

ALGEBRA TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

ALGEBRA TERMS AND DEFINITIONS: A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE

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SUMMARY: THIS GUIDE PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF ESSENTIAL ALGEBRA TERMS AND DEFINITIONS, CLARIFYING COMMON MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND OFFERING BEST PRACTICES FOR UNDERSTANDING AND APPLYING ALGEBRAIC CONCEPTS. IT COVERS FUNDAMENTAL TERMS LIKE VARIABLES, CONSTANTS, AND EXPRESSIONS, PROGRESSING TO MORE ADVANCED TOPICS SUCH AS POLYNOMIALS, EQUATIONS, INEQUALITIES, AND FUNCTIONS. THE GUIDE AIMS TO EQUIP STUDENTS WITH A STRONG FOUNDATION IN ALGEBRA, HIGHLIGHTING COMMON PITFALLS TO AVOID.

1. UNDERSTANDING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ALGEBRA TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

ALGEBRA, AT ITS CORE, IS THE STUDY OF MATHEMATICAL SYMBOLS AND THE RULES FOR MANIPULATING THESE SYMBOLS. UNDERSTANDING THE BASIC BUILDING BLOCKS—THE ALGEBRA TERMS AND DEFINITIONS—IS CRUCIAL FOR SUCCESS. LET'S BEGIN WITH SOME FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS:

1.1 VARIABLES: VARIABLES ARE REPRESENTED BY LETTERS (LIKE x , y , z) AND REPRESENT UNKNOWN QUANTITIES OR VALUES THAT CAN CHANGE. FOR INSTANCE, IN THE EXPRESSION $2x + 5$, ' x ' IS A VARIABLE.

1.2 CONSTANTS: CONSTANTS ARE FIXED NUMERICAL VALUES THAT DO NOT CHANGE. IN THE SAME EXPRESSION, ' 2 ' AND ' 5 ' ARE CONSTANTS.

1.3 COEFFICIENTS: A COEFFICIENT IS A NUMERICAL FACTOR THAT MULTIPLIES A VARIABLE. IN $2x$, ' 2 ' IS THE COEFFICIENT OF ' x '.

1.4 ALGEBRAIC EXPRESSIONS: AN ALGEBRAIC EXPRESSION IS A COMBINATION OF VARIABLES, CONSTANTS, AND MATHEMATICAL OPERATIONS ($+$, $-$, $\times$, $\div$). FOR EXAMPLE, $3x^2 + 2x - 7$ IS AN ALGEBRAIC EXPRESSION.

1.5 TERMS: TERMS ARE THE INDIVIDUAL PARTS OF AN ALGEBRAIC EXPRESSION SEPARATED BY ADDITION OR SUBTRACTION SIGNS. IN $3x^2 + 2x - 7$, THERE ARE THREE TERMS: $3x^2$, $2x$, AND -7 .

1.6 EQUATIONS: AN EQUATION IS A STATEMENT THAT SHOWS THE EQUALITY OF TWO EXPRESSIONS. IT CONTAINS AN EQUALS SIGN ($=$). FOR EXAMPLE, $2x + 5 = 11$ IS AN EQUATION.

1.7 INEQUALITIES: INEQUALITIES COMPARE TWO EXPRESSIONS, INDICATING THAT ONE IS GREATER THAN ($>$), LESS THAN ($<$), GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO ($\geq$), OR LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO ($\leq$) THE OTHER. FOR EXAMPLE, $3x > 6$ IS AN INEQUALITY.

2. EXPLORING MORE ADVANCED ALGEBRA TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

AS YOU PROGRESS IN ALGEBRA, YOU'LL ENCOUNTER MORE COMPLEX ALGEBRA TERMS AND DEFINITIONS:

2.1 POLYNOMIALS: A POLYNOMIAL IS AN ALGEBRAIC EXPRESSION CONSISTING OF VARIABLES AND COEFFICIENTS, INVOLVING ONLY THE OPERATIONS OF ADDITION, SUBTRACTION, AND MULTIPLICATION, AND NON-NEGATIVE INTEGER EXPONENTS OF VARIABLES. EXAMPLES INCLUDE $5x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1$ (A POLYNOMIAL OF DEGREE 3) AND $7x - 4$ (A LINEAR POLYNOMIAL OR POLYNOMIAL OF DEGREE 1).

2.2 FACTORING: FACTORING IS THE PROCESS OF EXPRESSING A POLYNOMIAL AS A PRODUCT OF SIMPLER POLYNOMIALS. THIS IS A CRUCIAL SKILL FOR SOLVING EQUATIONS AND SIMPLIFYING EXPRESSIONS.

2.3 FUNCTIONS: A FUNCTION IS A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO VARIABLES (USUALLY x AND y) WHERE EACH INPUT (x -VALUE) CORRESPONDS TO EXACTLY ONE OUTPUT (y -VALUE). THEY ARE OFTEN REPRESENTED AS $f(x) = \dots$

2.4 SOLVING EQUATIONS: SOLVING AN EQUATION INVOLVES FINDING THE VALUE(S) OF THE VARIABLE THAT MAKE THE EQUATION TRUE. THIS OFTEN INVOLVES APPLYING INVERSE OPERATIONS TO ISOLATE THE VARIABLE.

2.5 LINEAR EQUATIONS: THESE ARE EQUATIONS WHERE THE HIGHEST POWER OF THE VARIABLE IS 1. THEY GRAPH AS STRAIGHT LINES.

2.6 QUADRATIC EQUATIONS: THESE EQUATIONS HAVE A VARIABLE RAISED TO THE POWER OF 2 (x^2). THEY GRAPH AS PARABOLAS.

3. COMMON PITFALLS AND BEST PRACTICES IN ALGEBRA

UNDERSTANDING NEGATIVE SIGNS: MISTAKES OFTEN ARISE FROM INCORRECT HANDLING OF NEGATIVE SIGNS, ESPECIALLY WHEN MULTIPLYING OR DIVIDING. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE RULES OF SIGNS.

ORDER OF OPERATIONS (PEMDAS/BODMAS): ALWAYS FOLLOW THE ORDER OF OPERATIONS (PARENTHESES/BRACKETS, EXPONENTS/ORDERS, MULTIPLICATION AND DIVISION, ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION) TO AVOID ERRORS.

DISTRIBUTING CORRECTLY: MAKE SURE TO DISTRIBUTE MULTIPLICATION CORRECTLY ACROSS PARENTHESES.

FACTORING TECHNIQUES: MASTERING DIFFERENT FACTORING TECHNIQUES (E.G., GREATEST COMMON FACTOR, DIFFERENCE OF SQUARES) IS ESSENTIAL FOR SOLVING MANY ALGEBRAIC PROBLEMS.

CONCLUSION

A STRONG GRASP OF ALGEBRA TERMS AND DEFINITIONS IS THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS IN ALGEBRA AND SUBSEQUENT MATHEMATICAL STUDIES. BY UNDERSTANDING THESE FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS AND AVOIDING COMMON PITFALLS, STUDENTS CAN BUILD CONFIDENCE AND EXCEL IN THIS CRUCIAL AREA OF MATHEMATICS. CONSISTENT PRACTICE AND A FOCUS ON UNDERSTANDING THE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES ARE KEY TO MASTERING ALGEBRA.

FAQs

1. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN EXPRESSION AND AN EQUATION? AN EXPRESSION IS A MATHEMATICAL PHRASE, WHILE AN EQUATION IS A STATEMENT THAT TWO EXPRESSIONS ARE EQUAL.

1. WHAT IS A LIKE TERM? LIKE TERMS HAVE THE SAME VARIABLES RAISED TO THE SAME POWERS.

1. HOW DO I SOLVE A LINEAR EQUATION? USE INVERSE OPERATIONS TO ISOLATE THE VARIABLE.

1. WHAT IS THE QUADRATIC FORMULA? IT'S A FORMULA USED TO SOLVE QUADRATIC EQUATIONS: $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

$$4ac)] / 2a$$

1. WHAT IS A FUNCTION? A FUNCTION IS A RELATION WHERE EACH INPUT HAS EXACTLY ONE OUTPUT.
1. WHAT ARE EXPONENTS? EXPONENTS INDICATE REPEATED MULTIPLICATION OF A BASE NUMBER.
1. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CONSTANT AND A VARIABLE? A CONSTANT HAS A FIXED VALUE, WHILE A VARIABLE CAN REPRESENT DIFFERENT VALUES.
1. HOW DO I FACTOR A QUADRATIC EXPRESSION? USE METHODS LIKE FACTORING BY GROUPING OR THE QUADRATIC FORMULA.
1. WHAT IS A RATIONAL EXPRESSION? A RATIONAL EXPRESSION IS A FRACTION WHERE THE NUMERATOR AND DENOMINATOR ARE POLYNOMIALS.

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COMPLEX ALGEBRAIC EXPRESSION AN EXPRESSION THAT INVOLVES RATIONAL EXPRESSIONS AND MORE THAN ONE OPERATION
COMPLEX CONJUGATES THE TWO COMPLEX NUMBERS $a + bi$ AND $a - bi$ ARE CALLED ...

ALGEBRA VOCABULARY LIST (DEFINITIONS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS)

ALGEBRAIC EXPRESSION - A NUMBER, VARIABLE, OR COMBINATION OF THE TWO CONNECTED BY SOME MATHEMATICAL OPERATION LIKE ADDITION, SUBTRACTION, MULTIPLICATION, DIVISION, EXPONENTS AND/OR ...

ALGEBRA 1 VOCABULARY

ALGEBRA 1 VOCABULARY EXPONENTIAL FUNCTION A FUNCTION OF THE FORM $y = a \cdot b^x$ WHERE $a > 0$ AND EITHER $0 < b < 1$ OR $b > 1$. EXPRESSION A SYMBOL OR COMBINATION OF SYMBOLS THAT REPRESENTS A QUANTITY OR A ...

ALGEBRA I - VOCABULARY

ALGEBRA I - VOCABULARY DISCRETE FUNCTION • DISCRETE DATA CAN ONLY TAKE CERTAIN VALUES. • A FUNCTION THAT IS DEFINED ONLY FOR A SET OF NUMBERS THAT CAN BE LISTED, SUCH AS THE SET OF WHOLE NUMBERS OR ...

MATHEMATICS GLOSSARY ALGEBRA 1 EOC AND GEOMETRY ...

THE TERMS DEFINED IN THIS GLOSSARY PERTAIN TO THE NGSSS IN MATHEMATICS FOR EOC ASSESSMENTS IN ALGEBRA 1 AND GEOMETRY. INCLUDED ARE THE GLOSSARY TERMS FROM GRADES 3 THROUGH 8.

ALGEBRA I VOCABULARY WORD WALL CARDS - YCPS.ORG

NOV 11, 2018 • FIND THE GREATEST COMMON FACTOR (GCF) OF ALL TERMS OF THE POLYNOMIAL AND THEN APPLY THE DISTRIBUTIVE PROPERTY. SIMPLY SQUARE ROOT EXPRESSIONS. SQUARING A NUMBER AND TAKING ...

ALGEBRA DEFINITIONS, RULES, AND THEOREMS - MATHEMARTISTE

TO MULTIPLY COMPLEX NUMBERS $(+ \sqrt{-1})(+ \sqrt{-1})$, FOIL, COMBINE LIKE TERMS, AND REPLACE $\sqrt{-1}^2$ WITH -1 . TO DIVIDE COMPLEX NUMBERS, MULTIPLY NUMERATOR AND DENOMINATOR BY THE CONJUGATE OF THE DENOMINATOR.

GRADE 7/8 MATH - ALGEBRA, MONOMIALS AND BINOMIALS NEW ...

• A BINOMIAL WITH A DEGREE OF 1 CONSISTS OF TWO TERMS (TWO BINOMIALS) IN WHICH AT LEAST ONE OF THE TERMS HAS A VARIABLE WITH AN EXPONENT OF ONE (E.G., $2m + 5$ OR $2m + 5n$). • ONLY LIKE TERMS CAN ...

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS AND THEOREMS REFERENCE ...

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS AND THEOREMS REFERENCE SHEET THIS IS A (NOT QUITE COMPREHENSIVE) LIST OF DEFINITIONS AND THEOREMS GIVEN IN MATH 1553. PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ...

VOCABULARY WORD DEFINITION EXAMPLE SECTION

MAR 2, 2018 • ALGEBRA NATION GLOSSARY OF TERMS . VOCABULARY WORD DEFINITION EXAMPLE SECTION. ALGEBRA NATION.COM 9. DISCRETE FUNCTION . THIS FUNCTION DOES NOT FORM A LINE AND ALLOWS THE $\sqrt{-1}^2$ - ...

ALGEBRA - MATHEMATICS HELP SHEET - THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

TERMINOLOGY AND DEFINITIONS . INTEGER A WHOLE NUMBER, AS OPPOSED TO A FRACTION OR A DECIMAL, WHICH CAN BE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE. CONSTANT A CONSTANT IS A NUMBER THAT IS FIXED. IN ALGEBRAIC ...

ALGEBRA I - PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

AN ALGEBRAIC EXPRESSION CONSISTING OF THREE TERMS. UNION OF SETS ALL THE NUMBERS IN THOSE [SETS]. (THREE WORDS, PLURAL) UNIVERSAL SET THE GENERAL CATEGORY [SET], OR THE SET OF ALL THOSE ELEMENTS ...

VOCABULARY IN MATH - CORELEARN.COM

PLACE THE CONCEPT/TERM IN THE CENTER AND HAVE BRANCHES OUT TO OTHER KEY CONNECTED IDEAS, TERMS, OR CONCEPTS, AND UNDER EACH OF THESE LIST ASSOCIATED WORDS, EXPRESSIONS, OR CONCEPTS. TWO ...

GLOSSARY: MATHEMATICAL TERMS, TABLES, AND ILLUSTRATIONS

THE GLOSSARY ALSO INCLUDES TERMS DEFINED IN THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE'S MATHEMATICS GLOSSARY (AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/](http://www.corestandards.org/) [ACCESSED MAY 15, 2014]), ...

MATCHING - ALGEBRA VOCABULARY - MATHO.ORG

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ALGEBRA II VOCABULARY WORD WALL CARDS

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GRADE 8 - MATHEMATICS TERMINOLOGY REFERENCE PAGE

ALGEBRA TERMS • $3x$ IS A PRODUCT, BECAUSE IT ACTUALLY MEANS $3 \times x$. • WHEN WE WRITE IT AS $3x$, THE 3 IS CALLED THE COEFFICIENT OF x AND THE x IS CALLED IS CALLED THE VARIABLE. • WHEN AN EXPRESSION IS ...

MATHEMATICS VOCABULARY LIST VOCABULARY DEFINITION

ALGEBRA (KS2) LETTERS ARE USED TO DENOTE VARIABLES AND UNKNOWN NUMBERS. FOR EXAMPLE, $5 + a = 8$ WHERE $a = 3$.
ANALOGUE CLOCK (KS1) A CLOCK USUALLY WITH 12 EQUAL DIVISIONS TO SHOW THE HOURS. ...

WHAT IS ALGEBRA? - NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

ALGEBRA IS A BRANCH OF MATHEMATICS THAT USES MATHEMATICAL STATEMENTS TO DESCRIBE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THINGS THAT VARY. THESE VARIABLES INCLUDE THINGS LIKE THE

COLLEGE ALGEBRA FORMULAS AND RULES - LAMAR STATE ...

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ALGEBRA / VOCABULARY WORD WALL CARDS - SHARPSCHOOL

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2018 ALGEBRA I MATHEMATICS VOCABULARY - CARD 23 SUBTRACT POLYNOMIALS (ALIGN LIKE TERMS - VERTICAL METHOD) EXAMPLE: $(4x^2 + 5) - (-2x^2 + 4x - 7)$ (ALIGN LIKE ...

ALGEBRA CHEAT SHEET - PAULS ONLINE MATH NOTES

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GEOMETRY DEFINITIONS, POSTULATES, AND THEOREMS - POLY ED

DEFINITIONS, POSTULATES AND THEOREMS PAGE 2 OF 11 DEFINITIONS NAME DEFINITION VISUAL CLUE GEOMETRIC MEAN THE VALUE OF x IN PROPORTION $a/x = x/b$ WHERE a , b , AND x ARE POSITIVE NUMBERS ...

COLLEGE ALGEBRA TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

MATHEMATICAL ALGEBRA TERMS DEFINITIONS WITHIN THE PROOF OF DATA WOULD COULD MAKE. DEFINITELY BE FOR OUR DEFINITIONS IS A CHANCE OF THE PROBLEM IS THE SPEED, THE MEASURE OF THE SECOND SET OF YOUR ...

ALGEBRA MATH TERMS AND DEFINITIONS SUSPECT

SPEAKS ONLY ONE IN ALGEBRA TERMS DEFINITIONS FROM A IS. FEW EXAMPLES OF EXPRESSIONS CONTAINING THE SPECIAL WAY TO KEEP IN THE SAME AS A LARGE. APPLIED TO JUST HAVE THE FIRST QUARTILE IS THEIR ...

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY WORDS MATHEMATICS - PARTNERS FOR ...

GRADE LEVEL CC WORD (COMMON CORE WORDS ARE BOLDED) DEFINITION ACADEMIC VOCABULARY WORDS MATHEMATICS K K.G.2 CONE A SOLID 3 DIMENSIONAL OBJECT THAT A HAS A CIRCULAR BASE AND ONE ...

MATHEMATICAL TERMS GLOSSARY ACADEMIC SKILLS - CHARLES STURT...

MATHEMATICAL TERMS COMMONLY USED IN PRIMARY EDUCATION. TERM. DEFINITION. ADD, ADDITION; TO JOIN TWO OR MORE NUMBERS TO GET ONE. OTHER WORDS FOR ADD; PLUS, INCREASE, MORE THAN, TOTAL. AREA

CHAPTER 3 SWITCHING ALGEBRA - SPRINGER

64 SWITCHING ALGEBRA [3 3. THEOREM 6 $x+x=x$ IF $x=0$, THEN $x+x=0+0=0$ ACCORDING TO DEFINITION D. IF $x = 1$, THEN $x + x = 1 + 1 = 1$ ACCORDING TO DEFINITION E. IT IS THUS ALWAYS TRUE THAT $x+x=x$. 4. ...

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A GLOSSARY FOR ELEMENTARY LINEAR ALGEBRA - MATH

(UNKNOWN). OCCURRENCE OF TERMS LIKE x^2 , x , $1/x$, $\cos x$, $1/x$ WOULD MAKE THE EQUATION NONLINEAR. MATRIX: A RECTANGULAR ARRAY OF NUMBERS (OR SYMBOLS STANDING FOR NUMBERS). AN $m \times n$ MATRIX IS A ...

LINEAR ALGEBRA (LINEARALGEBRA-BOOK) - CUYAMACA.EDU

SO MANY DEFINITIONS. A BIG PART OF LINEAR ALGEBRA IS LEARNING PRECISE AND TECHNICAL LANGUAGE. THERE ARE MANY TERMS AND DEFINITIONS YOU NEED TO LEARN, AND BY FAR THE BEST WAY TO SUCCESSFULLY LEARN ...

ALGEBRA CHEAT SHEET - RICE UNIVERSITY

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