Number and algebra

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Word	Example
standard form /ˈstændəd fɔːm/	3×10^4 is in **standard form**. 3×10^4
exponent /ekˈspəʊnənt/	The **exponent** moves the binary point.
logarithm /ˈlɒgərɪθəm/	Take the **logarithm** of both sides.
natural logarithm /ˈnætʃərəl ˈlɒgərɪθəm/	The **natural logarithm** ln x uses base e. ln x e
change of base	The **change of base** rule writes $\log_2 7$ as ln 7 ÷ ln 2. $\log_2 7$ ln 7 ÷ ln 2
sequence /ˈsiːkwəns/	A **sequence** places its terms in a particular order.
arithmetic sequence /əˌrɪθmətɪk ˈsiːkwəns/	2, 7, 12, 17 is an **arithmetic sequence**. 2, 7, 12, 17
common difference /ˈkɒmən ˈdɪfrəns/	In the sequence 3, 7, 11, 15, the **common difference** is 4. 3, 7, 11, 15 4
series /ˈsɪəriːz/	A **series** is the sum of its terms.
sigma notation /ˈsɪgmə nəʊˈteɪʃn/	In **sigma notation**, Σ means “add up all the terms”. Σ “add up all the terms”
geometric sequence /ˌdʒiːəʊˈmetrɪk ˈsiːkwəns/	2, 6, 18, 54 is a **geometric sequence**. 2, 6, 18, 54
common ratio /ˈkɒmən ˈreɪʃɪəʊ/	In the sequence 2, 6, 18, 54, the **common ratio** is 3. 2, 6, 18, 54 3
converge /kənˈvɜːdʒ/	The values 1.5, 1.41, 1.414 **converge** to √2. 1.5, 1.41, 1.414 √2

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compound interest /ˈkɒmpaʊnd ˈɪntrest/	**Compound interest** is paid on the interest too.
depreciation /dɪˌpriːʃɪˈeɪʃn/	**Depreciation** spreads the cost of a machine over the years it is used.
binomial theorem /baɪˈnəʊmɪəl ˈθɪərəm/	The **binomial theorem** expands $(a + b)^n$ quickly. $(a + b)^n$
binomial coefficient /baɪˈnəʊmɪəl ˌkəʊɪˈfɪʃənt/	The **binomial coefficient** ${}^5C_2$ equals 10. ${}^5C_2$ 10
Pascal’s triangle	Each number in **Pascal’s triangle** is the sum of the two above it.
proof /pruːf/	A **proof** must justify every case covered by its claim.