



# ALGEBRA II (COMMON CORE)

# FACTS YOU MUST KNOW COLD FOR THE REGENTS EXAM





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**FUNCTION:** A function is a relation that consists of a set of ordered pairs in which each value of x is connected to a unique value of y based on the rule of the function. For each x value, there is one and only one corresponding value of y. A function also passes the vertical line test.

**DOMAIN:** The largest set of elements available for the independent variable, the first member of the ordered pair (x).

### **RESTRICTIONS ON DOMAIN:**

1. **Fraction:** The denominator cannot be zero. Set the entire denominator equal to zero and

$$f(x) = \frac{x-4}{x+3}; \ x \neq -3$$

2. Radical: The radicand cannot be negative. Set the radicand greater than or equal to zero and solve.

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-5}; \ x \ge 5$$

3. **Radical in the Denominator:** The radical cannot be negative *and* the denominator cannot be zero.

Set the radicand greater than zero and solve.

$$f(x)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{x+7}}; \ x>-7$$

**<u>RANGE</u>:** The set of elements for the dependent variable, the second member of the ordered pair (y).



<u>COMPOSITION FUNCTIONS</u>: One function is substituted into another in place of the variable. This can involve numeric substitutions or substitutions of an algebraic expression in the function in the place of the variable.

**NOTATION:** f(g(x)) or  $f \circ g(x)$ 

Always read from right to left when using this notation.

Example 1: If 
$$f(x) = x + 9$$
 and  $g(x) = 2x + 3$ , find  $f(g(3))$   
 $g(3) = 2(3) + 3 \implies 6 + 3 = 9$   
 $f(9) = (9) + 9 = 18$ 

Example 2: If 
$$\mathbf{f}(x) = x + 5$$
 and  $\mathbf{g}(x) = 3x + 4$ , find  $\mathbf{g} \circ \mathbf{f}(x)$   
 $\mathbf{f}(x) = x + 5$   
 $\mathbf{g}(x+5) = 3(x+5) + 4 \Rightarrow 3x + 15 + 4 = 3x + 19$ 

### **ONE-TO-ONE FUNCTION**

A one-to-one function must be a function, where when the ordered pairs are examined, the are no repeating x values or y values. One-to-one functions also pass *both* the horizontal and vertical line tests.



## ONTO FUNCTION All x values and all y values are used.



### **INVERSE FUNCTIONS:**

The inverse of a function is the reflection of the function over the line y = x. Only a one-to-one function has an inverse function.

**NOTATION:** f(x) is the function  $f^{-1}(x)$  is the inverse













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# **SEQUENCES & SERIES**

**SIGMA NOTATION:** Sigma Notation is used to write a series in a shorthand form. It is used to represent the *sum* of a number of terms having a common form. The diagram below shows the parts of a sigma notation (otherwise known as a *summation*).



### DEFINITIONS

**Sequence:** a list of terms or elements in order. The terms are identified using positive integers as subscripts of a:  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$ , ...,  $a_n$ . The terms in a sequence can form a pattern or they can be random. **Series:** the sum of all the terms of a sequence.

**Explicit Formula:** If specific terms are not given, a formula, sometimes called an explicit formula, is given. It can be used by substituting the number of the term desired into the formula for "n". **Recursive Formula:** In a recursive formula, the first term in a sequence is given and subsequent terms are defined by the term before it. If  $a_n$  is the term we are looking for,  $a_{n-1}$ , which is the term *before*  $a_n$ , must be used.

	FORMULAS REMEMBER!		
	C	bommon Difference ( <i>d</i> ): $a_2 - a_1$	Common Ratio (r): $\frac{a_2}{a_1}$
		Arithmetic Sequences	Geometric Sequences
)	Explicit Formula	$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)(d)$ where "a <sub>1</sub> " is the first term of the sequence, "n" is the desired term, and "d" is the common difference.	$a_n = a_1 \cdot (r)^{n-1}$ where "a <sub>1</sub> " is the first term of the sequence, "n" is the desired term, and "r" is the common ratio.
	Recursive Formula	$a_1 = ?$ $a_n = a_{n-1} + d$ where "a <sub>1</sub> " is the first term of the sequence, "n" is the desired term, and "d" is the common difference.	$a_1 = ?$ $a_n = a_{n-1} \cdot r$ where "a <sub>i</sub> " is the first term of the sequence, "n" is the desired term, and "r" is the common ratio.



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# **STATISTICS & PROBABILITY**

### TYPES OF STATISTICAL STUDIES

Survey: used to gather large quantities of facts or opinions. Surveys are usually asked in the form of a question. For example, "Do you like Algebra, Geometry, or neither?" would be a survey question. Observational Study: the observer does not have any interaction with the subjects and just examines the results of an activity. For example, the location as to where the Sun rises and sets on each day throughout the year. **Controlled Experiment: two groups are** studied while an experiment is performed with one of them but not the other. For example, testing if orange juice has an effect in preventing the "common cold" with a group of 100 people, where 50 people will drink orange juice and the other 50 will not drink the juice. The statistician will then analyze the data of the control group and the experimental group.

### SET NOTATION IN PROBABILITY



### THE NORMAL DISTRIBUTION CURVE



# from the mean. Symbol: 5x \*95% is 20x

Whenever you are asked if things are: NORMAL, FAIR, or EXPECTED check if the given number is within 20%

### INDEPENDENT & DEPENDENT EVENTS OF PROBABILITY

Independent Event: Two events are independent if one happening (or not happening) has nothing to do whether or not the other happens (or doesn't happen).

**Dependent Event:** Two events are dependent if the outcome or occurrence of the first affects the outcome or occurrence of the second so that the probability is changed.

Check for Dependence:



Area or % of data in a given interval

**NOTATION:** P(B|A)Read as "the probability of *B* given *A*"



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It P(A) · P(B)= P(ANB) - independent

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