

CRAM CREW

# ACT FORMULA SHEET

## Arithmetic and Algebra

### Properties of Exponents and Radicals

$$a^n \cdot a^m = a^{n+m}$$

$$\frac{a^n}{a^m} = a^{n-m}$$

$$(a^n)^m = a^{nm}$$

$$(ab)^n = a^n b^n$$

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

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

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

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{-n} = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^n$$

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

$$\sqrt[n]{ab} = \sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}}$$

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

### Generic Formulas

Quadratic Formula: For  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ ,  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

Arithmetic Mean:  $\frac{\text{Sum of Terms}}{\text{Number of Terms}}$

Event Probability:  $\frac{\text{Desired Outcomes}}{\text{Possible Outcomes}}$

Distance:  $\text{Distance} = \text{Rate} \cdot \text{Time}$

Percent Growth/Decay:  $\text{Original}(1 \pm r_1)(1 \pm r_2) \dots$

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

In Percent Growth or Decay,  $r_1, r_2, \dots$  are the percents an amount is being changed by each year, month, etc.

### Arithmetic Sequence/Series

Common Difference:  $d = a_{n+1} - a_n$

Find the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term:  $a_n = a_1 + (n - 1)d$

Sum the first  $n$  terms:  $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n)$

### Geometric Sequence/Series

Common Ratio:  $r = \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$

Find the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term:  $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

Sum the first  $n$  terms:  $S_n = a_1 \left(\frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}\right)$

### Counting and Ordering

Combination (Order Doesn't Matter):  ${}_n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$

Permutation (Order Does Matter):  ${}_n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$

Remember,  $n$  is the number of choices you have, and  $r$  is how many you are going to choose.

### Properties of Logarithms

$$\log_a a^x = x$$

$$x \log_a y = \log_a y^x$$

$$\log_a x + \log_a y = \log_a (xy)$$

$$\log_a x - \log_a y = \log_a \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$$

# Geometry

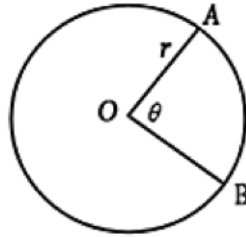
## The Circle

Area:  $A = \pi r^2$

Circumference:  $C = 2\pi r$

Arc length:  $L(A,B) = \frac{\theta}{360^\circ} \cdot 2\pi r$

Sector Area:  $AOB = \frac{\theta}{360^\circ} \cdot \pi r^2$



Equation for circle with center  $(h, k)$  and radius  $r$ :  $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$

## Areas

Parallelogram:  $A = bh$

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

Triangle:  $A = \frac{1}{2} bh$

Cube:  $A = 6s^2$

## Volumes

Cube:  $V = s^3$

Rectangular Prism:  $V = lwh$

Cylinder:  $V = \pi r^2 h$

Sphere:  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

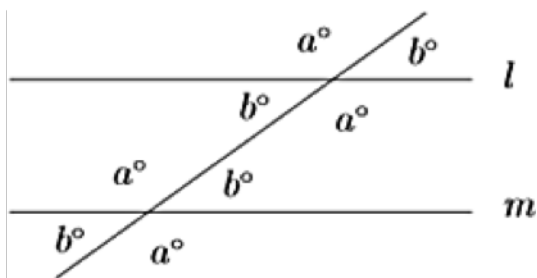
## Angles

Sum of Interior Angles:  $= 180(n - 2)^\circ$

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

Sum of Exterior Angles:  $= 360^\circ$

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



## Lines

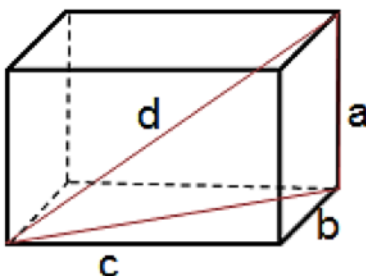
Slope of a Line:  $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

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

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

## Pythagorean's Theorem in 3D

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



# Trigonometry

## Pythagorean Theorem

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## Trigonometric Ratios

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

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

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

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

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

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

