Maths

Circles and Equations

Year 10 Autumn 2



Section A: Key vocabulary		
Tier 3 Vocabulary	Definition	
Circumference	The distance around the outside of a circle	
Radius	The distance from the centre of a circle to its circumference	
Diameter	A straight line passing through the centre of a circle from one side to the other	
Tangent	A straight line touching a curve at a single point	
Chord	A straight line joining two points on the circumference of a circle	
Arc	A piece of a circumference	
Sector	A piece of a circle, bounded by two radii and an arc	
Coefficient	A number multiplied by a variable (in the expression $3x^2$ the coefficient of x^2 is 3)	
Gradient	The steepness of a line	
Perpendicular	At a right angle	
y-intercept	Where a line crosses the y-axis	
Reciprocal	Two numbers are the reciprocal of each other if they multiply to 1	
Subtended	Created from	
Tier 2 Vocabulary	Definition	
Simultaneous	At the same time	
Substitution	Putting one thing in place of another	
Eliminate	To remove or get rid of something	
Intersection	The place where two or more objects meet	

Section B: Key Facts and Processes			
Solving Simultaneous Equations			
By elimination	Equate the coefficients of one of the variables in both equations. Then add/subtract the equations so		
By substitution	Make one of the variables the subject of an equation. Then replace that variable in the other equation with the right-hand side of the first equation		
Circle Formulae			
Sector Area	$\frac{\theta}{360} \times \pi r^2$		
Arc Length	$\frac{\theta}{360} \times \pi d$		
Equation of a Circle	$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$		
Circle Theorems (see section C for diagrams)			
1. Angles in a semi-circle	Are 90°		
2. Angles at the centre	Are double angles at the cir-		
3. Angles subtended from the	Are equal		
4. Opposite angles in a cyclic	Sum to 180°		
5. Two tangents from a circle that meet at the same point	Are equal in length		
6. Angles created between a tangent and a chord	Are equal to angles in the alternate segment		
Equation of a Tangent (see section C)			



Finding the Equation of a Tangent

1. Find the gradient of the radius by using dy/dx between the origin (0,0) and the co-ordinates of the point where the circumference meets the tangent

2. Find the negative reciprocal of step 1 (this is the perpendicular gradient and therefore gradient of the tangent)

3. Use the perpendicular gradient and the co-ordinates of a point on the tangent to find the equation of the tangent in the form y = mx + c

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