DP Mathematics (Level 1)

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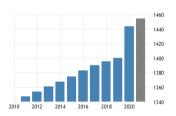
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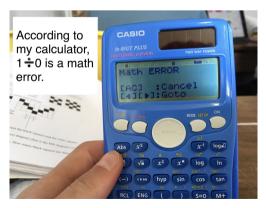
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- Without using a calculator, how do you find a solution to a **complicated** equation such as

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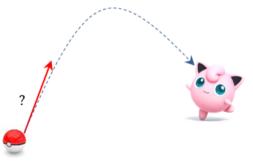
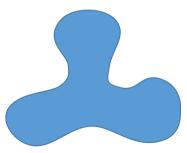


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Why is the **volume** of a spherical ball of radius r given by

$$V = \frac{4\pi}{3}r^3?$$

How do we compute the **volume**, **surface area**, **length**, etc. of other geometric shapes?

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The main purpose of this test to better allocate students to a Mathematics course (Level 1 vs. Pre-stage) (English vs. Cantonese) that is **more suitable** for them.

- You do not need to study or prepare particularly for this test.
- Usage of calculators will not be allowed (and will not be necessary).