

# Syllabus content

## Topic 1: Number and algebra

### Concepts

#### Essential understandings:

Number and algebra allow us to represent patterns, show equivalencies and make generalizations which enable us to model real-world situations. Algebra is an abstraction of numerical concepts and employs variables which allow us to solve mathematical problems.

#### Suggested concepts embedded in this topic:

Generalization, representation, modelling, equivalence, patterns, quantity

#### Content-specific conceptual understandings:

- Modelling real-life situations with the structure of arithmetic and geometric sequences and series allows for prediction, analysis and interpretation.
- Different representations of numbers enable equivalent quantities to be compared and used in calculations with ease to an appropriate degree of accuracy.
- Numbers and formulae can appear in different, but equivalent, forms, or representations, which can help us to establish identities.
- Formulae are a generalization made on the basis of specific examples, which can then be extended to new examples.
- Logarithm laws provide the means to find inverses of exponential functions which model real-life situations.
- Patterns in numbers inform the development of algebraic tools that can be applied to find unknowns.
- The binomial theorem is a generalization which provides an efficient method for expanding binomial expressions.

### SL content

Recommended teaching hours: 19

The aim of the SL content of the number and algebra topic is to introduce students to numerical concepts and techniques which, combined with an introduction to arithmetic and geometric sequences and series, can be used for financial and other applications. Students will also be introduced to the formal concept of proof.

Sections SL1.1 to SL1.5 are content common to Mathematics: analysis and approaches and Mathematics: applications and interpretation.

**SL 1.1**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Operations with numbers in the form $a \times 10^k$ where $1 \leq a < 10$ and $k$ is an integer.	Calculator or computer notation is <b>not</b> acceptable. For example, 5.2E30 is <b>not</b> acceptable and should be written as $5.2 \times 10^{30}$ .

**Connections**

**Other contexts:** Very large and very small numbers, for example astronomical distances, sub-atomic particles in physics, global financial figures

**Links to other subjects:** Chemistry (Avogadro's number); physics (order of magnitude); biology (microscopic measurements); sciences group subjects (uncertainty and precision of measurement)

**International-mindedness:** The history of number from Sumerians and its development to the present Arabic system

**TOK:** Do the names that we give things impact how we understand them? For instance, what is the impact of the fact that some large numbers are named, such as the googol and the googolplex, while others are represented in this form?

**SL 1.2**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Arithmetic sequences and series. Use of the formulae for the $n^{\text{th}}$ term and the sum of the first $n$ terms of the sequence. Use of sigma notation for sums of arithmetic sequences.	Spreadsheets, GDCs and graphing software may be used to generate and display sequences in several ways. If technology is used in examinations, students will be expected to identify the first term and the common difference.
Applications.	Examples include simple interest over a number of years.
Analysis, interpretation and prediction where a model is not perfectly arithmetic in real life.	Students will need to approximate common differences.

**Connections**

**International-mindedness:** The chess legend (Sissa ibn Dahir); Aryabhata is sometimes considered the "father of algebra"—compare with alKhawarizmi; the use of several alphabets in mathematical notation (for example the use of capital sigma for the sum).

**TOK:** Is all knowledge concerned with identification and use of patterns? Consider Fibonacci numbers and connections with the golden ratio.

**SL 1.3**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Geometric sequences and series. Use of the formulae for the $n^{\text{th}}$ term and the sum of the first $n$ terms of the sequence.	Spreadsheets, GDCs and graphing software may be used to generate and display sequences in several ways.

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Use of sigma notation for the sums of geometric sequences.	If technology is used in examinations, students will be expected to identify the first term and the ratio. <b>Link to:</b> models/functions in topic 2 and regression in topic 4.
Applications.	Examples include the spread of disease, salary increase and decrease and population growth.

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** Radioactive decay, nuclear physics, charging and discharging capacitors (physics).

**TOK:** How do mathematicians reconcile the fact that some conclusions seem to conflict with our intuitions? Consider for instance that a finite area can be bounded by an infinite perimeter.

**SL 1.4**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Financial applications of geometric sequences and series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• compound interest</li> <li>• annual depreciation.</li> </ul>	Examination questions may require the use of technology, including built-in financial packages. The concept of simple interest may be used as an introduction to compound interest. Calculate the real value of an investment with an interest rate and an inflation rate. In examinations, questions that ask students to derive the formula will not be set. Compound interest can be calculated yearly, half-yearly, quarterly or monthly. <b>Link to:</b> exponential models/functions in topic 2.

**Connections**

**Other contexts:** Loans.

**Links to other subjects:** Loans and repayments (economics and business management).

**Aim 8:** Ethical perceptions of borrowing and lending money.

**International-mindedness:** Do all societies view investment and interest in the same way?

**TOK:** How have technological advances affected the nature and practice of mathematics? Consider the use of financial packages for instance.

**Enrichment:** The concept of  $e$  can be introduced through continuous compounding,  $(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n \rightarrow e$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , however this will not be examined.

**SL 1.5**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Laws of exponents with integer exponents.	<b>Examples:</b>

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
	$5^3 \times 5^{-6} = 5^{-3}, 6^4 \div 6^3 = 6, (2^3)^{-4} = 2^{-12},$ $(2x)^4 = 16x^4, 2x^{-3} = \frac{2}{x^3}.$
Introduction to logarithms with base 10 and e. Numerical evaluation of logarithms using technology.	Awareness that $a^x = b$ is equivalent to $\log_a b = x$ , that $b > 0$ , and $\log_e x = \ln x$ .

**Connections**

**Other contexts:** Richter scale and decibel scale.

**Links to other subjects:** Calculation of pH and buffer solutions (chemistry)

**TOK:** Is mathematics invented or discovered? For instance, consider the number e or logarithms—did they already exist before man defined them? (This topic is an opportunity for teachers to generate reflection on “the nature of mathematics”).

**SL 1.6**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Simple deductive proof, numerical and algebraic; how to lay out a left-hand side to right-hand side (LHS to RHS) proof. The symbols and notation for equality and identity.	<p><b>Example:</b> Show that <math>\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{3}</math>. Show that the algebraic generalisation of this is</p> $\frac{1}{m+1} + \frac{1}{m^2+m} \equiv \frac{1}{m}$ <p>LHS to RHS proofs require students to begin with the left-hand side expression and transform this using known algebraic steps into the expression on the right-hand side (or vice versa).</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Show that <math>(x-3)^2 + 5 \equiv x^2 - 6x + 14</math>. Students will be expected to show how they can check a result including a check of their own results.</p>

**Connections**

**TOK:** Is mathematical reasoning different from scientific reasoning, or reasoning in other Areas of Knowledge?

**SL 1.7**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Laws of exponents with rational exponents.	$\frac{1}{a^m} = \sqrt[m]{a}$ , if $m$ is even this refers to the positive root. For example: $16^{\frac{3}{4}} = 8$ .
Laws of logarithms. $\log_a xy = \log_a x + \log_a y$ $\log_a \frac{x}{y} = \log_a x - \log_a y$	$y = a^x \Leftrightarrow x = \log_a y; \log_a a = 1, \log_a 1 = 0,$ $a, y \in \mathbb{N}, x \in \mathbb{Z}$ <b>Link to:</b> introduction to logarithms (SL1.5)

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
$\log_a x^m = m \log_a x$ for $a, x, y > 0$	<b>Examples:</b> $\frac{3}{4} = \log_{16} 8, \log_3 2 = 5 \log_3 2$ $\log 24 = \log 8 + \log 3$ $\log_3 \frac{10}{4} = \log_3 10 - \log_3 4$ $\log_4 3^5 = 5 \log_4 3$ <b>Link to:</b> logarithmic and exponential graphs (SL2.9)
Change of base of a logarithm. $\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a},$ for $a, b, x > 0$	$\log_4 7 = \frac{\ln 7}{\ln 4}$ <b>Examples:</b> $\log_{25} 125 = \frac{\log_5 125}{\log_5 25} (= \frac{3}{2})$
Solving exponential equations, including using logarithms.	<b>Examples:</b> $(\frac{1}{3})^x = 9^{x+1}, 2^{x-1} = 10.$ <b>Link to:</b> using logarithmic and exponential graphs (SL2.9).

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** pH, buffer calculations and finding activation energy from experimental data (chemistry).

**TOK:** How have seminal advances, such as the development of logarithms, changed the way in which mathematicians understand the world and the nature of mathematics?

**SL 1.8**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Sum of infinite convergent geometric sequences.	Use of $ r  < 1$ and modulus notation. <b>Link to:</b> geometric sequences and series (SL1.3).

**Connections**

**TOK:** Is it possible to know about things of which we can have no experience, such as infinity?

**SL 1.9**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
The binomial theorem: expansion of $(a + b)^n, n \in \mathbb{N}.$	Counting principles may be used in the development of the theorem.
Use of Pascal's triangle and ${}^n C_r.$	${}^n C_r$ should be found using <b>both</b> the formula and technology. <b>Example:</b> Find $r$ when ${}^6 C_r = 20$ , using a table of values generated with technology.

**Connections**

**Aim 8:** Ethics in mathematics–Pascal’s triangle. Attributing the origin of a mathematical discovery to the wrong mathematician.

**International-mindedness:** The properties of “Pascal’s triangle” have been known in a number of different cultures long before Pascal. (for example the Chinese mathematician Yang Hui).

**TOK:** How have notable individuals shaped the development of mathematics as an area of knowledge? Consider Pascal and “his” triangle.

## Topic 2: Functions

### Concepts

#### Essential understandings

Models are depictions of real-life events using expressions, equations or graphs while a function is defined as a relation or expression involving one or more variables. Creating different representations of functions to model the relationships between variables, visually and symbolically as graphs, equations and tables represents different ways to communicate mathematical ideas.

#### Suggested concepts embedded in this topic:

Representation, relationships, space, quantity, equivalence.

#### Content-specific conceptual understandings:

- Different representations of functions, symbolically and visually as graphs, equations and tables provide different ways to communicate mathematical relationships.
- The parameters in a function or equation correspond to geometrical features of a graph and can represent physical quantities in spatial dimensions.
- Moving between different forms to represent functions allows for deeper understanding and provides different approaches to problem solving.
- Our spatial frame of reference affects the visible part of a function and by changing this “window” can show more or less of the function to best suit our needs.
- Equivalent representations of quadratic functions can reveal different characteristics of the same relationship.
- Functions represent mappings that assign to each value of the independent variable (input) one and only one dependent variable (output).

### SL content

Recommended teaching hours: 21

The aim of the SL content in the functions topic is to introduce students to the important unifying theme of a function in mathematics and to apply functional methods to a variety of mathematical situations.

Throughout this topic students should be given the opportunity to use technology, such as graphing packages and graphing calculators to develop and apply their knowledge of functions, rather than using elaborate analytic techniques.

On examination papers:

- questions may be set requiring the graphing of functions that do not explicitly appear on the syllabus
- the domain will be the largest possible domain for which a function is defined unless otherwise stated; this will usually be the real numbers

Sections SL2.1 to SL2.4 are content common to both Mathematics: analysis and approaches and Mathematics: applications and interpretation.

### SL 2.1

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Different forms of the equation of a straight line. Gradient; intercepts. Lines with gradients $m_1$ and $m_2$ Parallel lines $m_1 = m_2$ . Perpendicular lines $m_1 \times m_2 = -1$ .	$y = mx + c$ (gradient-intercept form). $ax + by + d = 0$ (general form). $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ (point-gradient form). Calculate gradients of inclines such as mountain roads, bridges, etc.

#### Connections

**Other contexts:** Gradients of mountain roads, gradients of access ramps.

**Links to other subjects:** Exchange rates and price and income elasticity, demand and supply curves (economics); graphical analysis in experimental work (sciences group subjects).

**TOK:** Descartes showed that geometric problems could be solved algebraically and vice versa. What does this tell us about mathematical representation and mathematical knowledge?

### SL 2.2

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Concept of a function, domain, range and graph. Function notation, for example $f(x)$ , $v(t)$ , $C(n)$ . The concept of a function as a mathematical model.	<b>Example:</b> $f(x) = \sqrt{2 - x}$ , the domain is $x \leq 2$ , range is $f(x) \geq 0$ . A graph is helpful in visualizing the range.
Informal concept that an inverse function reverses or undoes the effect of a function. Inverse function as a reflection in the line $y = x$ , and the notation $f^{-1}(x)$ .	<b>Example:</b> Solving $f(x) = 10$ is equivalent to finding $f^{-1}(10)$ . Students should be aware that inverse functions exist for one to one functions; the domain of $f^{-1}(x)$ is equal to the range of $f(x)$ .

#### Connections

**Other contexts:** Temperature and currency conversions.

**Links to other subjects:** Currency conversions and cost functions (economics and business management); projectile motion (physics).

**Aim 8:** What is the relationship between real-world problems and mathematical models?



**International-mindedness:** The development of functions by Rene Descartes (France), Gottfried Wilhelm Leibnitz (Germany) and Leonhard Euler (Switzerland); the notation for functions was developed by a number of different mathematicians in the 17th and 18th centuries—how did the notation we use today become internationally accepted?

**TOK:** Do you think mathematics or logic should be classified as a language?

### SL 2.3

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
The graph of a function; its equation $y = f(x)$ .	Students should be aware of the difference between the command terms “draw” and “sketch”.
Creating a sketch from information given or a context, including transferring a graph from screen to paper. Using technology to graph functions including their sums and differences.	All axes and key features should be labelled. This may include functions not specifically mentioned in topic 2.

#### Connections

**Links to other subjects:** Sketching and interpreting graphs (sciences group subjects, geography, economics).

**TOK:** Does studying the graph of a function contain the same level of mathematical rigour as studying the function algebraically? What are the advantages and disadvantages of having different forms and symbolic language in mathematics?

### SL 2.4

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Determine key features of graphs.	Maximum and minimum values; intercepts; symmetry; vertex; zeros of functions or roots of equations; vertical and horizontal asymptotes using graphing technology.
Finding the point of intersection of two curves or lines using technology.	

#### Connections

**Links to other subjects:** Identification and interpretation of key features of graphs (sciences group subjects, geography, economics); production possibilities curve model, market equilibrium (economics).

**International-mindedness:** Bourbaki group analytical approach versus the Mandelbrot visual approach.

**Use of technology:** Graphing technology with sliders to determine the effects of altering parameters and variables.

**SL 2.5**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Composite functions.	$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$
Identity function. Finding the inverse function $f^{-1}(x)$ .	$(f \circ f^{-1})(x) = (f^{-1} \circ f)(x) = x$ The existence of an inverse for one-to-one functions. <b>Link to:</b> concept of inverse function as a reflection in the line $y = x$ (SL 2.2).

**Connections**

**TOK:** Do you think mathematics or logic should be classified as a language?

**SL 2.6**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
The quadratic function $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ : its graph, $y$ -intercept $(0, c)$ . Axis of symmetry. The form $f(x) = a(x - p)(x - q)$ , $x$ -intercepts $(p, 0)$ and $(q, 0)$ . The form $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$ , vertex $(h, k)$ .	A quadratic graph is also called a parabola. <b>Link to:</b> transformations (SL 2.11). Candidates are expected to be able to change from one form to another.

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** Kinematics, projectile motion and simple harmonic motion (physics).

**TOK:** Are there fundamental differences between mathematics and other areas of knowledge? If so, are these differences more than just methodological differences?

**SL 2.7**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Solution of quadratic equations and inequalities. The quadratic formula.	Using factorization, completing the square (vertex form), and the quadratic formula. Solutions may be referred to as roots or zeros.
The discriminant $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$ and the nature of the roots, that is, two distinct real roots, two equal real roots, no real roots.	<b>Example:</b> For the equation $3kx^2 + 2x + k = 0$ , find the possible values of $k$ , which will give two distinct real roots, two equal real roots or no real roots.

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** Projectile motion and energy changes in simple harmonic motion (physics); equilibrium equations (chemistry).

**International-mindedness:** The Babylonian method of multiplication:  $ab = \frac{(a+b)^2 - a^2 - b^2}{2}$ . Sulba Sutras in ancient India and the Bakhshali Manuscript contained an algebraic formula for solving quadratic equations.

**TOK:** What are the key concepts that provide the building blocks for mathematical knowledge?

**Use of technology:** Dynamic graphing software with a slider.

**Enrichment:** Deriving the quadratic formula by completing the square.

## SL 2.8

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
The reciprocal function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , $x \neq 0$ : its graph and self-inverse nature.	
Rational functions of the form $f(x) = \frac{ax + b}{cx + d}$ and their graphs. Equations of vertical and horizontal asymptotes.	Sketches should include all horizontal and vertical asymptotes and any intercepts with the axes. <b>Link to:</b> transformations (SL2.11). Vertical asymptote: $x = -\frac{d}{c}$ ; Horizontal asymptote: $y = \frac{a}{c}$ .

### Connections

**International-mindedness:** The development of functions, Rene Descartes (France), Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (Germany) and Leonhard Euler (Switzerland).

**TOK:** What are the implications of accepting that mathematical knowledge changes over time?

## SL 2.9

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Exponential functions and their graphs: $f(x) = a^x$ , $a > 0$ , $f(x) = e^x$ Logarithmic functions and their graphs: $f(x) = \log_a x$ , $x > 0$ , $f(x) = \ln x$ , $x > 0$ .	<b>Link to:</b> financial applications of geometric sequences and series (SL 1.4). Relationships between these functions: $a^x = e^{x \ln a}$ ; $\log_a a^x = x$ , $a$ , $x > 0$ , $a \neq 1$ Exponential and logarithmic functions as inverses of each other.

### Connections

**Links to other subjects:** Radioactive decay, charging and discharging capacitors (physics); first order reactions and activation energy (chemistry); growth curves (biology).

**Aim 8:** The phrase “exponential growth” is used popularly to describe a number of phenomena. Is this a misleading use of a mathematical term?

**TOK:** What role do “models” play in mathematics? Do they play a different role in mathematics compared to their role in other areas of knowledge?

**SL 2.10**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Solving equations, both graphically and analytically.	<b>Example:</b> $e^{2x} - 5e^x + 4 = 0$ . <b>Link to:</b> function graphing skills (SL 2.3).
Use of technology to solve a variety of equations, including those where there is no appropriate analytic approach.	<b>Examples:</b> $e^x = \sin x$ $x^4 + 5x - 6 = 0$
Applications of graphing skills and solving equations that relate to real-life situations.	<b>Link to:</b> exponential growth (SL 2.9)

**Connections**

**Other contexts:** Radioactive decay and population growth and decay, compound interest, projectile motion, braking distances.

**Links to other subjects:** Radioactive decay (physics); modelling (sciences group subjects); production possibilities curve model (economics).

**TOK:** What assumptions do mathematicians make when they apply mathematics to real-life situations?

**SL 2.11**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Transformations of graphs. Translations: $y = f(x) + b$ ; $y = f(x - a)$ . Reflections (in both axes): $y = -f(x)$ ; $y = f(-x)$ . Vertical stretch with scale factor $p$ : $y = pf(x)$ . Horizontal stretch with scale factor $\frac{1}{q}$ : $y = f(qx)$ .	Students should be aware of the relevance of the order in which transformations are performed. Dynamic graphing packages could be used to investigate these transformations.
Composite transformations.	<b>Example:</b> Using $y = x^2$ to sketch $y = 3x^2 + 2$ <b>Link to:</b> composite functions (SL2.5). <b>Not required at SL:</b> transformations of the form $f(ax + b)$ .

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** Shift in supply and demand curves (Economics); induced emf and simple harmonic motion (physics).

## Topic 3: Geometry and trigonometry

### Concepts

#### Essential understandings:

Geometry and trigonometry allows us to quantify the physical world, enhancing our spatial awareness in two and three dimensions. This topic provides us with the tools for analysis, measurement and transformation of quantities, movements and relationships.

#### Suggested concepts embedded in this topic:

Generalization, space, relationships, equivalence, representation,

#### Content-specific conceptual understandings:

- The properties of shapes depend on the dimension they occupy in space.
- Volume and surface area of shapes are determined by formulae, or general mathematical relationships or rules expressed using symbols or variables.
- The relationships between the length of the sides and the size of the angles in a triangle can be used to solve many problems involving position, distance, angles and area.
- Equivalent measurement systems, such as degrees and radians, can be used for angles to facilitate ease of calculation.
- Different representations of the values of trigonometric relationships, such as exact or approximate, may not be equivalent to one another.
- The trigonometric functions of angles may be defined on the unit circle, which can visually and algebraically represent the periodic or symmetric nature of their values.

### SL content

Recommended teaching hours: 25

The aim of the SL content of the geometry and trigonometry topic is to introduce students to geometry in three dimensions and to non right-angled trigonometry. Students will explore the circular functions and use properties and identities to solve problems in abstract and real-life contexts.

Throughout this topic students should be given the opportunity to use technology such as graphing packages, graphing calculators and dynamic geometry software to develop and apply their knowledge of geometry and trigonometry.

On examination papers, radian measure should be assumed unless otherwise indicated.

Sections SL3.1 to SL3.3 are content common to both Mathematics: analysis and approaches and Mathematics: applications and interpretation.

#### SL 3.1

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
The distance between two points in three-dimensional space, and their midpoint.	In SL examinations, only right-angled trigonometry questions will be set in reference to three-dimensional shapes.

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Volume and surface area of three-dimensional solids including right-pyramid, right cone, sphere, hemisphere and combinations of these solids. The size of an angle between two intersecting lines or between a line and a plane.	In problems related to these topics, students should be able to identify relevant right-angled triangles in three-dimensional objects and use them to find unknown lengths and angles.

**Connections****Other contexts:** Architecture and design.**Links to other subjects:** Design technology; volumes of stars and inverse square law (physics).**TOK:** What is an axiomatic system? Are axioms self evident to everybody?**SL 3.2**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Use of sine, cosine and tangent ratios to find the sides and angles of right-angled triangles.	In all areas of this topic, students should be encouraged to sketch well-labelled diagrams to support their solutions. <b>Link to:</b> inverse functions (SL2.2) when finding angles.
The sine rule: $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$ . The cosine rule: $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab\cos C$ ; $\cos C = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}$ . Area of a triangle as $\frac{1}{2}ab\sin C$ .	This section does not include the ambiguous case of the sine rule.

**Connections****Other contexts:** Triangulation, map-making.**Links to other subjects:** Vectors (physics).**International-mindedness:** Diagrams of Pythagoras' theorem occur in early Chinese and Indian manuscripts. The earliest references to trigonometry are in Indian mathematics; the use of triangulation to find the curvature of the Earth in order to settle a dispute between England and France over Newton's gravity.**TOK:** Is it ethical that Pythagoras gave his name to a theorem that may not have been his own creation? What criteria might we use to make such a judgment?**SL 3.3**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Applications of right and non-right angled trigonometry, including Pythagoras's theorem. Angles of elevation and depression.	Contexts may include use of bearings.

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Construction of labelled diagrams from written statements.	

**Connections**

**Other contexts:** Triangulation, map-making, navigation and radio transmissions. Use of parallax for navigation.

**Links to other subjects:** Vectors, scalars, forces and dynamics (physics); field studies (sciences group subjects)

**Aim 8:** Who really invented Pythagoras's theorem?

**Aim 9:** In how many ways can you prove Pythagoras's theorem?

**International-mindedness:** The use of triangulation to find the curvature of the Earth in order to settle a dispute between England and France over Newton's gravity.

**TOK:** If the angles of a triangle can add up to less than  $180^\circ$ ,  $180^\circ$  or more than  $180^\circ$ , what does this tell us about the nature of mathematical knowledge?

**SL 3.4**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
The circle: radian measure of angles; length of an arc; area of a sector.	Radian measure may be expressed as exact multiples of $\pi$ , or decimals.

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** Diffraction patterns and circular motion (physics).

**International-mindedness:** Seki Takakazu calculating  $\pi$  to ten decimal places; Hipparchus, Menelaus and Ptolemy; Why are there 360 degrees in a complete turn? Links to Babylonian mathematics.

**TOK:** Which is a better measure of angle: radian or degree? What criteria can/do/should mathematicians use to make such decisions?

**SL 3.5**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Definition of $\cos\theta$ , $\sin\theta$ in terms of the unit circle.	Includes the relationship between angles in different quadrants. $\cos x = \cos(-x)$ <b>Examples:</b> $\tan(3\pi - x) = -\tan x$ $\sin(\pi + x) = -\sin x$
Definition of $\tan\theta$ as $\frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$ .	The equation of a straight line through the origin is $y = x\tan\theta$ , where $\theta$ is the angle formed between the line and positive $x$ -axis.
Exact values of trigonometric ratios of $0, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{2}$ and their multiples.	$\sin\frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \cos\frac{3\pi}{4} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \tan 210^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$
Extension of the sine rule to the ambiguous case.	

**Connections**

**International-mindedness:** The first work to refer explicitly to the sine as a function of an angle is the Aryabhata of Aryabhata (ca 510).

**TOK:** Trigonometry was developed by successive civilizations and cultures. To what extent is mathematical knowledge embedded in particular traditions or bound to particular cultures? How have key events in the history of mathematics shaped its current form and methods?

**Enrichment:** The proof of Pythagoras' theorem in three dimensions.

**SL 3.6**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
The Pythagorean identity $\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1$ . Double angle identities for sine and cosine.	Simple geometrical diagrams and dynamic graphing packages may be used to illustrate the double angle identities (and other trigonometric identities).
The relationship between trigonometric ratios.	<b>Examples:</b> Given $\sin\theta$ , find possible values of $\tan\theta$ , (without finding $\theta$ ). Given $\cos x = \frac{3}{4}$ and $x$ is acute, find $\sin 2x$ , (without finding $x$ ).

**SL 3.7**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
The circular functions $\sin x$ , $\cos x$ , and $\tan x$ ; amplitude, their periodic nature, and their graphs Composite functions of the form $f(x) = a\sin(b(x + c)) + d$ .	Trigonometric functions may have domains given in degrees or radians. <b>Examples:</b> $f(x) = \tan(x - \frac{\pi}{4})$ , $f(x) = 2\cos(3(x - 4)) + 1$ .
Transformations.	<b>Example:</b> $y = \sin x$ used to obtain $y = 3\sin 2x$ by a stretch of scale factor 3 in the $y$ direction and a stretch of scale factor $\frac{1}{2}$ in the $x$ direction. <b>Link to:</b> transformations of graphs (SL2.11).
Real-life contexts.	<b>Examples:</b> height of tide, motion of a Ferris wheel. Students should be aware that not all regression technology produces trigonometric functions in the form $f(x) = a\sin(b(x + c)) + d$ .

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** Simple harmonic motion (physics).

**TOK:** Music can be expressed using mathematics. What does this tell us about the relationship between music and mathematics?



**SL 3.8**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Solving trigonometric equations in a finite interval, both graphically and analytically.	$2\sin x = 1, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ <b>Examples:</b> $2\sin 2x = 3\cos x, \quad 0^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$ $2\tan(3(x-4)) = 1, \quad -\pi \leq x \leq 3\pi$
Equations leading to quadratic equations in $\sin x$ , $\cos x$ or $\tan x$ .	<b>Examples:</b> $2\sin^2 x + 5\cos x + 1 = 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq 4\pi$ , $2\sin x = \cos 2x, \quad -\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ <b>Not required:</b> The general solution of trigonometric equations.

## Topic 4: Statistics and probability

### Concepts

#### Essential understandings:

Statistics is concerned with the collection, analysis and interpretation of data and the theory of probability can be used to estimate parameters, discover empirical laws, test hypotheses and predict the occurrence of events. Statistical representations and measures allow us to represent data in many different forms to aid interpretation.

Probability enables us to quantify the likelihood of events occurring and so evaluate risk. Both statistics and probability provide important representations which enable us to make predictions, valid comparisons and informed decisions. These fields have power and limitations and should be applied with care and critically

questioned to differentiate between the theoretical and the empirical/observed. Probability theory allows us to make informed choices, to evaluate risk, and to make predictions about seemingly random events.

### Suggested concepts embedded in this topic:

Quantity, validity, approximation, generalization.

### Content-specific conceptual understandings:

- Organizing, representing, analysing and interpreting data and utilizing different statistical tools facilitates prediction and drawing of conclusions.
- Different statistical techniques require justification and the identification of their limitations and validity.
- Approximation in data can approach the truth but may not always achieve it.
- Some techniques of statistical analysis, such as regression, standardization or formulae, can be applied in a practical context to apply to general cases.
- Modelling through statistics can be reliable, but may have limitations.

## SL content

Recommended teaching hours: 27

The aim of the SL content in the statistics and probability topic is to introduce students to the important concepts, techniques and representations used in statistics and probability. Students should be given the opportunity to approach this topic in a practical way, to understand why certain techniques are used and to interpret the results. The use of technology such as simulations, spreadsheets, statistics software and statistics apps can greatly enhance this topic.

It is expected that most of the calculations required will be carried out using technology, but explanations of calculations by hand may enhance understanding. The emphasis is on understanding and interpreting the results obtained, in context.

In examinations students should be familiar with how to use the statistics functionality of allowed technology.

At SL the data set will be considered to be the population unless otherwise stated.

Sections SL4.1 to SL4.9 are content common to both Mathematics: analysis and approaches and Mathematics: applications and interpretation.

### SL 4.1

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Concepts of population, sample, random sample, discrete and continuous data.	This is designed to cover the key questions that students should ask when they see a data set/ analysis.
Reliability of data sources and bias in sampling.	Dealing with missing data, errors in the recording of data.
Interpretation of outliers.	Outlier is defined as a data item which is more than $1.5 \times$ interquartile range (IQR) from the nearest quartile.

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
	Awareness that, in context, some outliers are a valid part of the sample but some outlying data items may be an error in the sample. <b>Link to:</b> box and whisker diagrams (SL4.2) and measures of dispersion (SL4.3).
Sampling techniques and their effectiveness.	Simple random, convenience, systematic, quota and stratified sampling methods.

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** Descriptive statistics and random samples (biology, psychology, sports exercise and health science, environmental systems and societies, geography, economics; business management); research methodologies (psychology).

**Aim 8:** Misleading statistics; examples of problems caused by absence of representative samples, for example Google flu predictor, US presidential elections in 1936, Literary Digest v George Gallup, Boston “pot-hole” app.

**International-mindedness:** The Kinsey report–famous sampling techniques.

**TOK:** Why have mathematics and statistics sometimes been treated as separate subjects? How easy is it to be misled by statistics? Is it ever justifiable to purposely use statistics to mislead others?

**SL 4.2**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Presentation of data (discrete and continuous): frequency distributions (tables).	Class intervals will be given as inequalities, without gaps.
Histograms. Cumulative frequency; cumulative frequency graphs; use to find median, quartiles, percentiles, range and interquartile range (IQR).	Frequency histograms with equal class intervals. <b>Not required:</b> Frequency density histograms.
Production and understanding of box and whisker diagrams.	Use of box and whisker diagrams to compare two distributions, using symmetry, median, interquartile range or range. Outliers should be indicated with a cross.  Determining whether the data may be normally distributed by consideration of the symmetry of the box and whiskers.

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** Presentation of data (sciences, individuals and societies).

**International-mindedness:** Discussion of the different formulae for the same statistical measure (for example, variance).

**TOK:** What is the difference between information and data? Does “data” mean the same thing in different areas of knowledge?

## SL 4.3

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Measures of central tendency (mean, median and mode). Estimation of mean from grouped data.	Calculation of mean using formula and technology. Students should use mid-interval values to estimate the mean of grouped data.
Modal class.	For equal class intervals only.
Measures of dispersion (interquartile range, standard deviation and variance).	Calculation of standard deviation and variance of the sample using only technology, however hand calculations may enhance understanding. Variance is the square of the standard deviation.
Effect of constant changes on the original data.	<b>Examples:</b> If three is subtracted from the data items, then the mean is decreased by three, but the standard deviation is unchanged. If all the data items are doubled, the mean is doubled and the standard deviation is also doubled.
Quartiles of discrete data.	Using technology. Awareness that different methods for finding quartiles exist and therefore the values obtained using technology and by hand may differ.

**Connections**

**Other contexts:** Comparing variation and spread in populations, human or natural, for example agricultural crop data, social indicators, reliability and maintenance.

**Links to other subjects:** Descriptive statistics (sciences and individuals and societies); consumer price index (economics).

**International-mindedness:** The benefits of sharing and analysing data from different countries; discussion of the different formulae for variance.

**TOK:** Could mathematics make alternative, equally true, formulae? What does this tell us about mathematical truths? Does the use of statistics lead to an over-emphasis on attributes that can be easily measured over those that cannot?

## SL 4.4

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Linear correlation of bivariate data. Pearson's product-moment correlation coefficient, $r$ .	Technology should be used to calculate $r$ . However, hand calculations of $r$ may enhance understanding. Critical values of $r$ will be given where appropriate. Students should be aware that Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient ( $r$ ) is only meaningful for linear relationships.
Scatter diagrams; lines of best fit, by eye, passing through the mean point.	Positive, zero, negative; strong, weak, no correlation. Students should be able to make the distinction between correlation and causation and know that correlation does not imply causation.
Equation of the regression line of $y$ on $x$ .	Technology should be used to find the equation.

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Use of the equation of the regression line for prediction purposes. Interpret the meaning of the parameters, $a$ and $b$ , in a linear regression $y = ax + b$ .	Students should be aware: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>of the dangers of extrapolation</li> <li>that they cannot always reliably make a prediction of <math>x</math> from a value of <math>y</math>, when using a <math>y</math> on <math>x</math> line.</li> </ul>

**Connections**

**Other contexts:** Linear regressions where correlation exists between two variables. Exploring cause and dependence for categorical variables, for example, on what factors might political persuasion depend?

**Links to other subjects:** Curves of best fit, correlation and causation (sciences group subjects); scatter graphs (geography).

**Aim 8:** The correlation between smoking and lung cancer was “discovered” using mathematics. Science had to justify the cause.

**TOK:** Correlation and causation—can we have knowledge of cause and effect relationships given that we can only observe correlation? What factors affect the reliability and validity of mathematical models in describing real-life phenomena?

**SL 4.5**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Concepts of trial, outcome, equally likely outcomes, relative frequency, sample space ( $U$ ) and event. The probability of an event $A$ is $P(A) = \frac{n(A)}{n(U)}$ . The complementary events $A$ and $A'$ (not $A$ ).	Sample spaces can be represented in many ways, for example as a table or a list. Experiments using coins, dice, cards and so on, can enhance understanding of the distinction between experimental (relative frequency) and theoretical probability. Simulations may be used to enhance this topic.
Expected number of occurrences.	<b>Example:</b> If there are 128 students in a class and the probability of being absent is 0.1, the expected number of absent students is 12.8.

**Connections**

**Other contexts:** Actuarial studies and the link between probability of life spans and insurance premiums, government planning based on likely projected figures, Monte Carlo methods.

**Links to other subjects:** Theoretical genetics and Punnett squares (biology); the position of a particle (physics).

**Aim 8:** The ethics of gambling.

**International-mindedness:** The St Petersburg paradox; Chebyshev and Pavlovsky (Russian).

**TOK:** To what extent are theoretical and experimental probabilities linked? What is the role of emotion in our perception of risk, for example in business, medicine and travel safety?

**Use of technology:** Computer simulations may be useful to enhance this topic.

## SL 4.6

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Use of Venn diagrams, tree diagrams, sample space diagrams and tables of outcomes to calculate probabilities.	
Combined events: $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$ . Mutually exclusive events: $P(A \cap B) = 0$ .	The non-exclusivity of "or".
Conditional probability: $P(A B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$ .	An alternate form of this is: $P(A \cap B) = P(B)P(A B)$ . Problems can be solved with the aid of a Venn diagram, tree diagram, sample space diagram or table of outcomes without explicit use of formulae. Probabilities with and without replacement.
Independent events: $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ .	

**Connections**

**Aim 8:** The gambling issue: use of probability in casinos. Could or should mathematics help increase incomes in gambling?

**TOK:** Can calculation of gambling probabilities be considered an ethical application of mathematics? Should mathematicians be held responsible for unethical applications of their work?

## SL 4.7

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links												
Concept of discrete random variables and their probability distributions. Expected value (mean), for discrete data. Applications.	Probability distributions will be given in the following ways: <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td><math>X</math></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td><math>P(X = x)</math></td> <td>0.1</td> <td>0.2</td> <td>0.15</td> <td>0.05</td> <td>0.5</td> </tr> </table> $P(X = x) = \frac{1}{18}(4 + x) \text{ for } x \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ $E(X) = 0$ indicates a fair game where $X$ represents the gain of a player.	$X$	1	2	3	4	5	$P(X = x)$	0.1	0.2	0.15	0.05	0.5
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**Connections**

**Other contexts:** Games of chance.

**Aim 8:** Why has it been argued that theories based on the calculable probabilities found in casinos are pernicious when applied to everyday life (for example, economics)?

**TOK:** What do we mean by a "fair" game? Is it fair that casinos should make a profit?

**SL 4.8**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Binomial distribution. Mean and variance of the binomial distribution.	Situations where the binomial distribution is an appropriate model. In examinations, binomial probabilities should be found using available technology. <b>Not required:</b> Formal proof of mean and variance. <b>Link to:</b> expected number of occurrences (SL4.5).

**Connections**

**Aim 8:** Pascal's triangle, attributing the origin of a mathematical discovery to the wrong mathematician.

**International-mindedness:** The so-called "Pascal's triangle" was known to the Chinese mathematician Yang Hui much earlier than Pascal.

**TOK:** What criteria can we use to decide between different models?

**Enrichment:** Hypothesis testing using the binomial distribution.

**SL 4.9**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
The normal distribution and curve. Properties of the normal distribution. Diagrammatic representation.	Awareness of the natural occurrence of the normal distribution. Students should be aware that approximately 68% of the data lies between $\mu \pm \sigma$ , 95% lies between $\mu \pm 2\sigma$ and 99.7% of the data lies between $\mu \pm 3\sigma$ .
Normal probability calculations.	Probabilities and values of the variable must be found using technology.
Inverse normal calculations	For inverse normal calculations mean and standard deviation will be given. This does not involve transformation to the standardized normal variable $z$ .

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** Normally distributed real-life measurements and descriptive statistics (sciences group subjects, psychology, environmental systems and societies)

**Aim 8:** Why might the misuse of the normal distribution lead to dangerous inferences and conclusions?

**International-mindedness:** De Moivre's derivation of the normal distribution and Quetelet's use of it to describe *l'homme moyen*.

**TOK:** To what extent can we trust mathematical models such as the normal distribution? How can we know what to include, and what to exclude, in a model?



**SL 4.10**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Equation of the regression line of $x$ on $y$ .	
Use of the equation for prediction purposes.	Students should be aware that they cannot always reliably make a prediction of $y$ from a value of $x$ , when using an $x$ on $y$ line.

**Connections**

**TOK:** Is it possible to have knowledge of the future?

**SL 4.11**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Formal definition and use of the formulae: $P(A B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$ for conditional probabilities, and $P(A B) = P(A) = P(A B')$ for independent events.	An alternate form of this is: $P(A \cap B) = P(B)P(A B)$ . Testing for independence.

**Connections**

**Other contexts:** Use of probability methods in medical studies to assess risk factors for certain diseases.

**TOK:** Given the interdisciplinary nature of many real-world applications of probability, is the division of knowledge into discrete disciplines or areas of knowledge artificial and/or useful?

**SL 4.12**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Standardization of normal variables ( $z$ - values).	Probabilities and values of the variable must be found using technology. The standardized value ( $z$ ) gives the number of standard deviations from the mean.
Inverse normal calculations where mean and standard deviation are unknown.	Use of $z$ -values to calculate unknown means and standard deviations.

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** The normal distribution (biology); descriptive statistics (psychology).

## Topic 5: Calculus

### Concepts

#### Essential understandings:

Calculus describes rates of change between two variables and the accumulation of limiting areas. Understanding these rates of change and accumulations allow us to model, interpret and analyze real-world problems and situations. Calculus helps us to understand the behaviour of functions and allows us to interpret the features of their graphs.

#### Suggested concepts embedded in this topic:

Change, patterns, relationships, approximation, generalization, space, modelling.

#### Content-specific conceptual understandings:

- The derivative may be represented physically as a rate of change and geometrically as the gradient or slope function.
- Areas under curves can be approximated by the sum of the areas of rectangles which may be calculated even more accurately using integration.
- Examining rates of change close to turning points helps to identify intervals where the function increases/decreases, and identify the concavity of the function.
- Numerical integration can be used to approximate areas in the physical world.
- Mathematical modelling can provide effective solutions to real-life problems in optimization by maximizing or minimizing a quantity, such as cost or profit.
- Derivatives and integrals describe real-world kinematics problems in two and three-dimensional space by examining displacement, velocity and acceleration.

### SL content

Recommended teaching hours: 28

The aim of the SL content in the calculus topic is to introduce students to the concepts and techniques of differential and integral calculus and their applications.

Throughout this topic students should be given the opportunity to use technology such as graphing packages and graphing calculators to develop and apply their knowledge of calculus.

Sections SL5.1 to SL5.5 are content common to both Mathematics: analysis and approaches and Mathematics: applications and interpretation.

#### SL 5.1

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Introduction to the concept of a limit.	Estimation of the value of a limit from a table or graph.

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
	<b>Not required:</b> Formal analytic methods of calculating limits.
Derivative interpreted as gradient function and as rate of change.	Forms of notation: $\frac{dy}{dx}$ , $f'(x)$ , $\frac{dV}{dr}$ or $\frac{ds}{dt}$ for the first derivative. Informal understanding of the gradient of a curve as a limit.

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** Marginal cost, marginal revenue, marginal profit, market structures (economics); kinematics, induced emf and simple harmonic motion (physics); interpreting the gradient of a curve (chemistry)

**Aim 8:** The debate over whether Newton or Leibnitz discovered certain calculus concepts; how the Greeks' distrust of zero meant that Archimedes' work did not lead to calculus.

**International-mindedness:** Attempts by Indian mathematicians (500-1000 CE) to explain division by zero.

**TOK:** What value does the knowledge of limits have? Is infinitesimal behaviour applicable to real life? Is intuition a valid way of knowing in mathematics?

**Use of technology:** Spreadsheets, dynamic graphing software and GDC should be used to explore ideas of limits, numerically and graphically. Hypotheses can be formed and then tested using technology.

**SL 5.2**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Increasing and decreasing functions. Graphical interpretation of $f'(x) > 0$ , $f'(x) = 0$ , $f'(x) < 0$ .	Identifying intervals on which functions are increasing ( $f'(x) > 0$ ) or decreasing ( $f'(x) < 0$ ).

**SL 5.3**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Derivative of $f(x) = ax^n$ is $f'(x) = anx^{n-1}$ , $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ The derivative of functions of the form $f(x) = ax^n + bx^{n-1} \dots$ where all exponents are integers.	

**Connections**

**TOK:** The seemingly abstract concept of calculus allows us to create mathematical models that permit human feats such as getting a man on the Moon. What does this tell us about the links between mathematical models and reality?

**SL 5.4**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Tangents and normals at a given point, and their equations.	Use of both analytic approaches and technology.

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** Instantaneous velocity and optics, equipotential surfaces (physics); price elasticity (economics).

**TOK:** In what ways has technology impacted how knowledge is produced and shared in mathematics? Does technology simply allow us to arrange existing knowledge in new and different ways, or should this arrangement itself be considered knowledge?

**SL 5.5**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Introduction to integration as anti-differentiation of functions of the form $f(x) = ax^n + bx^{n-1} + \dots$ , where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , $n \neq -1$	Students should be aware of the link between anti-derivatives, definite integrals and area.
Anti-differentiation with a boundary condition to determine the constant term.	<b>Example:</b> If $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + x$ and $y = 10$ when $x = 1$ , then $y = x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 8.5$ .
Definite integrals using technology. Area of a region enclosed by a curve $y = f(x)$ and the $x$ -axis, where $f(x) > 0$ .	Students are expected to first write a correct expression before calculating the area, for example $\int_2^6 (3x^2 + 4)dx$ . The use of dynamic geometry or graphing software is encouraged in the development of this concept.

**Connections**

**Other contexts:** Velocity-time graphs

**Links to other subjects:** Velocity-time and acceleration-time graphs (physics and sports exercise and health science)

**TOK:** Is it possible for an area of knowledge to describe the world without transforming it?

**SL 5.6**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Derivative of $x^n$ ( $n \in \mathbb{Q}$ ), $\sin x$ , $\cos x$ , $e^x$ and $\ln x$ . Differentiation of a sum and a multiple of these functions.	
The chain rule for composite functions.	<b>Example:</b> $f(x) = e^{(x^2+2)}$ , $f(x) = \sin(3x-1)$

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
The product and quotient rules.	<b>Link to:</b> composite functions (SL2.5).

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** Uniform circular motion and induced emf (physics).

**TOK:** What is the role of convention in mathematics? Is this similar or different to the role of convention in other areas of knowledge?

**SL 5.7**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
The second derivative. Graphical behaviour of functions, including the relationship between the graphs of $f$ , $f'$ and $f''$ .	Use of both forms of notation, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ and $f''(x)$ . Technology can be used to explore graphs and calculate the derivatives of functions. <b>Link to:</b> function graphing skills (SL2.3).

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** Simple harmonic motion (physics).

**SL 5.8**

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Local maximum and minimum points. Testing for maximum and minimum.	Using change of sign of the first derivative or using sign of the second derivative where $f''(x) > 0$ implies a minimum and $f''(x) < 0$ implies a maximum.
Optimization.	Examples of optimization may include profit, area and volume.
Points of inflexion with zero and non-zero gradients.	At a point of inflexion, $f''(x) = 0$ <b>and</b> changes sign (concavity change), for example $f''(x) = 0$ is not a sufficient condition for a point of inflexion for $y = x^4$ at $(0, 0)$ . Use of the terms "concave-up" for $f''(x) > 0$ , and "concave-down" for $f''(x) < 0$ .

**Connections**

**Other contexts:** Profit, area, volume.

**Links to other subjects:** Velocity-time graphs, simple harmonic motion graphs and kinematics (physics); allocative efficiency (economics).

**TOK:** When mathematicians and historians say that they have explained something, are they using the word "explain" in the same way?

## SL 5.9

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Kinematic problems involving displacement $s$ , velocity $v$ , acceleration $a$ and total distance travelled.	$v = \frac{ds}{dt}; \quad a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$ <p>Displacement from <math>t_1</math> to <math>t_2</math> is given by <math>\int_{t_1}^{t_2} v(t)dt</math>.</p> <p>Distance between <math>t_1</math> to <math>t_2</math> is given by <math>\int_{t_1}^{t_2}  v(t) dt</math>.</p> <p>Speed is the magnitude of velocity.</p>

**Connections**

**Links to other subjects:** Kinematics (physics).

**International-mindedness:** Does the inclusion of kinematics as core mathematics reflect a particular cultural heritage? Who decides what is mathematics?

**TOK:** Is mathematics independent of culture? To what extent are we people aware of the impact of culture on what we they believe or know?

## SL 5.10

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Indefinite integral of $x^n$ ( $n \in \mathbb{Q}$ ), $\sin x$ , $\cos x$ , $\frac{1}{x}$ and $e^x$ .	$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x  + C$
The composites of any of these with the linear function $ax + b$ .	<b>Example:</b> $f'(x) = \cos(2x + 3) \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{2}\sin(2x + 3) + C$
Integration by inspection (reverse chain rule) or by substitution for expressions of the form: $\int kg'(x)f(g(x))dx$ .	<b>Examples:</b> $\int 2x(x^2 + 1)^4 dx$ , $\int 4x\sin x^2 dx$ , $\int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} dx$ .

## SL 5.11

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
Definite integrals, including analytical approach.	$\int_a^b g'(x)dx = g(b) - g(a).$ <p>The value of some definite integrals can only be found using technology.</p> <p><b>Link to:</b> definite integrals using technology (SL5.5).</p>

Content	Guidance, clarification and syllabus links
<p>Areas of a region enclosed by a curve <math>y = f(x)</math> and the <math>x</math>-axis, where <math>f(x)</math> can be positive or negative, without the use of technology.</p> <p>Areas between curves.</p>	<p>Students are expected to first write a correct expression before calculating the area.</p> <p>Technology may be used to enhance understanding of the relationship between integrals and areas.</p>

### Connections

**International-mindedness:** Accurate calculation of the volume of a cylinder by Chinese mathematician Liu Hui; Ibn Al Haytham: first mathematician to calculate the integral of a function, in order to find the volume of a paraboloid.

**TOK:** Consider  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $1 \leq x \leq \infty$ . An infinite area sweeps out a finite volume. Can this be reconciled with our intuition? Do emotion and intuition have a role in mathematics?

**Enrichment:** Exploring numerical integration techniques such as Simpson's rule or the trapezoidal rule.