MATHEMATICAL FORMULAE

1. $(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2;\ a^2 + b^2 = (a+b)^2 - 2ab$
2. $(a-b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2;\ a^2 + b^2 = (a-b)^2 + 2ab$
3. $(a+b+c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca)$
4. $(a+b)^3 = a^3 + b^3 + 3ab(a+b);\ a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)^3 - 3ab(a+b)$
5. $(a-b)^3 = a^3 - b^3 - 3ab(a-b);\ a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)^3 + 3ab(a-b)$
6. $a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$
7. $a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$
8. $a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$
9. $a^n - b^n = (a-b)(a^{n-1} + a^{n-2}b + a^{n-3}b^2 + \cdots + b^{n-1})$
10. $a^n = a.a.a \ldots n$ times
11. $a^m.a^n = a^{m+n}$
12. $\dfrac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$ if $m > n$

    $= 1$ if $m = n$

    $= \dfrac{1}{a^{n-m}}$ if $m < n; a \in R, a \neq 0$
13. $(a^m)^n = a^{mn} = (a^n)^m$
14. $(ab)^n = a^n.b^n$
15. $\left(\dfrac{a}{b}\right)^n = \dfrac{a^n}{b^n}$
16. $a^0 = 1$ where $a \in R, a \neq 0$
17. $a^{-n} = \dfrac{1}{a^n}, a^n = \dfrac{1}{a^{-n}}$
18. $a^{p/q} = \sqrt[q]{a^p}$
19. If $a^m = a^n$ and $a \neq \pm 1, a \neq 0$ then $m = n$
20. If $a^n = b^n$ where $n \neq 0$, then $a = \pm b$

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