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Always rationalise denominator.

CHECK VALIDITY FOR ALL EQUATIONS especially when there is x^2 or y^2 .

Inequalities

Simultaneous inequalities

- 1) Solve separately
- 2) Both solutions are related by 'and' not 'or'

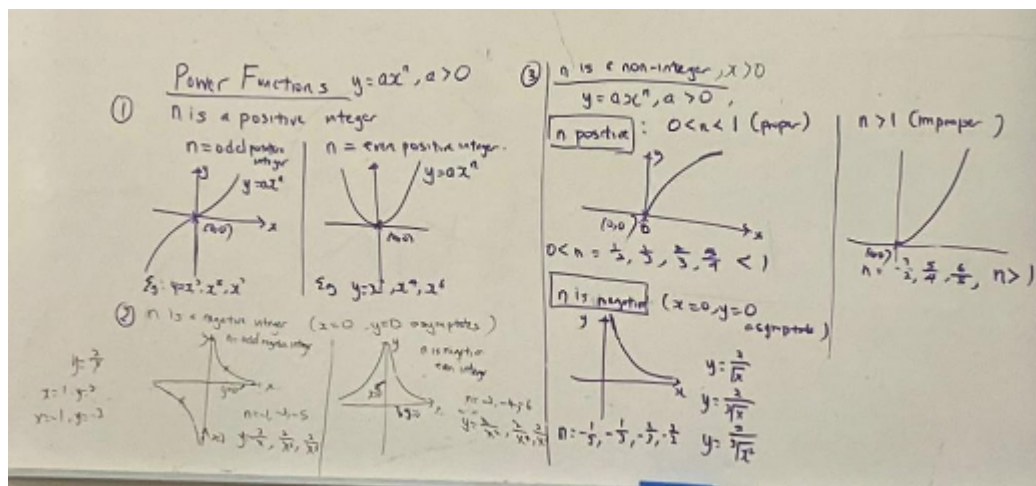
- 3) Use number line to find common values.
- 4) Check Validity (LHS=RHS)

Indices and Exponential Functions

Solving

- 1) $e^{|x|} < 2$
 - a) $|x| < \ln 2$
 - b) $x < \ln 2$ or $x > -\ln 2$
 - c) $-\ln 2 < x < \ln 2$
- 2) Replacing $\ln(f(x))$, $\log(f(x))$, x^y with k to solve quadratically.

Graphs



Logarithms

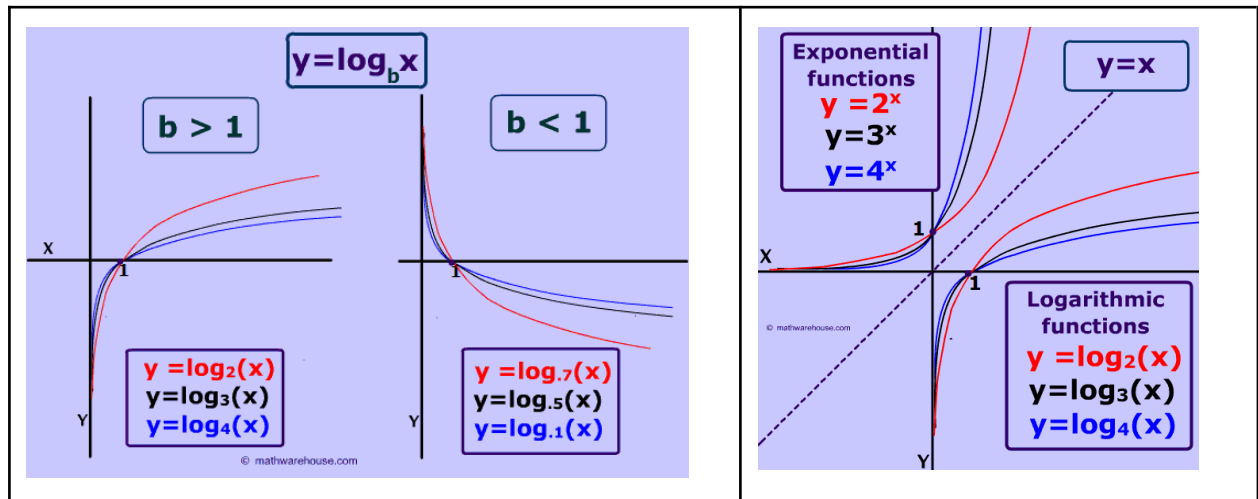
Solving

- 1) Use properties of $\log/\ln$ to simplify.
 - a) $\log(ab) = \log a + \log b$
 - b) $\log(a/b) = \log a - \log b$
 - c) $\log_a b = \lg b / \lg a$
 - d) $a \log b = \log b^a$
- 2) Equate both sides to a single $\log/\ln$
- 3) Equate one side to $\log/\ln$.

Proving not defined

- 1) Since (expression) is not defined when (denominator) = 0,
- 2) (expression) is not defined when (solve denominator).
- 3) Since (equation) is not continuous at (solved value in denominator),
- 4) It is not possible to evaluate ...

Graphs



Discriminant and Roots

Prove there are no real roots.

(Often coupled with asking for proving no other turning points ($dy/dx = 0$))

- 1) Prove $D < 0$

For y to be always increasing/decreasing.

- 1) Find dy/dx
- 2) For y to be increasing, $dy/dx > 0$. For y to be decreasing, $dy/dx < 0$
 - a) $(f(x))^2 > 0$
 - b) $e^x > 0$
 - c) For $dy/dx > 0$ or $dy/dx < 0$, $D < 0$

To find values where (expressions) have no intersection

- 1) Equate both into one equation

2) No intersection = no real roots = $D < 0$

Find range of values of k for which $f(x)$ is always positive/negative

- 1) Convert to ax^2+bx+c
- 2) Use $D < 0$, $a > 0$ or $a < 0$
 - a) To get ak^2+bk+c
- 3) Solve for range of k
- 4)

Probability

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

If $P(A) \times P(B) = P(A \cap B)$, A and B are independent events.

If not, they are not independent events.

If $P(A \cap B) = 0$, A and B are mutually exclusive events.

Polynomials and partial fractions

Factor and remainder theorem

- 1) $f(x)$ leaves a remainder of k when divided by $x \rightarrow f(0) = k$
- 2) $(x-1)$ is a factor of $f(x) \rightarrow f(1) = 0$
- 3) Fully factorise whenever possible

Splitting into partial fractions

S.No.	Form of the rational function	Form of the partial fraction
1.	$\frac{px+q}{(x-a)(x-b)}, a \neq b$	$\frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{x-b}$
2.	$\frac{px+q}{(x-a)^2}$	$\frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{(x-a)^2}$
3.	$\frac{px^2+qx+r}{(x-a)(x-b)(x-c)}$	$\frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{x-b} + \frac{C}{x-c}$
4.	$\frac{px^2+qx+r}{(x-a)^2(x-b)}$	$\frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{B}{(x-a)^2} + \frac{C}{x-b}$
5.	$\frac{px^2+qx+r}{(x-a)(x^2+bx+c)}$	$\frac{A}{x-a} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+bx+c}$
	● where $x^2 + bx + c$ cannot be factorised further	

Improper fractions

Long division 😊

Special methods of substitution

1) Convert to original form either by $\times$ or $\div$

(ii)
$$4 - 19 \sec \theta + 19 \sec^2 \theta + 6 \sec^3 \theta = 0$$

$$\frac{4}{\sec^3 \theta} - \frac{19}{\sec^2 \theta} + \frac{19}{\sec \theta} + 6 = 0$$

$$4 \cos^3 \theta - 19 \cos^2 \theta + 19 \cos \theta + 6 = 0$$

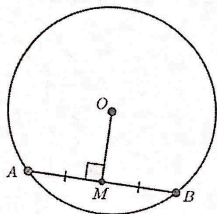
Replace $\cos \theta$ with x ,

$$4x^3 - 19x^2 + 19x + 6 = 0$$

Circular Measure

Circle properties

Circle Symmetric Property 1: Perpendicular Bisector of a Chord



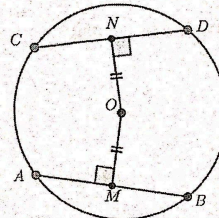
If we denote the midpoint of AB as M , then

$$AM = MB \Leftrightarrow OM \perp AB$$

The perpendicular bisector of chord AB passes through the centre of the circle O .
Note: chord AB must not be the diameter of the circle.

Abbreviated as: $\perp$ bisector of chord

Circle Symmetric Property 2: Equal Chords



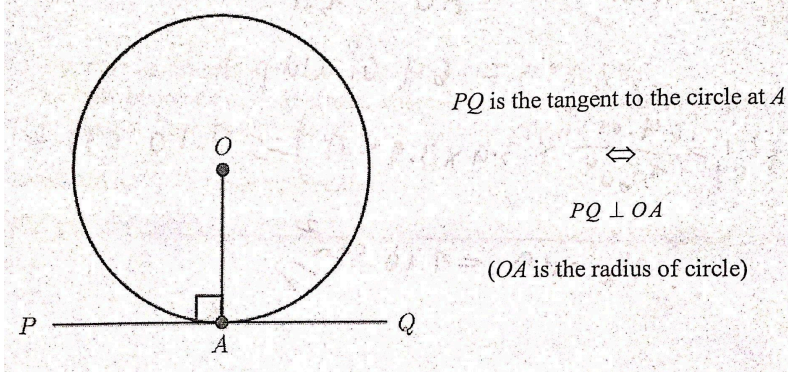
If we denote the midpoint of AB as M and the midpoint of CD as N , then

$$AB = CD \Leftrightarrow OM = ON$$

Equal chords of a circle are equidistant from the centre of the circle.
Conversely, chords equidistant from the centre of a circle are equal in length.

Abbreviated as: equal chords

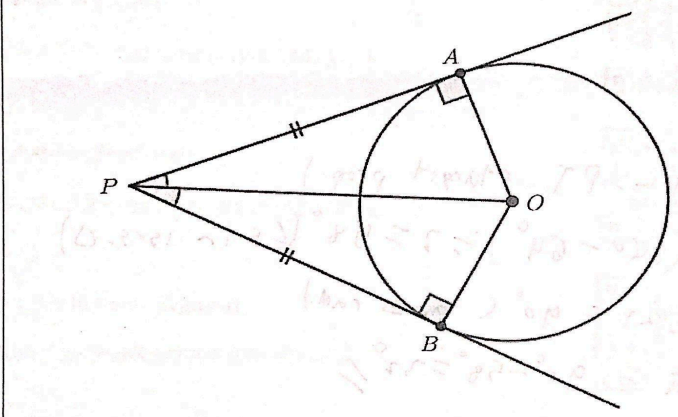
Circle Symmetric Property 3: Tangent perpendicular to Radius



The tangent at the point of contact is perpendicular to the radius of the circle.

Abbreviated as: $\text{tan} \perp \text{rad}$

Circle Symmetric Property 4: Equal Tangents

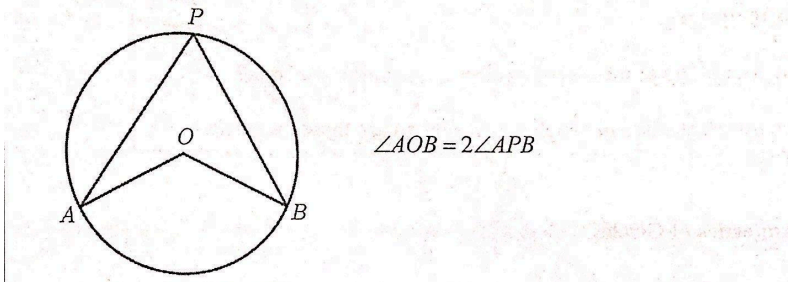


Tangents from an external point are equal (in length), i.e. $PA = PB$.
The line from the centre of a circle to an external point bisects the angle between the two tangents from the external point, i.e. $\angle APO = \angle BPO$.

Abbreviated as: $\text{tangent properties}$

Circle angle properties

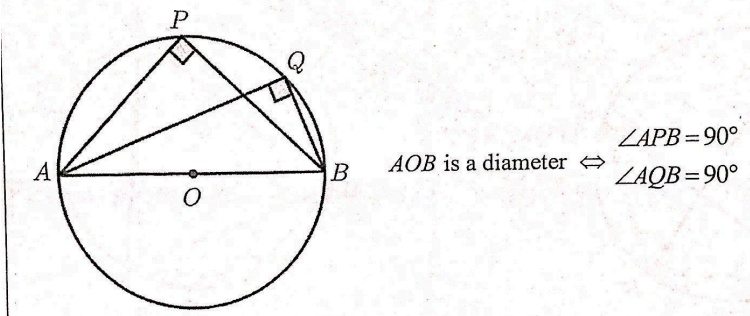
Circle Angle Property 1: Angle at Centre



An angle at the centre of a circle is **twice** that of any angle at the circumference subtended by the same arc.

Abbreviated as: $\angle \text{ at centre} = 2 \angle \text{ at } \odot^{\text{ce}}$

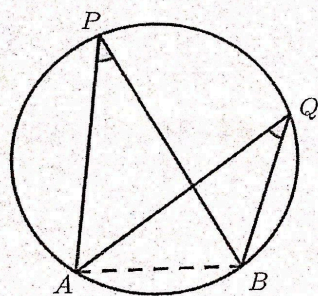
Circle Angle Property 2: Angle in Semicircle



An angle in a semicircle is always equal to 90° .

Abbreviated as: $\text{rt. } \angle \text{ in a semicircle}$

Circle Angle Property 3: Angles in Same Segment

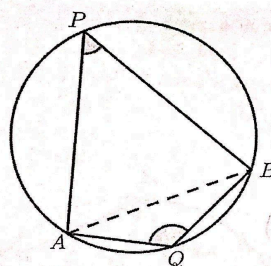


$$\angle APB = \angle AQB$$

Angles in the same segment are equal.

Abbreviated as: $\angle s$ in same segment

Circle Angle Property 4: Angles in Opposite Segments



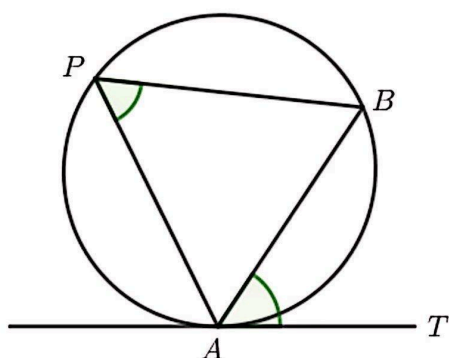
$$\angle APB + \angle AQB = 180^\circ$$

$$\angle PAQ + \angle PBQ = 180^\circ$$

Angles in opposite segments are supplementary.

Abbreviated as: $\angle s$ in opp. segments OR $\angle s$ in a cyclic quad

Theorem 2: Alternate Segment Theorem (or Tangent Chord Theorem)



The angle between a tangent and a chord drawn at the point of contact is equal to the angle subtended by a chord in the alternate segment.

If AT is a tangent to the circle at A , then $\angle BAT = \angle APB$.

Abbreviated as: alt. seg. theorem

Arc Length (using Radian Measure)

In Part 2, we establish that:

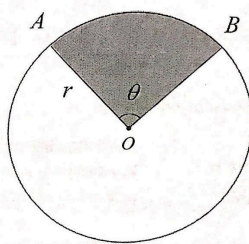
Length of minor arc AB , $s = \frac{x^\circ}{360^\circ} \times 2\pi r$

Since $\theta = x^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ}$, where θ is in radians.

$$s = \frac{2\pi r}{360^\circ} \times x^\circ$$

$$s = r \times \frac{\pi x^\circ}{180^\circ}$$

$$s = r\theta$$



Hence, when the angle subtended by the arc at the centre of a circle (of radius r) is θ rad,

$$\text{Arc Length} = r\theta$$

Does the formula work for both minor and major arcs?

Area of Sector (using Radian Measure)

In Part 2, we establish that:

$$\text{Area of minor sector } AOB, A = \frac{x^\circ}{360^\circ} \times \pi r^2$$

Since $\theta = x^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ}$, where θ is in radians.

$$A = \frac{\pi r^2}{360^\circ} \times x^\circ$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \times r^2 \times \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} \times x^\circ$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta$$

Hence, when the angle subtended by the arc at the centre of a circle (of radius r) is θ rad,

$$\text{Area of sector} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta$$

Do you know an

Proving circles (do not) intersect

- 1) Add radius of both circles
- 2) Find distance between centre of both circles
 - a) $(1) < (2)$, do not intersect
 - b) $(1) > (2)$, intersect at 2 points
 - c) $(1) = (2)$, intersect at 1 point

Trigonometric Functions and Graphs

Drawing parabola

- 1) Sub $x=0$ to find y-intercepts
- 2) Determine direction of graph
 - a) $y^2 > 0$, $f(x) > 0$, $x > 0$ or $x < 0$
- 3) Sub $y=0$ to find x-intercept

Finding $asinbx+c$

- 1) $y=asinbx+c$ or $acosbx+c$
 - a) $\text{Period} = \frac{2\pi}{b} / b = \frac{2\pi}{\text{period}}$

Transformation

Translation

Translation by a units in the positive/negative x/y direction.

- 1) $y=f(x-a)$, increase x values by a
- 2) $y=f(x+a)$, decrease x values by a
- 3) $y-a=f(x)$, increase y values by a
- 4) $y+a=f(x)$, decrease y values by a

Scaling //

Scaling parallel to x/y-axis by a factor of $1/a$

- 1) $y=f(a)$, multiply x values by $1/a$
- 2) $ay=f(x)$, multiply y values by $1/a$

Reflection

Reflection in the x/y-axis.

- 1) $y=f(-x)$, reverse sign for all x

- 2) $-y=f(x)$, reverse sign for all y

(Further) Trigo identities and equations

Proving equations

General steps

- 1) Get rid of '1's using general methods
- 2) Combine 2 fractions into 1
- 3) Expand complicated expression (ax^2+bx+c)
 - a) Usually complicated expressions will cancel out
 - b) E.g ($\sin^3 x$, $\cot^4 x$, $\cos^3 x \sin x \cot^2 x$)
- 4) Simplify fraction

General methods

- 1) Addition formula
- 2) Double angle formula
- 3) Trigo identities
 - a) $\sin^4 x + \cos^4 x \neq 1$
- 4) Multiply both numerator and denominator with same expression (introduce new expression)
- 5) Add and subtract same expression on numerator to match denominator (dividing into 2 fractions)

Finding $\cos b$ given $\cos a$

- 1) Use triangle to find $\sin/\cos/\tan$ values
- 2) Use addition formula (or memorise)
 - a) Take note of positive and negative

Diagrams

Solving

- 1) Pythagoras Theorem
- 2) Addition formula (given in formula sheet)

Bearings

Solving

- 1) Sine rule
- 2) Cosine rule

Modulus

Solving

- 1) Factorise out
 - a) $|2x+2| - |x+1| = -5x$
 - b) $2|x+1| - |x+1| = -5x$
 - c) $|x+1| = -5x$
- 2) $|x^2| = x^2$
- 3) $|kx| = |k||x| = k|x|$
- 4) $|-kx| = |-k||x| = k|x|$

(Further) Differentiation and Applications

Solving

- 1) Use properties of log/l_n to simplify.
 - a) $\log(ab) = \log a + \log b$
 - b) $\log(a/b) = \log a - \log b$
 - c) $\log_a b = \lg b / \lg a$
 - d) $a \log b = \log b^a$
- 2) Differentiation rules
 - a) Addition/Subtraction → Split
 - b) Power rule
 - c) Product rule
 - d) Quotient rule

Finding minimum/maximum area/volume

- 1) Represent area/volume with 1 expression with 1 unknown
 - a) Combine 2 expressions with 2 unknowns together, make one unknown the subject, sub into second equation
- 2) dA/dx
- 3) Identify if it is maximum or minimum point

a) First Derivative Test

i) Most applications qns require use of concrete values.

x	value- / concrete value	value	value+ / concrete value
Value of dA/dx			
Shape of graph	/ \	—	/ \

b) 2nd Derivative test

i) $d^2A/dx^2 > 0$, 😊, Minimum point

ii) $d^2A/dx^2 < 0$, ☹️, Maximum point

Finding change over time

1) $dx/dt = dA/dt \times dx/dA$ or $dA/dt \div dA/dx$

(Further) Integration and Applications

Solving

1) Use properties of log/l_n to simplify.

a) $\log(ab) = \log a + \log b$

b) $\log(a/b) = \log a - \log b$

c) $\log_a b = \log b / \log a$

d) $a \log b = \log b^a$

2) Integration rules

a) Addition/Subtraction → Split

b) Constants → Take out ($2 \int f(x)dx$)

c) Product: convert to $\int f'(x)[f(x)]^n dx$

d) Fraction: convert to $f(x)$ or use Ln

3) Integration of Trigo (take note $f'(x)$ must be in front first)

don't forget + c

a) $\sin \rightarrow -\cos$

- i) $\sin 2x \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}\cos 2x$
- b) $\cos \rightarrow \sin$
- c) $\tan \rightarrow \sin/\cos \rightarrow -\ln \cos$
- d) $\sec \rightarrow \frac{\sec x (\sec x + \tan x)}{\sec x + \tan x} = \frac{\sec^2 x + \sec x \tan x}{\sec x + \tan x} = \ln |\sec x + \tan x|$
- e) $\operatorname{cosec} \rightarrow \frac{\operatorname{cosec} x (\operatorname{cosec} x + \cot x)}{\operatorname{cosec} x + \cot x} = \frac{\operatorname{cosec}^2 x + \operatorname{cosec} x \cot x}{\operatorname{cosec} x + \cot x} = \ln |\operatorname{cosec} x + \cot x|$
- f) $\cot \rightarrow \ln |\sin|$
- g) $\sec^2 \rightarrow \tan$
- h) $\operatorname{cosec} \cot \rightarrow -\operatorname{cosec}$
- i) $\operatorname{cosec}^2 \rightarrow -\cot$
- j) $\sec \operatorname{cosec} \rightarrow \ln |\tan| \left(\frac{d}{dx} \ln(\tan x) = \frac{\sec^2 x}{\tan x} = \frac{1}{\sin x \cos x} \right)$

Proving an integral is not defined (i.e has an asymptote)

- 1) Since (expression) is not defined when (denominator) = 0,
- 2) (expression) is not defined when (solve denominator).
- 3) Since (equation) is not continuous at (solved value in denominator),
- 4) It is not possible to evaluate (integral of expression).

Special methods

Qn	Suggested Solutions
(b)	$\int_0^7 3f(x) \, dx - 3 \int_9^7 \left[f(x) + \frac{x}{2x^2 - 2} \right] dx$ $= 3 \int_0^7 f(x) \, dx - 3 \int_9^7 f(x) \, dx - 3 \int_9^7 \frac{x}{2x^2 - 2} \, dx$ $= 3 \int_0^7 f(x) \, dx + 3 \int_7^9 f(x) \, dx + \frac{3}{4} \int_7^9 \frac{4x}{2x^2 - 2} \, dx$ $= 3 \int_0^9 f(x) \, dx + \frac{3}{4} \left[\ln 2x^2 - 2 \right]_7^9$ $= 3 \left[\int_0^3 f(x) \, dx + \int_3^9 f(x) \, dx \right] + \frac{3}{4} (\ln 160 - \ln 96)$ $= 3(4 + 11) + \frac{3}{4} \ln \left(\frac{160}{96} \right)$ $= 45 + \frac{3}{4} \ln \left(\frac{5}{3} \right), \text{ where } a = 45, b = \frac{3}{4}, c = \frac{5}{3}$

Tangents and Normals

Find equation of tangent at $x=k$

- 1) Find dy/dx
- 2) Sub $x=k$ into dy/dx to find gradient
- 3) Sub $x=k$ into y to find y coord
- 4) Sub in coord into $(y_1 - y_2) = m(x_1 - x_2)$

$$M_{\text{normal}} \times M_{\text{tangent}} = -1$$

Kinematics

- 1) Only use integration when converting from $a \rightarrow v \rightarrow s$
 - a) Although v - t area is displacement and a - t area is velocity, DO NOT use integration to find change in displacement or change in v as integration is used solely to find area under graph.
- 2) Start from rest $\rightarrow t=0, v=0$
- 3) To find C , always sub in values (don't assume C is always the starting displacement/velocity given in the question)
- 4) To prove v always decreasing/increasing, prove a is always < 0 or > 0
- 5) To prove s always decreasing/increasing, prove v is always < 0 or > 0
 - a) Use $D < 0$ if needed.

Linear Law

This honestly isn't that difficult

Binomial Theorem

$$9! = 9(8!)$$

$$n! = n(n-1)!$$

Notation	$\binom{n}{r}$ or nC_r	Definition	$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-r+1)}{r!},$ for $r \leq n$.
Read as	n choose r	Example	$\binom{7}{3} = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5}{3 \times 2 \times 1} = 35$

The General Term

$$1) T_{r+1} = nCr a^{(n-r)} b^r$$

Finding unknowns given first few terms

- 1) Manipulate expression (according to question requirement of ascending or descending order)
- 2) Find first 3 terms (remember one term can have multiple powers)
 - a) First term of binomial expansion $\neq$ First x term given

Vectors

- 1) CANNOT DIVIDE VECTORS
 - a) When asked for fraction, form ratio first
 - b) i = horizontal change, j = vertical change
- 2) Proving collinear
 - a) Prove $//$
 - i) Related by $k|\overline{AB}| = |\overline{BC}|$
 - b) Have common point