

**Skill description:** Rearranging equations that involve multiple fractional terms.

#### **Essential Revision**





## EQUATIONS

At this level, you will be rearranging equations sourced from mathematics and science.

Equation	Explanation
$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$	Angles and lengths of sides of a triangle.
$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{v_1}{v_2}$	Physics – refraction of light.
$\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{n_p}{n_s}$	Physics – transformers.
$\frac{P_1 V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2 V_2}{T_2}$	Chemistry – Combined Gas Law.

Some of these equations include trigonometric ratios. At this level, we will only isolate the trigonometric ratio, e.g.  $(\sin i)$ , and leave solving the ratio to determine the angle until later.

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# STRATEGIES TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS

When rearranging equations, the goal is to:

Isolate the desired variable (unknown) to one side of the equal sign.

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We will see over the next few levels that we follow the order:

- First: isolate the term that contains the desired variable (unknown).
- Second: isolate the desired variable (unknown).

#### Example 1

Rearrange the equation to make  $\sin r$  the subject.

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{v_1}{v_2}$$

#### Step 1

As  $\sin r$  is a denominator we need to multiply both sides of the equation by  $\sin r$ .

$$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{v_1}{v_2}$$
$$\times (\sin r) = \times (\sin r)$$
$$\sin i = \frac{v_1 \sin r}{v_2}$$

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Step 2

To isolate  $\sin r$  multiply both sides of the equation by  $v_2$ .







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## Solutions to Essential Revision

| 1.         | <i>r</i> = 8          | 2.  | $h = \lambda p$    |
|------------|-----------------------|-----|--------------------|
| 3.         | p = n - r             | 4.  | $h = \frac{2A}{b}$ |
| 5.         | p = 15                | 6.  | $v = \frac{m}{d}$  |
| 7.         | $W = \frac{P}{2} - L$ | 8.  | $A = \frac{3V}{h}$ |
| <u></u> 9. | <i>x</i> = 7          | 10. | $A = \frac{V}{h}$  |
| §11.       | f = 2 - v + e         | 12. | $R = \frac{I}{PT}$ |

### Solutions to Questions

| $1.  \sin A = \frac{a \sin B}{b}$                          | 2. $v_1 = \frac{v_2 \sin i}{\sin r}$    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| $\begin{cases} 3.  V_p = \frac{n_p  V_s}{n_s} \end{cases}$ | 4. $V_1 = \frac{T_1 P_2 V_2}{P_1 T_2}$  |
| 5. $a = \frac{b \sin A}{\sin B}$                           | $6.  v_2 = \frac{v_1 \sin r}{\sin i}$   |
| $\begin{cases} 7.  V_s = \frac{V_p n_s}{n_p} \end{cases}$  | 8. $T_1 = \frac{P_1 V_1 T_2}{P_2 V_2}$  |
| 9. $\sin B = \frac{b \sin A}{a}$                           | $10.  \sin r = \frac{v_2 \sin i}{v_1}$  |
| $\begin{cases} 11.  n_s = \frac{n_p V_s}{V_p} \end{cases}$ | 12. $P_2 = \frac{P_1 V_1 T_2}{T_1 V_2}$ |

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