanics

Each of these areas has its own set of formulas that students must familiarize themselves with to excel in their examinations.

1. Pure Mathematics Formulas

Pure Mathematics is the backbone of the Edexcel A Level Maths syllabus. It covers various topics, including algebra, calculus, and geometry. Below are some of the essential formulas:

- **Quadratic Formula:** For a quadratic equation of the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, the solutions can be found using:

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

- **Binomial Expansion:** For $(a + b)^n$, the expansion is given by:

$${}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r, \text{ where } r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

- **Derivative of a function:** If $y = f(x)$, then the derivative is defined as:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

- **Integral of a function:** The integral of $f(x)$ from a to b is:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a), \text{ where } F \text{ is the antiderivative of } f$$

- **Trigonometric Identities:** Key identities include:

$$\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1$$

$$\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$$

2. Statistics Formulas

Statistics is another vital component of the Edexcel syllabus. It involves the collection, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data. Key formulas include:

- **Mean:** The average of a data set is calculated as:

Mean = $(\Sigma x) / n$, where Σx is the sum of all data points and n is the number of data points

- **Variance:** The variance of a data set is given by:

Variance (σ^2) = $\Sigma(x - \mu)^2 / n$, where μ is the mean

- **Standard Deviation:** The standard deviation is the square root of the variance:

Standard Deviation (σ) = $\sqrt{\text{Variance}}$

- **Probability:** The probability of an event A occurring is:

$P(A) = \text{Number of favorable outcomes} / \text{Total number of outcomes}$

3. Mechanics Formulas

Mechanics focuses on the motion of objects and the forces acting upon them. Essential formulas include:

- **Newton's Second Law:** $F = ma$, where F is the force applied, m is the mass, and a is the acceleration
- **Kinematic Equations:**