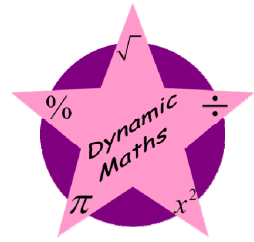


# National 4 Mathematics Revision Notes



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Use this booklet to practise working independently. You will have to in course assessments and the Value Added Unit (AVU).

- Get in the habit of turning to this booklet to refresh your memory.
- If you have forgotten how to do a skill, **examples** are given.
- If you have forgotten what a word means, see the **index** (back page) to look it up.

As you get closer to the final test, you should aim to use this booklet less and less.

## This booklet is for:

- Students following the National 4 Mathematics course
- Students who need more of the National 4 mathematics units: **Numeracy, Expressions and Formulae or Relationship**

## This booklet contains:

- The most important facts you need to remember for National 4 Mathematics.
- Exercises that take you through some common **routine** questions in each topic.
- Definitions of the key words you need to know.

## Use this booklet:

- To refresh your memory of a method you were taught when you are stuck on a homework question or a practice test question.
- To memorise key facts when revising for assessments and the Value Added Unit.

*The key to revising for a maths test is to do questions, not to read notes. As well as using this booklet, you should also:*

- Practice by working through exercises on topics you need more practice on – such as revision booklets, textbooks, websites, or exercises suggested by your teacher.

Work through practice tests.

- Ask your teacher when you come across a question you cannot answer.
- Use resources online (a link that can be scanned with a SmartPhone is on the last page).

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**SAMPLE**

## Formula Sheet

The following formulae are mentioned in these notes and are collected on this page for ease of reference.

**Formulae that are given on the formula sheet in the Added Value Unit (or in unit assessments)**

Topic	Formula(e)	Page Reference
Circumference of a circle	$C = \pi d$	See page 37
Area of a circle	$A = \pi r^2$	See page 37
Curved surface area of a cylinder	$A = 2\pi rh$	See page 37
Volume of a cylinder	$V = \pi r^2 h$	See page 37
Volume of a prism	$V = A \times h$	See page 42
Gradient	$\text{Gradient} = \frac{\text{Vertical height}}{\text{Horizontal distance}}$	See page 35
Pythagoras' Theorem	$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$	See page 61
Trigonometry in a right-angled triangle	$\sin x^\circ = \frac{\text{Opp}}{\text{Hyp}}$ $\cos x^\circ = \frac{\text{Adj}}{\text{Hyp}}$ $\tan x^\circ = \frac{\text{Opp}}{\text{Adj}}$	See page 63

**Formulae that are not given in the Added Value Unit (or in unit assessments)**

Topic	Formula(e)	Page Reference
Area of a rectangle	$A = LB$	See page 19
Area of a square	$A = L^2$	See page 19
Area of a triangle	$A = \frac{BH}{2}$	See page 19
Volume of a cuboid	$V = LBH$	See page 19
Percentage increase and decrease	$\frac{\text{change}}{\text{original amount}} \times 100$	See page 18
Range	Range = Highest – Lowest	See page 49
Mean	Mean = $\frac{\text{Total}}{\text{How many}}$	See page 49
Equation of a straight line	$y = mx + c$	See page 56
Speed, Distance, Time	$S = \frac{D}{T}$ $T = \frac{D}{S}$ $D = ST$	See page 22

## Add, Subtract, Multiply, Divide and Rounding

### Written Sums

You are expected to be able to do written add, take away, multiply and divide sums. You need to know how to do 'carrying' and (in subtraction sums) 'borrowing' to complete these sums.

#### Examples 1 – whole numbers

Calculate: (a)  $5629 + 3783$ , (b)  $4007 - 2678$ , (c)  $3066 \times 7$ , (d)  $3875 \div 5$

#### Solutions

Worked solutions (with carrying and borrowing as required) are shown below.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 5629 \\
 + 3783 \\
 \hline
 9412
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{r}
 4007 \\
 - 2678 \\
 \hline
 1329
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{r}
 3066 \\
 \times 7 \\
 \hline
 21462
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{r}
 3875 \\
 \div 5 \\
 \hline
 775
 \end{array}$$

For the Added Value Unit you need to be able to do these methods with decimals.

For the Unit you may be asked to add and take away decimals without a calculator.

#### Example 2 – add and then take away

To make a fruit drink, father makes 2.75 litres of juice and mother makes 0.375 litres of juice. 1.48 litres of the juice is drunk. How much is left?

#### Solution

We add 2.75 and 0.375, and then we take away 1.48 from the answer.

Step one: adding

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2.750 \\
 + 0.375 \\
 \hline
 3.125
 \end{array}$$

Answer to step 1: 3.125 litres.

Step two: take away

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3.125 \\
 - 1.480 \\
 \hline
 1.645
 \end{array}$$

**Answer:** There is 1.645 litres of juice left. **(in a real life situation we should always give our answer in a sentence, and units are essential)**

Examples 1

4652 rounded to the nearest ten is: 4650  
 4652 rounded to the nearest hundred is: 4700  
 4652 rounded to the nearest thousand is: 5000

23.666666 rounded to one decimal place is: 23.7  
 23.666666 rounded to two decimal places is: 23.67  
 £23.666666 rounded to the nearest penny is: £23.67

To round to **two decimal places**, we look at the third digit after the point (the thousandths):

- If this digit is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, we keep the second digit (the hundredths) the same.
- If this digit is 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9, we round the second digit up.

Examples 2 – rounding to two decimal places

Round 75.682 and 57.249 to two decimal places.

**Solutions**

In 75.682, the third digit after the point is 2. Therefore we keep the second digit the same. The answer is 75.68.

In 57.249, the third digit after the point is 9. Therefore we put the second digit up from 4 to 5 and the answer is 57.25.

Rounding to the nearest **significant figure** means different things depending on the number of the number we are rounding. If we are rounding a number with 1 digit before the decimal point, it means to round to the nearest thousand (e.g. 3745 rounded to the nearest significant figure is 4000). If we are rounding a number with 1 digit before the decimal point, it means to round to the nearest ten (i.e. 37 rounded to one significant figure is 40).

**Adding and Taking Away Negative Numbers (Integers)**

**Definition:** an **integer** is any positive or negative whole number, including zero. You need to be able to use integers in everyday situations (e.g. temperature), and in sums.

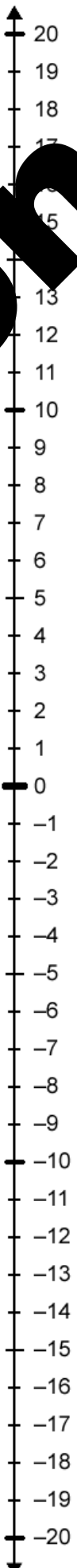
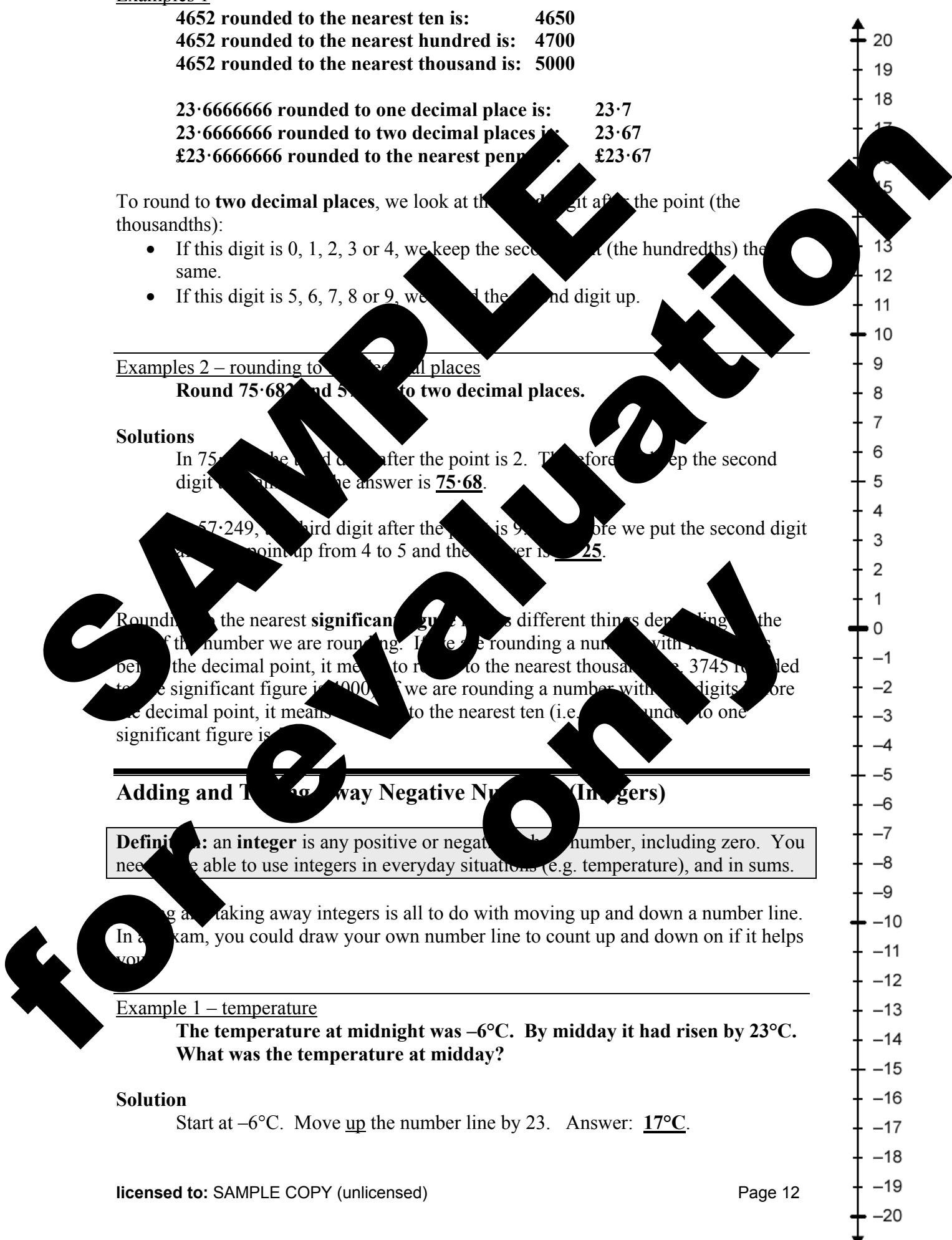
Adding and taking away integers is all to do with moving up and down a number line. In an exam, you could draw your own number line to count up and down on if it helps you.

Example 1 – temperature

The temperature at midnight was  $-6^{\circ}\text{C}$ . By midday it had risen by  $23^{\circ}\text{C}$ . What was the temperature at midday?

**Solution**

Start at  $-6^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Move up the number line by 23. Answer:  $17^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



## Fractions and Percentages

### Changing Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

To change a **fraction to a decimal**, divide the top number by the bottom number.

#### Example 1 – fractions to decimals

Change the fraction  $\frac{13}{20}$  to a decimal.

**Solution**  $13 \div 20 = 0.65$       **Answer:**  $0.65$

To change a **percentage to a decimal**, divide by 100.  
To change a **decimal to a percentage**, multiply by 100.

#### Example 2 – percentages to decimals

Change the percentage 25% to a decimal.  
Change the decimal 0.8 to a percentage.

**Solution**  
(a)  $25 \div 100 = 0.25$ ,      **Answer:**  $25\% = 0.25$  as a decimal.  
(b)  $0.8 \times 100 = 80$ ,      **Answer:**  $0.8 = 80\%$  as a percentage.

To change a **percentage to a fraction**, the number on the top is always 100 and the number on the bottom is the number before the percentage sign.

#### Example 3 – percentages to fractions

Write the percentage 37% as a fraction.

**Solution**  $37\% = \frac{37}{100}$

To change a **decimal to a fraction**, the denominator (the number on the bottom) depends on how many digits there are after the decimal point. If there:

- is **one digit** after the point, the denominator is 10 (e.g.  $0.3 = \frac{3}{10}$ ).
- are **two digits** after the point, the denominator is 100 (e.g.  $0.17 = \frac{17}{100}$ ).
- are **three digits** after the point, the denominator is 1000 (e.g.  $0.451 = \frac{451}{1000}$ ).

#### Example 4 – decimals to fractions

Change the decimal 0.013 to a fraction  
Change the decimal 0.57 to a fraction

**Solution**  
(a)  $0.013 = \frac{13}{1000}$       (b)  $0.57 = \frac{57}{100}$

To change a fraction to the percentage, there are two steps:

1. Change to a decimal by **dividing**
2. Change to a percentage by **multiplying by 100**

#### Example 5 – fractions to percentages

**Pete got 24 out of 32 for an exam. What is his mark as a percentage?**

#### Solution

As a fraction, Pete got  $\frac{24}{32}$ .

To change this to a decimal, divide:  $24 \div 32 = 0.75$

To change 0.75 to a percentage, multiply by 100:  $0.75 \times 100 = 75\%$

A quick way of remembering this is **top  $\div$  bottom  $\times$  100**

#### Calculating Fractions

To calculate a fraction, you divide the number on the bottom (the denominator) and multiply by the number on the top (the numerator)

Some people remember this as **'Divide by the bottom, then times by the top'**

#### Example

A washing machine costs £385.  $\frac{3}{5}$  of the cost is for the materials. What is the cost of the materials?

$\frac{3}{5}$  of 385 =  $385 \div 5 \times 3$   
 $= 77 \times 3$   
 $= 231$

#### Percentages without a calculator

You should know the following:

Percentage	Fraction	Percentage	Fraction
50%	$\frac{1}{2}$	10%	$\frac{1}{10}$
25%	$\frac{1}{4}$	1%	$\frac{1}{100}$
75%	$\frac{3}{4}$	$33\frac{1}{3}\%$	$\frac{1}{3}$
20%	$\frac{1}{5}$	$66\frac{2}{3}\%$	$\frac{2}{3}$



## Speed, Distance and Time

You need to know how to work out how much time an event takes from beginning to end. The best way is to split each question up into smaller steps:

### Example 1

**How long is it from 10:45am to 2:20pm?**

#### **Solution**



Total time = 15 minutes + 3 hours + 20 minutes = **3 hours 35 minutes** (do not write 3:35)

### Example 2

**A plane leaves London at 9:45pm and arrives in Los Angeles the next morning at 7.10am. How long was the flight?**

#### **Solution**



Total time = 15 min + 2 hours + 7 hours + 10 min = **9 hours 25 minutes** (do not write 9:25)

## **Changing time to a decimal**

### **Remember basic fractions and decimals**

$$\frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

$$\frac{3}{4} = 0.75$$

Therefore, 2 hours 15 minutes is not entered into the calculator as 2.15 hours. Instead it is 2.25 hours:

1 hour 30 minutes	= 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours	= 1.5 hours
5 hours 15 minutes	= 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours	= 5.25 hours
45 minutes	= $\frac{3}{4}$ hour	= 0.75 hour

We can change other fractions of an hour using our knowledge of decimals and tenths. In particular, it is worth noting the fact that **0.1 hour = 6 minutes**.

Example 1

Change 7.2 hours into hours and minutes.

**Solution**

$$0.2 \text{ hours} \times 60 = 12 \text{ minutes}$$

**Answer:** 7.2 hours = 7 hours 12 minutes.

Example 2

Change 5 hours 18 minutes into a decimal

**Solution**

18 minutes is  $\frac{18}{60}$  as a decimal

If we simplify this fraction we get  $\frac{18 \div 6}{60 \div 6} = \frac{3}{10}$

As a decimal, this is written 0.3

**Answer:** 5 hours 18 minutes = 5.3 hours

Speed, Distance and Time Calculations

**Formulae:** These formulae are **not** given on the formula sheet in assessments

$$\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}}$$

$$\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

$$\text{Distance} = \text{Speed} \times \text{Time}$$

If you have been taught it, you may also like to use the Speed, Distance and Time triangle



**Units:** Units for speed, distance and time are interlinked:

If distance is in **km** and time is in **hours (h)**, speed is measured in **km/hour**

If distance is in **metres (m)** and time is in **seconds (s)**, speed is measured in **m/s**

- If the speed is in **cm/min**, then the distance is in **cm** and the time in **minutes**

Sometimes speed is referred to as **average speed** or **mean speed** to reflect the fact that it can vary during a journey. This makes no difference to how you answer a question.

Example 1 – find speed

I drive 90km in 2 hours and 15 minutes. Calculate my average speed.

**Solution**

We are working out speed, so we use the formula  $\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}}$ .

2 hours and 15 minutes is not 2.15 hours. It is  $2\frac{1}{4}$  hours = 2.25 hours.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Speed} &= \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}} \\ &= \frac{90}{2.25} \\ &= \underline{40\text{km/h}}\end{aligned}$$

Example 2 – find distance

A bird flies  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours at an average speed of 42km/h. How far does it fly?

**Solution**

We are working out distance, so we use the formula  $\text{Distance} = \text{Speed} \times \text{Time}$

$3\frac{1}{2}$  hours is not 3.5 hours. It is 3.5 hours.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Distance} &= \text{Speed} \times \text{Time} \\ &= 42 \times 3.5 \\ &= \underline{147\text{km}}\end{aligned}$$

Example 3 – find time

A driver travels 129 miles at an average speed of 30mph. How long does it take her? Give your answer in hours and minutes.

**Solution**

We are working out time, so we use the formula  $\text{Time} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Time} &= \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Speed}} \\ &= \frac{129}{30} \\ &= 4.3\end{aligned}$$

4.3 hours is not 4 hours 3 minutes.

$0.3 \times 60 = 18$ , so 4.3 hours = 4 hours 18 minutes.

## Expressions and Formulae Unit

### Algebra

#### Using a Formula

Read the question carefully and substitute in the numbers you are given.

**Definition:** Evaluate means “do the sum”

#### Example 1

Evaluate  $2a - 3c$  when  $a = 12$  and  $c = 1.5$

#### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} 2a - 3c & \\ &= 2 \times 12 - 3 \times 1.5 \\ &= 24 - 4.5 \\ &= \underline{19.5} \end{aligned}$$

#### Example 2

Evaluate  $3x^2$  when  $x = 5$

#### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} 3x^2 & \\ &= 3 \times 5^2 \\ &= 3 \times 25 \quad (\text{NOT } 15 \text{ as squaring comes before multiplying in BIDMAS}) \\ &= \underline{75} \end{aligned}$$

#### Example 3

Evaluate  $S = 3bc - a$  when  $a = 10$ ,  $b = 2$  and  $c = 7$

#### Solution

$$\begin{aligned} S &= 3bc - a \\ &= 3 \times 2 \times 7 - 10 \\ &= 42 - 10 \\ &= \underline{32} \end{aligned}$$

You would also be expected to understand a formula in a real-life situation, where the numbers would be explained to you.

#### Example 4 – real life situation

The cost of hiring a car is given by the formula  $C = 25d + 2p$ , where  $C$  is the cost of hiring the car,  $d$  is the number of days hired for, and  $p$  is the number of litres of petrol used.

explicitly told to. *Only* numbers inside the bracket are multiplied. Anything else that is not inside the bracket should remain unchanged until you start simplifying.

### Examples 2

**Multiply out the brackets and simplify:**

$$4(m + 5) - 18$$

$$4(x + 5) + 3(x - 2)$$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} 4(m + 5) - 18 \\ = 4m + 20 - 18 \\ = \underline{4m + 2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4(x + 5) + 3(x - 2) \\ = 4x + 20 + 3x - 6 \\ = \underline{7x + 14} \end{aligned}$$

However, be careful the only numbers (and letters) that you multiply by are ones that are right next to the bracket. Anything else that is not inside the bracket should remain unchanged until you start simplifying.

### Examples 3

**Multiply out the brackets and simplify:**

$$4 + 7(a + 2)$$

$$2x + 3(x + 1)$$

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} 4 + 7(a + 2) \\ = 4 + 7a + 14 \\ = \underline{7a + 18} \end{aligned}$$

(NOT  $11(a + 2)$ )

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3(x + 1) \\ = 2x + 3x + 3 \\ = \underline{5x + 3} \end{aligned}$$

(NOT  $5x(x + 1)$ )  
(or  $3 + 5x$ )

### Factorising

**Definition:** Factorise means “put the brackets back in”. Think of it as the opposite of multiplying out the brackets.

#### Example 1

**Factorise**  $3a + 3b$

**Factorise**  $15x + 35y$

**Solution**

The highest common factor is 3  
Write 3 in front of the bracket  
 $3(\quad)$

The highest common factor is 5  
Write 5 in front of the brackets  
 $5(\quad)$

Work out what goes inside the brackets (it may help to think of dividing)

**Answer:**  $3(2a + 3b)$

**Answer:**  $5(3x + 5y)$

You always need to take the **largest possible** number (and/or letter) outside the brackets. You can spot these questions as they will say **factorise fully** instead of just **factorise**.

#### Example 2

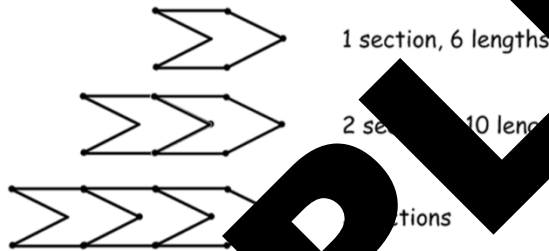
**Factorise fully:**  $18x + 24$

In National 4 assessments, you are expected to work with number patterns from diagrams. Each question will be set in a different ‘real-life’ situation, but the basic structure of the question tends to be the same.

- Part (a): complete a table with numbers obtained from the diagram.
- Part (b): write a formula in using the method outlined above.
- Part (c): use the formula to go backwards.

**Example 2 – 2011 Standard Grade General Past Exam Question**

Margaret is working on the design for a gold bracelet. She is using gold lengths to make each section.



Complete the table below.

Number of sections (s)	1	2	3	4	10
Number of gold lengths (g)	6	10			

Write down a formula for calculating the number of gold lengths (g) when you know the number of sections (s).  
Margaret has 66 gold lengths to make a bracelet. How many sections does the bracelet contain?

**Solution:**

The completed table is:

Number of sections (s)	1	2	3	4	10
Number of gold lengths (g)	6	10	14	18	42

- (b) Using the same method as in example 1:  
 Step one – write the letters the correct way about:  $g = ?s + ?$   
 Step two – the bottom row is going up by 4, so we must multiply by 4:  
 $g = 4s + ?$   
 Step three – the 4 times table is 4, 8, 12, ... We have 6, 10, 14, ... so we are adding 2 each time.  
**Final Answer:**  $g = 4s + 2$

There are a few methods to do this part. One way is to add more columns to the table until you get to 66 on the bottom row. This would work, but it takes a while. Another way is to solve an equation. **However whatever method you use, you must show some working.**

To solve an equation for 66 gold lengths, we take our formula from part (b) ( $4s + 2$ ) and write ‘= 66’ on the end of it.

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$$4s + 2 = 66$$

$$4s = 66 - 2 \quad (\text{moving the } +2 \text{ over to become } -2)$$

$$4s = 64 \quad (\text{simplifying } 66 - 2)$$

$$s = \frac{64}{4} \quad (\text{dividing by } 4)$$

$$s = 16$$

## Gradient

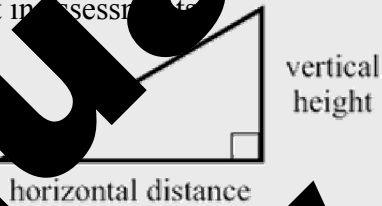
The **gradient** of a slope is its steepness. The higher the gradient is, the steeper the slope is.

- A gradient of 2 means ‘for every 1 you go along, you go up 2’.
- A gradient of 0.68 means ‘for every 100 you go along, you go up 68’.

Sometimes gradient is referred to as **average gradient** or **mean gradient** to reflect the fact that it can vary as you go up a slope. This makes no difference to how you answer a question.

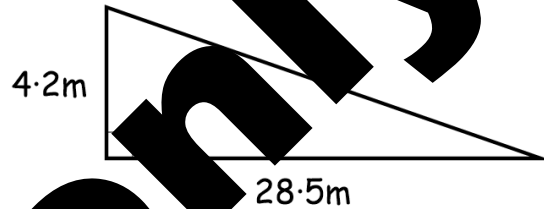
**Formula:** this formula is given on the formula sheet in assessment tests

$$\text{Gradient} = \frac{\text{Vertical height}}{\text{Horizontal distance}}$$



**Example**

- (a) Calculate the gradient of this wheelchair ramp.
- (b) Regulations state that the gradient of a wheelchair ramp must be less than 0.1. Does this ramp meet the regulations? Explain your answer.



**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gradient} &= \frac{\text{Vertical height}}{\text{Horizontal distance}} \\ &= \frac{4.2}{28.5} \\ &= \underline{\underline{0.147}} \text{ (3d.p.)} \end{aligned}$$

- b) No, the ramp does not meet regulations as 0.147 is bigger than 0.1.

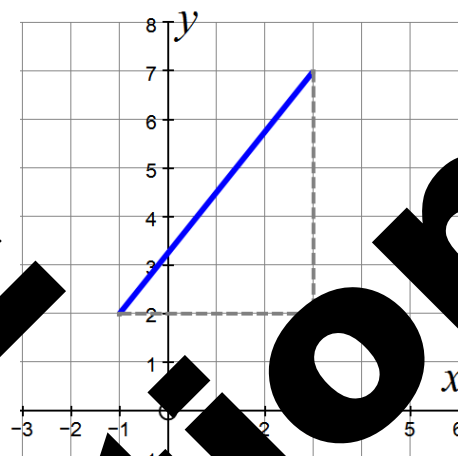
Example 2 – from coordinates

**Find the gradient between the coordinate points  $(-1, 2)$  and  $(3, 7)$**

**Solution**

From counting squares in the diagram, the vertical height is 5 and the horizontal distance is 4.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Gradient} &= \frac{\text{Vertical height}}{\text{Horizontal distance}} \\ &= \frac{5}{4} \\ &= \underline{\underline{1.25}}\end{aligned}$$



In some situations, such as on coordinate grids, direction is important. In these situations, a **positive** gradient (e.g. gradients such as 2, 10 or  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) means the line slopes **upwards**. A **negative** gradient (e.g. gradients such as  $-2$ ,  $-10$  or  $-\frac{1}{2}$ ) means the line slopes **downwards**.

**SAMPLE EVALUATION ONLY**



**Definition:** a **composite shape** is one made by joining two or more other shapes together. In the exam, areas will always be of composite shapes, usually made up of rectangles, squares, triangles or semi-circles (for semicircles see page 37).

The method to work out the area of a composite shape is always the same:

**Step one** – split the shape up into smaller, simpler shapes.

**Step two** – work out the area of each smaller shape separately.

**Step three** – either add or take away the areas.

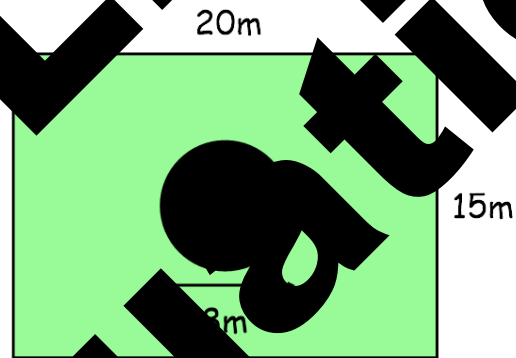
- If the two shapes are joined together, you add the areas.
- If one shape is cut out of the other, you take away its area.

### Example 1

The diagram shows a grass lawn. The lawn is in the shape of a rectangle measuring 20 metres by 15 metres.

There is a circular flower bed cut out of the middle of the lawn with diameter 8 metres.

Calculate the area of the grass.



Solve:

Area of rectangle:

$$\begin{aligned} &= 20 \times 15 \\ &= 300\text{m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Area of circle:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Diameter of circle is 8m so radius is 4m} \\ &= \pi r^2 \\ &= \pi \times 4^2 \\ &= 50.265\dots\text{m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Total area remaining} = 300 - 50.265 = 249.73\text{m}^2$$

You need to be able to work out the area of a **trapezium**, **parallelogram** or a **kite** by splitting them up into rectangles and triangles.

### Definitions:

- A **quadrilateral** is a shape with four straight sides.
- A **parallelogram** is a quadrilateral with two pairs of parallel sides. It can be split up into a rectangle and two identical right-angled triangles.
- A **kite** is a quadrilateral with one line of symmetry. It can be split up to be four right-angled triangles (two pairs of equal triangles).
- A **trapezium** is a quadrilateral with one pair of parallel sides. It can be split up to be a rectangle and one or two right-angled triangles.

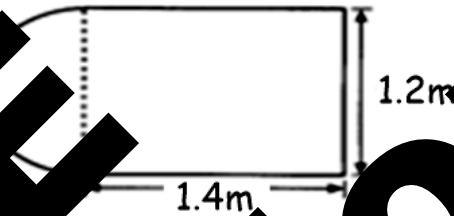
**Step three** – the two shapes are joined together, so **add** the areas

$$\text{Total Area} = 54 + 162 = \underline{\underline{216\text{cm}^2}}$$

**Example 3** (Standard Grade General paper 2001)

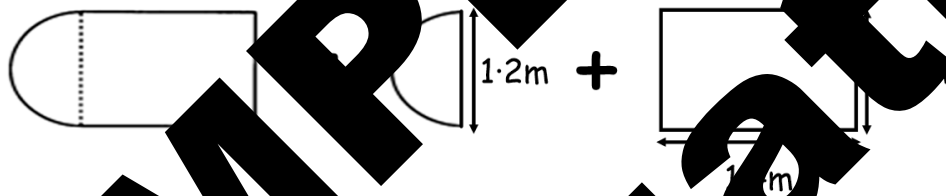
The base of a lift is in the shape of a rectangle with a semicircle end as shown. Calculate the area of the base of the lift.

Round your answer to 1 decimal place



**Solution**

**Step one** – start by splitting the shape up into a rectangle and a semicircle.



**Step two** – calculate the area of each shape.

Find the diameter of the circle, so  $r$  is the radius.

$$\text{Area of semicircle} = \frac{\pi r^2}{2}$$

$$\text{Area of rectangle} = LB$$

$$= \frac{\pi \times 0.6^2}{2}$$

$$= 0.565\dots\text{m}^2$$

$$= 1.68\text{m}^2$$

**Step three** – the two shapes are joined together, so **add** the areas

$$\text{Total Area} = 1.68 + 0.565\dots = 2.245\dots = \underline{\underline{2.2\text{m}^2}} \text{ (1 d.p.)}$$

### Volumes of 3-d Shapes

**Definition:** A **prism** is a 3d solid with a uniform cross-section. In everyday language you could say that it is the ‘same shape all the way along’.

By definition a cube and a cuboid are prisms. Volumes of cubes and cuboids are covered in the numeracy unit on page 19.

**Definition:** The **cross-section** is the shape at either end (and throughout the middle) of a prism.

**Formula:** this formula is given on the formula sheet in assessments

**Volume of a prism:**

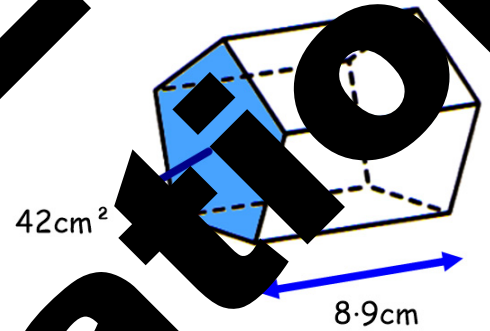
$$V = \text{Area of cross-section} \times \text{height}$$

$$V = Ah$$

In volume questions, the units are always in 'cubic' units. If all the lengths in the question are in centimetres (cm), the volume is in 'cubic centimetres' (cm<sup>3</sup>). If all the lengths in the question are in miles, then the volume is measured in miles<sup>3</sup>.

Example 1 – area of cross-section is given

The shape shown in the diagram on the right is a prism with length 8.9cm. The cross-section (shaded) is a pentagon with area 42cm<sup>2</sup>. Calculate the volume of the prism.



**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} V &= Ah \\ &= 42 \times 8.9 \\ &= \underline{373.8 \text{ cm}^3} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2 – length of prism given

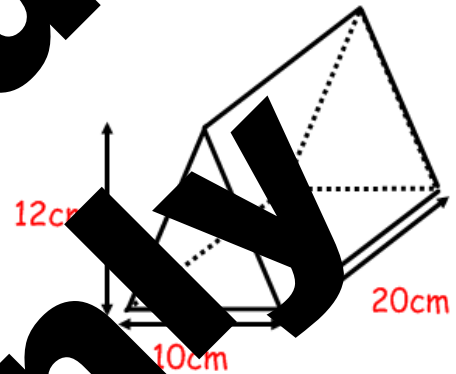
Find the volume of this prism, whose cross-section is a triangle.

**Solution:**

The length of this prism is the distance from the (triangular) end to the other end. In this case, the length is 20cm.

Step 1: Work out the area of the cross-section

In this shape, the cross-section is a triangle. The formula for the area of a triangle is  $\frac{1}{2}bh$  (see page 10)



**Important:** you will use a different formula in each question, depending on whether the cross section is a rectangle, triangle, circle, semicircle etc.

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{triangle}} &= \frac{1}{2}bh \\ &= 10 \times 12 \div 2 \\ &= 60 \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Use the formula to find the volume

$$\begin{aligned} V &= Ah \\ &= 60 \times 20 \\ &= \underline{1200 \text{ cm}^3} \end{aligned}$$

## Statistics and Probability

### Grouped Frequency Tables

A **frequency table** (often commonly called a **tally chart**) is used to summarise **frequencies** (totals) for a set of data. Tally marks are not strictly compulsory, but should usually be used to avoid errors in totalling.

A **grouped frequency table** is used for spread of data where there are a lot of different, but close, values – e.g. heights. Rather than having one number per row (which would result in a massive table), we group the data into rows (e.g. 5s, 10s, 100s) as appropriate.

When discrete data is displayed in a grouped frequency table, we write rows as 0–9, 10–19 etc. Notice that they are written as 10–20, as it would be clearer which row '10' would go in.

#### Example

The ages of employees of a bank were recorded and are shown in the table below:

42	25	41	8	46	37	40	38	22	30
60	59	44	52	48	35	19	45	28	41

Construct a grouped frequency table to show this information.

#### Solution

Age	Tally	Number of employees
10 – 19		3
20 – 29		4
30 – 39		5
40 – 49		7
50 – 59		2
60 – 69		1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22</b>

### Mean, Mode and Range

**Definition:** The **range** is the difference between the highest and the lowest numbers. It shows how varied (or consistent) a list of numbers is.

**Formula:** this formula is **not** given on the formula sheet in assessments  

$$\text{Range} = \text{Highest} - \text{Lowest}$$

## Equations with letters on both sides

In National 4 assessments, you will have to solve an equation that has letters on both sides.

*[Before you start (optional) – write the “invisible plus signs” in, in front of anything that does not have a sign in front of it already, to remind you it is positive.]*

- **Step one** – move everything with a letter in the left-hand side, and all the numbers to the right-hand side, remembering to change the sign and do the opposite”.
- **Step two** – simplify each side.
- **Step three** – solve the resulting equation.
- **Final step** – double check your answer by substituting it back in to both sides of the original equation. Check that both sides give the same answer.

### Example 1

Solve algebraically the equation  $2a + 5 = 15 - 2a$

#### Solution

*Optional first step – write in “invisible plus signs” in front of anything that does not already have a sign*

*Step one* – move the ‘ $-2a$ ’ over to the left-hand side where it becomes ‘ $+2a$ ’. Move ‘ $+5$ ’ to the right-hand side where it becomes ‘ $-5$ ’.

*Step two* – simplify both sides.

*Step three* – divide to get the answer.

*Final step:* check, by substituting  $a = 2.5$  into the original equation

The left-hand side is  $2a + 5$ . If we substitute  $a = 2.5$ , we get  $2 \times 2.5 + 5$ , which equals 10.

The left-hand side is  $15 - 2a$ . If we substitute  $a = 2.5$ , we get  $15 - 2 \times 2.5$ , which equals 10. These are the same, so our answer is correct.

If the equation contains brackets, we must multiply them out before continuing.

### Example 2 – equation with brackets

Solve algebraically the equation  $5(y - 1) = 3(y + 3)$

#### Solution

*Optional first step* – write in “invisible plus signs” in front of anything that does not already have a sign

$$\begin{aligned}
 2a + 5 &= 15 - 2a \\
 +2a + 5 &= +15 - 2a \\
 +2a + 2a &= +15 - 5 \\
 4a &= 10 \\
 a &= 2.5
 \end{aligned}$$

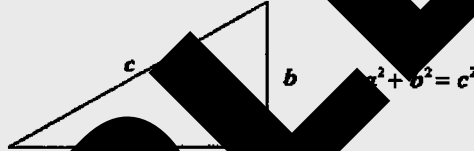
$$a = 10 \div 4 = 2.5$$

## Trigonometry

### Pythagoras' Theorem

When you know the length of any two sides of a right angle triangle you can use Pythagoras' Theorem (usually just known as **Pythagoras**) to find the length of the third side without measuring.

**Formula:** this formula is given on the formula sheet in assessments  
Theorem of Pythagoras



**Definition:** the hypotenuse is the longest side in a right-angled triangle.  
In the diagram above, the hypotenuse is  $c$ . The hypotenuse is *always* opposite the right angle.

There are three types of Pythagoras question:

**Step One** – square the length of the two sides.

**Step Two** – either add or take away (see below)

**Step Three** – square root.

**Choose whether to add or take away**

- If you are finding the length of the longest side (the hypotenuse), you **add** the squared numbers.
- If you are finding the length of the other side, you **take away** the squared numbers.

Example 1 – finding the length of the hypotenuse

Calculate the length of  $x$  in this triangle.

Do not use a calculator.

**Solution**

We are finding the length of  $x$ .  
 $x$  is the hypotenuse, so we **add**.

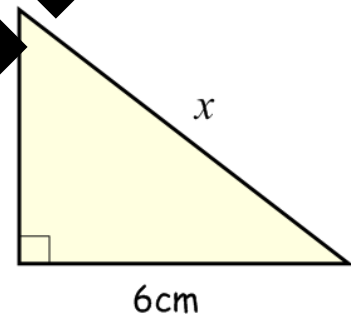
$$x^2 = 5^2 + 6^2$$

$$x^2 = 61$$

$$x = \sqrt{61}$$

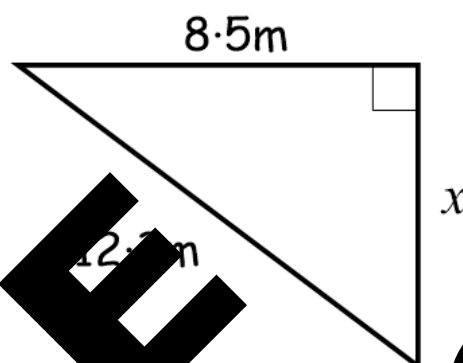
$$x = 7.81024\dots$$

$$x = \underline{7.81\text{cm}} \text{ (2 d.p.)}$$



Example 2 – finding the length of a shorter side

Calculate  $x$ , correct to 1 decimal place. Do not use a scale drawing.

**Solution**

We are finding the length of  $x$ .  $x$  is a smaller side, so we **take away**.

$$x^2 = 12.7^2 - 8.5^2$$

$$x^2 = 79.04$$

$$x = \sqrt{79.04}$$

$$x = 8.8904$$

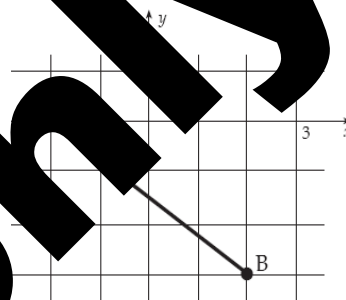
$$x = \underline{8.9 \text{ cm}}$$

In National 4 assessments, the Pythagoras question may well be a 2.1. On this occasion, there would be a reasoning mark (#2.1) available to you for choosing to use Pythagoras. One way to spot them is to look out for the words “do not use a scale drawing”.

The key to spotting Pythagoras questions is to look for right-angled triangles. However, this is not always obvious. The question below is a Pythagoras question although it may not appear to have any right-angled triangle at first.

Example 3 – from coordinates

Calculate the length of the line segment AB. Do not use a scale drawing.

**Solution**

Can you see the right-angled triangle? Draw lines to complete the triangle.

The triangle has sides 3 squares and 4 squares.

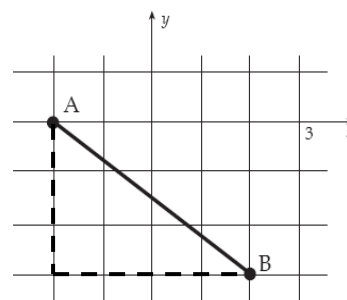
Side AB is the hypotenuse, so we **add**

$$AB^2 = 3^2 + 4^2$$

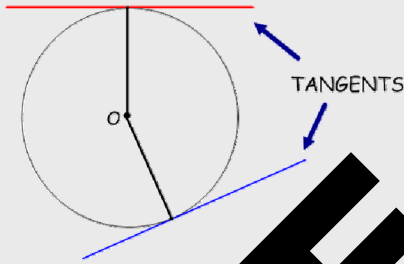
$$AB^2 = 25$$

$$AB = \sqrt{25}$$

$$AB = \underline{5}$$



**Definition:** a **tangent** to a circle is a line that just touches the edge of the circle.



**Fact**

A tangent always makes a right-angle with a radius.

A harder example is given below, however the question is different. The best way to get used to them is to practice them from past Standard Grade Geometry exam papers, past Intermediate 2 papers and textbooks.

Example 2 – harder

The diagram shows a circle centre O. DE is a tangent to the circle at point C. Angle OAB =  $35^\circ$ .

Calculate the size of angle BCE.

**Solution**

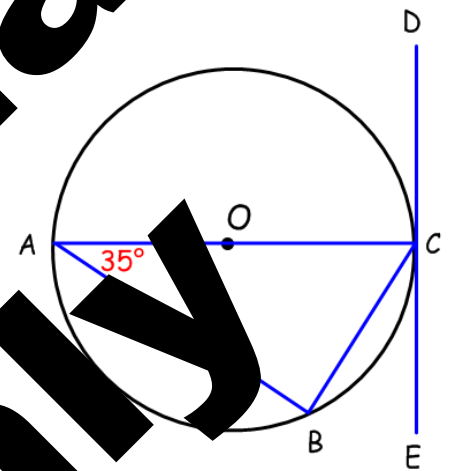
Since a tangent and a radius meet at right angles, angles ACD and ACE are  $90^\circ$ .

The angle in a semi-circle is a right angle, so ABC is also  $90^\circ$ .

We know two of the angles in triangle ABC. Since we know the angles in a triangle must add to make  $180^\circ$ , angle ACB must be  $55^\circ$ .

Finally since we already knew ACE is  $90^\circ$ , this tells us that ACB and BCE must add to make  $90^\circ$ . Therefore angle BCE is  $35^\circ$ .

**Final answer:** clearly state that angle BCE is  $35^\circ$  (just marking it on the diagram isn't enough as it doesn't make it clear that you know which angle is angle BCE).



**Enlargement and Reduction by a Scale Factor**

An enlargement of a diagram is another diagram which is the exact same shape (same shape, same angles) except all the lengths have been scaled

The amount of the enlargement is called the **scale factor**. For example:



- an enlargement with a scale factor 2 is double the size of the original. You have to draw the same shape, making every line exactly twice as long.
- an enlargement with a scale factor  $\frac{1}{2}$  is half the size of the original. You have to draw the same shape, making every line exactly half as long.

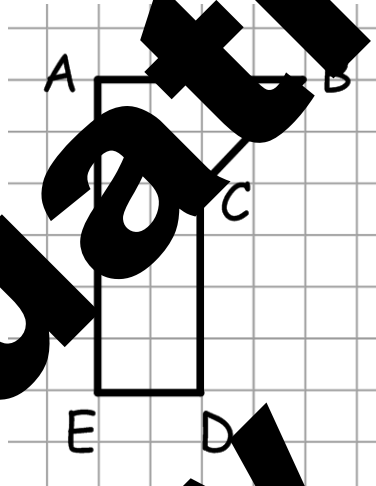
In National 4 assessments, you are expected to draw an enlarged copy of a shape when told a scale factor. The scale factor you will be given will be a fraction, such as  $\frac{3}{2}$  or  $\frac{5}{4}$ .

Deal with a fractional scale factor in the same way you would deal with any fraction: divide by the number on the bottom and times by the number on the top.

Example

Shape ABCDE is shown on the diagram on the right.

Draw an enlargement of the given shape using a scale factor of  $\frac{3}{2}$ .



**Solution**

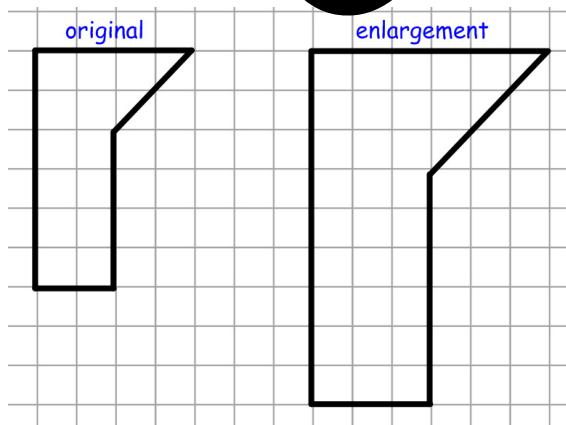
For a scale factor of  $\frac{3}{2}$ , we divide by 2 and multiply by 3 ( $\div 2 \times 3$ ).

For example in the original diagram the line AB is 2 squares long. If we divide by 2 and multiply by 3, we get 3. So AB will be 6 squares long in the answer.

Similarly, CD will be 6 squares long as well, DE will be 3 squares long and AE will be 9 squares long.

BC will go through the diagonal corners of 3 squares.

The diagram below shows the original diagram and the enlargement side by side. The letters have been left out to make the diagram clearer.



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