## Math I Cheat Sheet 2017:

Distance Formula
$\sqrt{\left(x_{2}-x_{1}\right)^{2}+\left(y_{2}-y_{1}\right)^{2}}$

Slope Formula:
$\frac{\text { rise }}{\text { run }} \quad \frac{y_{2}-y_{1}}{x_{2}-x_{1}}$

Midpoint Formula

$$
\left(\frac{x_{2}+x_{1}}{2}, \frac{y_{2}+y_{1}}{2}\right)
$$

Slope-Intercept Form:

$$
y=m x+b
$$

where $m=$ slope and $b=y$-intercept

Types of Slope:
Zero (Horizontal Line)
Undefined (Vertical Line)

Axis of Symmetry of Quadratic:

$$
\frac{-b}{2 a}
$$

## Polynomials

Multiplying Polynomials:

## Foil:

Box Method:
$(x+3)(x-5)=$

$x+$| $x^{2}+3 x$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| -5 | $-5 x \mid-15$ |
|  | $=x^{2}-2 x-15$ |

Special cases
$(a-b)^{2}$
(abb) (abb)
$a^{2}-2 a b+b^{2}$
(a+b) (abb)
$a^{2}-a b+a b-b^{2}$
$a^{2}-b^{2}$

Degree-The exponent on a term tells you the "degree" of the term. The degree is the highest power of an exponent in a polynomial.

## Factoring:

Basic Trinomial: $a x^{2}+b x+c$ where a is 1.

1) identify $a, b$, and $c$ in the trinomial $a x^{2}+b x+c$
2) write down all factor pairs of $c$
3) identify which factor pair from the previous step sums up to $b$
4) Substitute factor pairs into two binomials

## Factoring Trinomials $a x^{2}+b x+c$ where $a$ is $>1$. [Factor by Grouping] Steps:

Step 1: Make sure that the trinomial is written in the correct order; the trinomial must be written in descending order from highest power to lowest power.

Step 2: Decide if the three terms have anything in common, called the greatest common factor or GCF. If so, factor out the GCF. Do not forget to include the GCF as part of your final answer.

Step 3: Multiply the leading coefficient and the constant, that is multiply the first and last numbers together.

Step 4: List all of the factors from Step 3 and decide which combination of numbers will combine to get the number next to $x$.

Step 5: After choosing the correct pair of numbers, you must give each number a sign so that when they are combined they will equal the number next to $x$ and also multiply to equal the number found in Step 3.

Step 6: Rewrite the original problem with four terms by splitting the middle term into the two numbers chosen in step 5 .

Step 7: Now that the problem is written with four terms, you can factor by grouping. $\underbrace{2 w x+10 w}+\underbrace{7 x+35}$
factor

$$
=2 w(x+5)+7(x+5)
$$

$$
=(x+5)(2 w+7) \text { done! }
$$

## Laws of Exponents

Multiplying Powers of the Same Base:
If you are multiplying powers of the same base, you just add the exponents.

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left(x^{a}\right)\left(x^{b}\right)=x^{a+b} \\
(x x x)(x x x x x)=x^{8}
\end{gathered}
$$

or

$$
\left(x^{3}\right)\left(x^{5}\right)=x^{3+5}=x^{8}
$$

## Raising a Power to a Power:

Any power of a power: you multiply the exponents.

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left(x^{a}\right)^{b}=x^{a b} \\
\left(x^{2}\right)^{4}=x^{(2)(4)}=x^{8} \\
\text { Or } \\
\left(x^{2}\right)^{4}=\left(x^{2}\right)\left(x^{2}\right)\left(x^{2}\right)\left(x^{2}\right)=(x x)(x x)(x x)(x x)=x^{8}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Zero Power of Exponent:

Anything to the 0 power is 1 .

$$
x^{0}=1
$$

## Dividing Powers of the Same Base:

Division with like bases you subtract exponents.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{x^{a}}{x^{b}}=x^{a-b} \\
& \text { For example, } \frac{5^{5}}{5^{3}}=5^{5-3}=5^{2}=25 \\
& \frac{5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5}{5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5}=5 \cdot 5=25
\end{aligned}
$$

## Negative Exponents:

A negative exponent means to divide by that number of factors instead of multiplying. So $4^{-3}$ is the same as $\frac{1}{4^{3}}$, and $x^{-3}=\frac{1}{x^{3}}$.
As you know, you can't divide by zero. So there's a restriction that $\mathrm{x}^{-n}=\frac{1}{x^{n}}$ only when x is not zero. When $x=0, x^{-n}$ is undefined.

## Fractional Exponents:

A fractional exponent-an exponent of the form $\frac{1}{n}$-means to take the n th root.

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

For example, $4^{\frac{1}{3}}$ is the 3 rd root (cube root) of $4=\sqrt[3]{4}$.

## Radicals:

Splitting up a Square Root:

$$
(a b)^{\frac{1}{2}}=\sqrt{a b}=(\sqrt{a})(\sqrt{b})
$$

Simplifying a Square Root:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\sqrt{a b}=(\sqrt{a})(\sqrt{b}) \\
\text { For example: } \\
\sqrt{32}=(\sqrt{16})(\sqrt{2})=4 \sqrt{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

Simplifying Multiplying with Square Roots:

$$
\begin{gathered}
(\sqrt{a})(\sqrt{b})=\sqrt{a b} \\
\text { For example: } \\
\sqrt{12} \sqrt{8}=\sqrt{96}
\end{gathered}
$$

Simplifying Division with Square Roots:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \qquad \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}=\frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}} \\
& \text { For example: } \\
& \sqrt{\frac{16}{9}}=\frac{\sqrt{16}}{\sqrt{9}}=\frac{4}{3}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Addition and Subtract with Square Roots:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{a+b} \neq \sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b} \\
& \text { And } \\
& \sqrt{a-b} \neq \sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b}
\end{aligned}
$$

Summary \& Guidelines to "Jail Break:"

1) Create a factor tree for the number in jail.
2) Keep factoring until you have ONLY PRIME numbers- circle them.
3) You can only break out if you have a pair of prime numbers- it must be exactly the same numbers.
4) Only 1 person in the pair actually survives the jail break. The other person dies, but does not go back to jail.
5) Anybody who doesn't find a partner to break out of jail, must stay in! Multiply any leftover numbers together and keep them in jail!

Example:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\sqrt{48 x^{3} y^{6}}=\sqrt{6 \cdot 8 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y} \\
=\sqrt{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y} \\
=2 \cdot 2 \cdot x \cdot y \cdot y \cdot y \sqrt{3 x} \\
=4 x y^{3} \sqrt{3 x}
\end{gathered}
$$

Pythagorean Theorem: $\quad a^{2}+b^{2}=c^{2}$

## Exponential Function

$y=a\left(b^{x}\right)$ where a is the y -intercept and b is the growth/decay factor
-If $b$ is greater than 1 then it is exponential growth
-If $b$ is less than 1 then it is exponential decay
Growth : $1+r \quad$ Decay: 1-r
Growth/Decay Rate- the percent of increase/decrease Growth/Decay Factor- what you multiply by

## Domain and Range

Domain- all the $x$-values
Linear Graphs-

$$
y=m x+b
$$

Domain- all real numbers
Range- all real numbers
Exponential Graphs- $\quad y=a\left(b^{x}\right)$
Domain- all real numbers
Range- all positive values
Quadratic Graphs- $\quad a x^{2}+b x+c$
Domain- all real numbers
Range- +,- infinity to min/max value
Square Root Graphs- $y=\sqrt{x}$
Domain- all positive numbers
Range- all positive numbers

## Systems of Equations

One Solution- two linear lines that cross only once
Infinite Solutions- two lines that are exactly the same
No Solution- Two parallel lines (lines never cross)

## Elimination Method:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left\{\begin{array}{l}
x+y=2 \\
x-y=14
\end{array}\right\} \\
& \begin{aligned}
& x+y=2 \\
& x-y=14
\end{aligned} \quad \leftarrow \quad \begin{array}{l}
\text { eliminate the } \\
\text { y variable by } \\
\text { adding equations }
\end{array} \\
& 2 x=16 \leftarrow \text { solve for } x \\
& x=8 \longleftarrow \text { use to find } y \\
& x+y=2 \\
& 8+y=2 \\
& \begin{aligned}
&-8 \quad-8 \\
& y=-6
\end{aligned} \\
& (8,-6) \text { solution } \\
& \left\{\begin{array} { l } 
{ - x + 5 y = 8 } \\
{ 3 x + 7 y = - 2 }
\end{array} \stackrel { \times 3 } { \Rightarrow } \quad \left\{\begin{array}{r}
-3 x+15 y=24 \\
3 x+7 y=-2
\end{array}\right.\right. \\
& -3 x+15 y=24 \\
& +\quad 3 x+7 y=-2 \\
& 22 y=22 \\
& \frac{22 y}{22}=\frac{22}{22} \\
& y=1
\end{aligned}
$$

## Substitution Method:

Directions: Solve the following system of equations using substitution.
$-x+y=1$
$2 x+y=-2$

| Step 1: |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $-x+y=1$ |  |
| $-x+x+y=1+x$ | Solve 1 equation for 1 <br> variable: $(x=\ldots)$ or $(y=\ldots)$ |
| $y=1+x$ |  |
| $y=x+1$ | I chose the first equation <br> because it was the easiest <br> to rewrite. |
| I added $x$ to each side to |  |
| rewrite this equation as |  |
| $y=x+1$. |  |

## Graphing Method:



## Correlation:

Positive Correlation-If the data points make a straight line going from the origin out to high xand $y$-values, then the variables are said to have a positive correlation.

Negative Correlation-If the line goes from a high-value on the y-axis down to a high-value on the $x$-axis, the variables have a negative correlation.

No Correlation-If the data is all over the graph with no pattern then the variables have no relationship and thus, no correlation.

Correlation Coefficient- used to indicate the relationship of two random variables. It provides a measure of the strength and direction of the correlation varying from -1 to +1 .

Positive values indicate that the two variables are positively correlated, meaning the two variables vary in the same direction.
Negative values indicate that the two variables are negatively correlated, meaning the two variables vary in the contrary direction.

Values close to +1 or -1 reveal the two variables are highly related.

## Graphing Linear Inequalities

When the inequality is written as $y \leq$ or $y \geq$, the points on the boundary line are solutions of the inequality, and the line is solid.


When the inequality is written as $y<$ or $y>$, the points on the boundary line are not solutions of the inequality, and the line is dashed.

When the inequality is written as $y>$ or $y \geq$, the points above the boundary line are solutions of the inequality.

Parallel \& Perpendicular Lines

| Characteristics | What You Draw | Parallel Lines |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Parallel lines never cross and stay the same distance apart. They are coplanar. They have 0 points in common. |  | -never intersect; SAME SLOPE <br> Perpendicular Lines |
| Intersecting lines pass through the same point. They have one point in common. |  | -The slopes of perpendicular lines are opposite reciprocals <br> (AKA- FLIP THE FRACTION AND FLIP THE SIGN) |
| Perpendicular lines intersect at right angles. They have one point in common. |  |  |

## Arithmetic and Geometric Sequences:

Arithmetic Sequence- goes from one term to the next by always adding (or subtracting) the same value.
Example 1: 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, .. (add 3 each time)
Example 2: 7, 3, -1, $-5, \ldots$ (subtract 4 each time)

Geometric Sequence- goes from one term to the next by always multiplying (or dividing) by the same value.
Example 1: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16,... (multiply by 2 each time)
Example 2: 81, 27, 9, 3, 1, 1/3, ... (divide by 3 each time)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Writing NEXT-NOW Equations } \\
& \text { Linear Example: } \\
& y=\$ 300 x+\$ 40,000 \text { in NEXT-NOW form: } \\
& \text { NEXT }=\text { NOW }+300 \text {, starting at } \$ 40,000 \\
& \text { Exponential Example: } \\
& y=300(1.05)^{x} \text { in NEXT-NOW form: } \\
& \text { NEXT }=\text { NOW(1.05) Starting at } 300
\end{aligned}
$$

## RECURSIVE AND EXPLICIT FORMULA

Let $\mathrm{n}=$ the term number in the sequence
Let $A(n)=$ the value of the $n$th term of the sequence
Let $d=$ the common difference

## Recursive Formula

$A(n)=A(n-1)+d$

Explicit Formula
$A(n)=A(1)+(n-1) d$

## LINEAR, EXPONENTIAL AND QUADRATIC TABLES:

When given a table you should find the difference for the x and y values. What's happening to the $x$ each time? What's happening to the $y$ each time?


