

Edexcel GCE A Level Maths: C3 Summary Sheet

1. Algebraic Fractions

$$F(x) = Q(x) \times \text{Divisor} + \text{Remainder}$$

2. Functions

Domain $\Rightarrow F \Rightarrow$ Range

Range $\Rightarrow F^{-1} \Rightarrow$ Domain

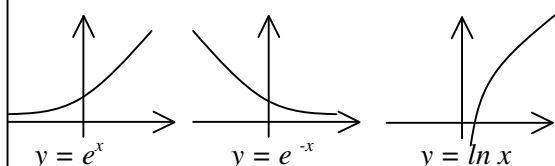
Function: Every element in the domain is mapped to exactly one element of the range.

$Fg(x)$ mean $F[g(x)]$, F^{-1} is the inverse, and is a reflection of F in $y = x$.

3. The Exponential

$y = a^x$ passes through $(0,1)$ as $a^0 = 1$.

$$e = 2.718\dots, y = e^x \Rightarrow dy/dx = e^x$$



$$\log_e x = \ln x, x > 0$$

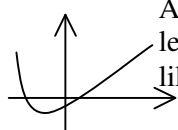
$$y = \ln x \text{ passes through } (1,0)$$

4. Numerical Methods

For continuous functions if $f(x)$ undergoes a sign change in an interval then the interval has a root of the equation $f(x) = 0$. This can be used to prove your answer is correct to so many dp after using iteration equations. Iteration can **sometimes** be used to solve equations of the form: $x_{n+1} = g(x)$.

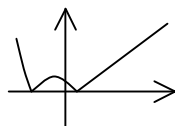
5. Transforming Graphs

$$y = f(x)$$



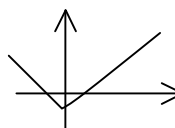
Any function. All previously learnt transformations apply like $3f(x)$ or $f(6x + 5)$.

$$y = |f(x)|$$



y takes all the values of the function as positive, so where x is negative the graph appears to be a reflection in the line $y = 0$.

$$y = f(|x|)$$

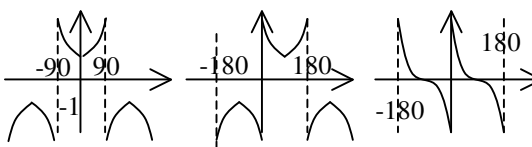


All values of x are made positive and then function f is applied to them. The resulting curve should be symmetrical in the y axis.

6. Trigonometry

$$\sec \theta = 1 / \cos \theta \quad \operatorname{cosec} \theta = 1 / \sin \theta$$

$$\cot \theta = 1 / \tan \theta = \cos \theta / \sin \theta$$



$$y = \sec \theta$$

$$y = \operatorname{cosec} \theta$$

$$y = \cot \theta$$

$$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta \quad 1 + \cot^2 \theta = \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta$$

$\arcsin x$, $\arccos x$ and $\arctan x$ are the inverse trig. functions (reflected in $y = x$).

7. Further Trigonometry

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

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

$$\tan(A \pm B) = [\tan A \pm \tan B] / [1 \mp \tan A \tan B]$$

Double angle formulae can be generated from those above by substituting $A = B$.

$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A \quad \text{These are NOT given.}$$

$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A = 2 \cos^2 A - 1$$

$$= 1 - 2 \sin^2 A$$

$$\tan 2A = 2 \tan A / [1 - \tan^2 A]$$

Equations like $a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta = c$ can be solved by the R formula, but if $c = 0$ it is easier to use $\sin \theta / \cos \theta = \tan \theta$. Sums of sines and cosines can be expressed as multiples using the P/Q formulae which are all given in the booklet.

8. Differentiation

$$dy/dx = dy/du \times du/dx \quad (\text{the chain rule}).$$

One result yields: $dx/dy = 1/[dy/dx]$.

$$dy/dx = u(dv/dx) + v(du/dx) \quad (\text{for } y = uv)$$

$$dy/dx = [v(du/dx) - u(dv/dx)] / v^2 \quad (\text{for } y = u/v)$$

$$e^x \Rightarrow e^x; e^{f(x)} \Rightarrow f'(x)e^{f(x)}; \ln x \Rightarrow 1/x$$

$$\ln[f(x)] \Rightarrow f'(x) / f(x); \sin x \Rightarrow \cos x$$

$$\cos x \Rightarrow -\sin x; \tan x \Rightarrow \sec^2 x$$

$$\operatorname{cosec} x \Rightarrow -\operatorname{cosec} x \cot x; \sec x \Rightarrow \sec x \tan x$$

$$\cot x \Rightarrow -\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$$

The formulae are given except for \sin and \cos and the first three lines of this box. Remember if differentiating something beginning with c add a minus. If it doesn't start with c , don't.

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