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## Symbols Pronunciation $2^3$ two cubed $6^2$ six squared $7^{5}$ seven to the fifth power, or seven to the fifth $\sqrt{25}$ the square root of twenty-five, or twenty-five to the one half power $\sqrt[3]{27}$ the cube root of twenty-seven $\sqrt[8]{32}$ the eighth root of thirty-two $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ a squared plus b squared equals c squared, or The Pythagorean Theorem $\frac{1}{2}$ one half $\frac{2}{3}$ two thirds $\frac{5}{8}$ five eighths $x^2 + 3$ the quantity x squared plus three (*pause*) divided by x, or x squared plus three (*pause*) all over x $\sin^2 x$ sine squared of x $\sin(x^2)$ sine of x squared $(\sin x)^2$ sine of x (*pause*) quantity squared, or sine of x all squared $\arcsin\left(2\pi\right)$ arcsine of two pi $\tan^{-1} x$ inverse tangent of x $\log_2 9$ log base two of nine, or logarithm base two of nine, or log nine base two $\ln 2$ natural log of two, or natural logarithm of 2, or log base e of 2, or "L N" of two $e^x$ e to the x, or the exponential function $\binom{5}{2}$ five choose two

## **American Pronunciation of Mathematics**

Symbols	Pronunciation
f(x)	f of $x$
$f^{-1}(x)$	f inverse of $x$
f'	f prime, or the derivative of $f$ , or the first derivative of $f$
f'(x)	f prime of $x$ , or the derivative of $f$ with respect to $x$ , or the first derivative of $f$ with respect to $x$
f''(x)	the second derivative of $f$ with respect to $x$
$rac{df}{dx}$	"D F D X", or the derivative of $f$ with respect to $x$ , or the first derivative of $f$ with respect to $x$
$rac{d^2f}{dx^2}$	"D" squared "F D X" squared, or the second derivative of $f$ with respect to $\boldsymbol{x}$
$y = (x - 2)^{(x+1)}$	$y$ equals the quantity $x$ minus two $(\mathit{pause})$ all raised to the quantity $x$ plus one
$f(z) = (7+z)^{\frac{1}{z}}$	f of $z$ equals the quantity seven plus $z$ raised to the one over $z$ power

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x^i$$

- the sum from i equals one to infinity of x to the i
- the sum of the quantity x to the i, for i equals one to infinity

 $\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{x}{\sin x}$ 

- the limit as x goes to infinity of x over sine x
- the limit as x tends to infinity of x divided by sine x

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{2i}{n}\right) \left(\frac{2}{n}\right)$$

- the limit as n goes to infinity, of the sum from i equals one to n, of two i over n times two over n
- the limit as n goes to infinity, of the sum of the quantity two i over n times two over n, for i equals one to n