2 A Level Mathematics

Pure Mathematics

Mensuration

Surface area of sphere $= 4\pi r^2$

Area of curved surface of cone $= \pi r \times$ slant height

Arithmetic series

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

Binomial series

$$(a+b)^n = a^n + \binom{n}{1}a^{n-1}b + \binom{n}{2}a^{n-2}b^2 + \ldots + \binom{n}{r}a^{n-r}b^r + \ldots + b^n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

where $\binom{n}{r} = {}^n\mathrm{C}_r = \dfrac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{1\times 2}x^2 + \ldots + \frac{n(n-1)\ldots(n-r+1)}{1\times 2\times \ldots \times r}x^r + \ldots \quad (|x| < 1, n \in \mathbb{R})$$

Logarithms and exponentials

$$\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$$

$$\mathrm{e}^{x\ln a} = a^x$$

Geometric series

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

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r} \text{ for } |r| < 1$$

Trigonometric identities

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\tan(A \pm B) = \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B} \quad (A \pm B \neq (k + \tfrac{1}{2})\pi)$$

$$\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin \frac{A + B}{2} \cos \frac{A - B}{2}$$

$$\sin A - \sin B = 2 \cos \frac{A + B}{2} \sin \frac{A - B}{2}$$

$$\cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos \frac{A + B}{2} \cos \frac{A - B}{2}$$

$$\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin \frac{A + B}{2} \sin \frac{A - B}{2}$$

Small angle approximations

$$\sin\theta \approx \theta$$

$$\cos\theta \approx 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2}$$

$$\tan\theta \approx \theta$$

where θ is measured in radians

Differentiation

First Principles

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

$\mathbf{f}(x)$	$\mathbf{f}'(x)$
$\tan kx$	$k \sec^2 kx$
$\sec kx$	$k \sec kx \tan kx$
$\cot kx$	$-k \operatorname{cosec}^2 kx$
$\operatorname{cosec} kx$	$-k \operatorname{cosec} kx \cot kx$
$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$	$\frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$

Integration (+ constant)

$f(x)$	$\int f(x)\,dx$
$\sec^2 kx$	$\frac{1}{k}\tan kx$
$\tan kx$	$\frac{1}{k}\ln\lvert\sec kx\rvert$
$\cot kx$	$\frac{1}{k}\ln\lvert\sin kx\rvert$
$\operatorname{cosec} kx$	$-\frac{1}{k}\ln\lvert\operatorname{cosec} kx + \cot kx\rvert$, $\quad\frac{1}{k}\ln\lvert\tan(\frac{1}{2}kx)\rvert$
$\sec kx$	$\frac{1}{k}\ln\lvert\sec kx + \tan kx\rvert$, $\quad\frac{1}{k}\ln\lvert\tan(\frac{1}{2}kx + \frac{1}{4}\pi)\rvert$

$$\int u\frac{dv}{dx}\,dx = uv - \int v\frac{du}{dx}\,dx$$

Numerical Methods

The trapezium rule: $\int_a^b y\,dx \approx \frac{1}{2}h\{(y_0 + y_n) + 2(y_1 + y_2 + \ldots + y_{n-1})\}$, where $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$

The Newton-Raphson iteration for solving $f(x) = 0$: $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$

Statistics

Probability

$$P(A') = 1 - P(A)$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B \mid A)$$

$$P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(B \mid A)P(A)}{P(B \mid A)P(A) + P(B \mid A')P(A')}$$

For independent events A and B,

$$P(B \mid A) = P(B)$$
$$P(A \mid B) = P(A)$$
$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)\,P(B)$$

Standard deviation

Standard deviation = √(Variance)

Interquartile range = $\mathrm{IQR} = \mathrm{Q}_3 - \mathrm{Q}_1$

For a set of n values $x_1, x_2, \ldots x_i, \ldots x_n$

$$\mathrm{S}_{xx} = \Sigma(x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \Sigma x_i^2 - \frac{(\Sigma x_i)^2}{n}$$

Standard deviation = $\sqrt{\frac{\mathrm{S}_{xx}}{n}}$ or $\sqrt{\frac{\sum x^2}{n} - \bar{x}^2}$

Discrete distributions

Distribution of X	$\mathrm{P}(X = x)$	Mean	Variance
Binomial $\mathrm{B}(n, p)$	$\binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$	np	$np(1-p)$

Sampling distributions

For a random sample of n observations from $\mathrm{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \sim \mathrm{N}(0, 1)$$

Statistical tables

The following statistical tables are required for A Level Mathematics:

Binomial Cumulative Distribution Function (see page 29)

Percentage Points of The Normal Distribution (see page 34)

Critical Values for Correlation Coefficients: Product Moment Coefficient (see page 37)

Random Numbers (see page 38)

Mechanics

Kinematics

For motion in a straight line with constant acceleration:

$v = u + at$

$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$s = vt - \frac{1}{2}at^2$

$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$

$s = \frac{1}{2}(u + v)t$