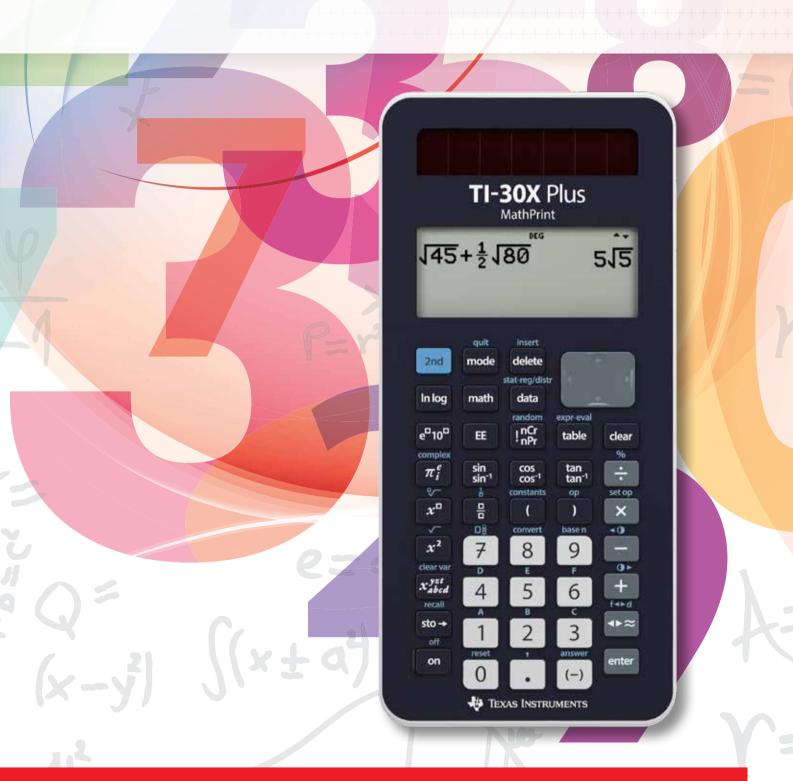
TI-30X Plus MathPrint Scientific Calculator

Quick Guide





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About this quick guide

This quick guide introduces some of the main features of the TI-30X Plus MathPrint™. In addition, it provides an overview of display settings, modes and menus, navigation, syntax and tips for efficient and accurate calculation across NSW Stages 4-6 Mathematics.

0 Getting started

All examples in this quick guide assume the default settings as shown on page 3 (modes). The TI-30X Plus MathPrint™ can be reset so that all students start at the same point.

To do this, press 2nd [reset] 2.

0.1 Switching the calculator on and off

Press on to turn the TI-30X Plus MathPrint™ on.

Press 2nd [off] to turn it off.

0.2 Display contrast

To adjust the contrast:

- (1) Press and release the 2nd key.
- (2) Press [••] to darken the screen or press [••] to lighten the screen.

If needed, repeat the above steps to set the desired contrast.

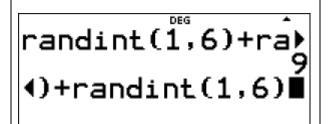
0.3 Home screen

The TI-30X Plus MathPrint™ can display a maximum of 4 lines with a maximum of 16 characters per line.

Keystrokes description:

For entries and expressions longer than the visible screen area, scroll left and right (① and ①) to view the entire entry or expression.

Depending on space, the answer is displayed either directly to the right of the entry or on the right side of the next line.



Special indicators and cursors may display on the screen to provide additional information concerning functions or results.

For example:

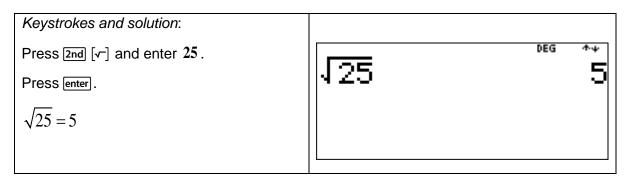
Indicator	Definition
2ND	2nd function.
SCI, ENG	Scientific or engineering notation.
DEG, RAD, GRAD	Angle mode (degrees, radians or gradians).

0.4 2nd functions

Press [2nd] to activate the secondary function of a given key.

Example

Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrint™ to calculate $\sqrt{25}$.



0.5 Modes

Press mode to choose modes.

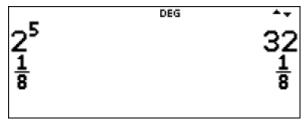
Press clear or 2nd [quit] to return to the home screen and perform your calculations using the chosen mode settings.

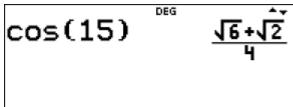
Default mode settings are highlighted in these two sample screens.





MATHPRINT mode displays most inputs and outputs in textbook format.





0.6 Multi-tap keys

A multi-tap key cycles through multiple functions when you press it. Press the key repeatedly to display the function you wish to enter.

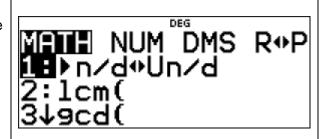
Multi-tap keys include x_{abcd}^{yzt} , \sin_{1} , \cos_{1} , \tan_{1} , e^{\square} 10 \square , $\ln \log$, \ln_{npr}^{cr} and π_{i}^{e} .

0.7 Menus

Press \odot and \odot to scroll and select a menu item or press the corresponding number next to the item. To return to the previous screen without selecting the item, press \Box . To exit a menu and return to the home screen, press \Box [quit].

Keystrokes description:

For example, press math (key with multiple menus) to access MATH, NUM, DMS or R◀▶P.



0.8 Scrolling expressions and history

Press ① or ② to move the cursor within an expression that you are entering or editing.

Press 2nd () to move the cursor directly to the beginning of the expression.

Press 2nd () to move the cursor directly to the end of the expression.

Press o r o to move the cursor through previous entries in the history. Pressing enter from an input or output in history will copy and paste that expression back to the cursor position on the edit line.

Press [2nd] from the denominator of a fraction in the expressions edit to move the cursor to the history. Pressing [enter] from an input or output in the history will paste that expression to the denominator.

Example

Press x^2 to calculate the square of a value.

Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrint™ to calculate

- (a) $17^2 7^2$.
- (b) $\sqrt{17^2 7^2}$, giving your answer in exact form.

Keystrokes and solution:
(a)
Enter 17 and press x^2 —.
Enter 7 and press x^2 enter. $17^2 - 7^2 = 240$ (b)
Press 2nd [\checkmark] > @ enter enter. $\sqrt{17^2 - 7^2} = 4\sqrt{15}$

0.9 Answer toggle

Press $\bullet =$ to toggle the display result (when possible) between fraction and decimal answers, surd and decimal answers and multiples of π and decimal answers.

Example

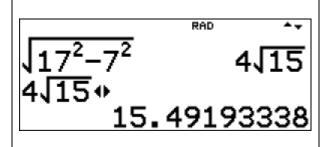
Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrint[™] to calculate $4\sqrt{15}$, giving your answer in decimal form.

Keystrokes and solution:

Enter $4\sqrt{15}$ (or using the last output from the previous example).

Press •= to toggle between exact form and decimal form.

$$4\sqrt{15} = 15.49...$$



0.10 Last answer

The last entry performed on the home screen is stored to the variable ans.

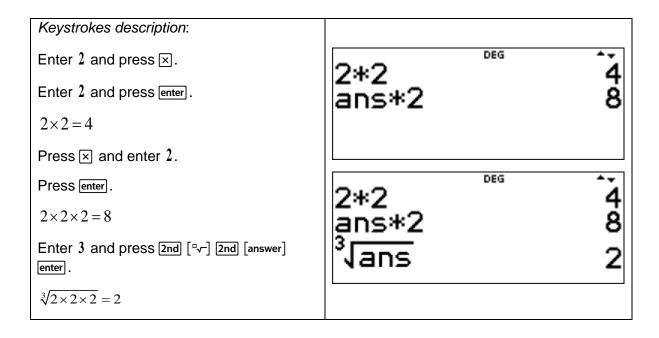
To recall the value of ans:

Press 2nd [answer] (ans displays on the screen), or

Press any operation key (±, - etc.) in most edit lines as the first part of an entry.

ans and the operator are both displayed.

Example



0.11 Order of operations

Order of operations hierarchy:

- (1st) Expressions inside parentheses.
- (2nd) Functions that need a closing bracket and precede the argument such as sin, log and all R◀▶P menu items.
- (3rd) Functions that are entered after the argument, such as \mathbf{x}^2 and angle unit modifiers.
- (4th) Exponentiation (^) and roots.

In MathPrintTM mode, exponentiation using the x^{-1} key is evaluated from right to left. For example, 2^{3^2} is evaluated as $2^{\binom{3^2}{2}} = 512$

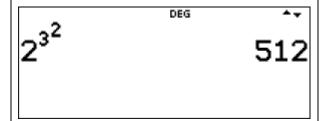
The TI-30X Plus MathPrintTM evaluates expressions entered with x^2 and $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{a} \end{bmatrix}$ from left to right in both Classic and MathPrintTM modes.

For example, pressing $2 x^2 x^2$ is calculated as $(2^2)^2 = 16$.

- (5th) Negation (-).
- (6th) Fractions.
- (7th) Permutations (**nPr**) and combinations (**nCr**).
- (8th) Multiplication, implied multiplication, division and angle indicator \angle .
- (9th) Addition and subtraction.
- (10th) Logic operators and, nand.
- (11th) Logic operators or, xor, xnor.
- (12th) Conversions such as ▶n/d ◀▶Un/d, F◀▶D, ▶DMS.

(13th) [sto→]

(14th) [enter] evaluates the input expression.



Note: In Classic mode, exponentiation using the x^2 key is evaluated from left to right. For example, 2^3^2 is evaluated as $(2^3)^2 = 64$.

Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrint™ to calculate

- (a) $42+3\times-14$.
- (b) $(-4)^2$ and -4^2 .

Keystrokes and solution:

(a) $\times \div + -$

Enter 42 and press [+].

Enter 3 and press \times (-).

Enter 14 and press enter.

 $42 + 3 \times -14 = 0$

(b) () and -

Press () (-) and enter 4.

Press) x^2 enter.

$$(-4)^2 = 16$$

Press (-) and enter 4.

Press $[x^2]$ [enter].

$$-4^2 = -16$$

42+3* -14 O

(-4)² 16 -4² -16

0.12 Clearing and correcting

Press 2nd [quit] to return the cursor to the home screen.

Press clear to clear an error message. It also clears characters on an entry line.

Press delete to delete the character at the cursor. When the cursor is at the end of an expression, it will backspace and delete.

Press 2nd [insert] to insert (rather than replace) a character at the cursor.

Press 2nd [clear var] 1 to clear variables x, y, z, t, a, b, c, d back to their default values of 0.

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0.13 Memory and stored variables

The TI-30X Plus MathPrintTM has eight memory variables, x, y, z, t, a, b, c and d.

Press $sto \rightarrow to store$ a variable and press x_{abcd}^{yzt} to select the variable to store.

Press enter to store the value in the selected variable.

 x_{abcd}^{yzt} is a multi-tap key that cycles through the variables x, y, z, t, a, b, c and d.

Press x^{yz}_{ab} to recall and use the stored values for these variables. The variable, say y, is inserted into the current entry and the value assigned to y is used to evaluate the expression.

To recall values of variables, press [2nd] [recall] to display a menu of variables and their stored values. Select the variable you wish to recall and press [enter]. The value assigned to the variable is inserted into the current entry and used to evaluate the expression.

Press [2nd] [clear var] and select 1: Yes to clear all variable values.

Example

Given that x = 5 and y = 12, use the TI-30X Plus MathPrintTM to find the value of $x^2 + y^2$.

Keystrokes and solution:

Press 2nd [clear var] 1 to clear variables.

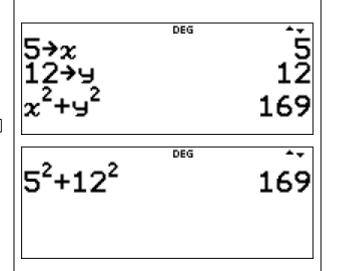
Enter 5 and press $sto \rightarrow x_{abc}^{yzt}$ enter.

Enter 12 and press $sto \rightarrow x_{abcd}^{yzt}$ x_{abcd}^{yzt} enter.

Press 2nd [recall] 1 x^2 + 2nd [recall] 2 x^2 enter.

$$x^2 + y^2 = 169$$

Note: This calculation can also be performed directly.



1 Basic mathematical functions

1.1 Fractions

In MathPrint[™] mode, press 🗄.

Press ⊙ or ⊙ to move the cursor between the numerator and denominator.

Fraction results are automatically simplified and the output is in improper fraction form.

Use the ightharpoonup n/d
ightharpoonup un/d conversion (press ightharpoonup n) when a mixed number output is required.

Press [2nd] [-2nd] to enter a mixed number. Use the arrow keys to cycle through the unit, numerator and denominator.

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Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrintTM to calculate $\frac{3}{4} + 1\frac{7}{12}$.

Give your answer as an improper fraction and as a mixed number.

Keystrokes and solution:

Press 🗄 and enter 3.

Press () [+] and enter 1.

Press 2nd \square and enter 7.

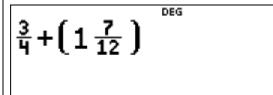
Press enter.

$$\frac{3}{4} + 1\frac{7}{12} = \frac{7}{3}$$

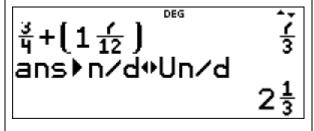
To give the answer as a mixed number:

Press math 1 enter.

$$\frac{3}{4} + 1\frac{7}{12} = 2\frac{1}{3}$$



Note: Parentheses are added automatically.



If decimal numbers are used or calculated in a fraction's numerator or denominator, the result will display as a decimal.

Press 2nd [f++d] when attempting fraction to decimal conversions.

1.2 Percentages

Press [2nd] [%] after entering the value of the percentage.

Example

Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrint™ to calculate 7.5% of 150.

Keystrokes and solution:

Enter 7.5 and press 2nd [%] \times .

Enter 150 and press enter.

7.5% of 150 is 11.25

7.5%*150^m 11.25

1.3 Pi (symbol pi)

To access π , press $\overline{\pi_i^e}$ (multi-tap key).

Example

Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrint $^{\text{TM}}$ to find the area of a circle whose radius is 8 cm. Give your answer correct to one decimal place.

Keystrokes and solution:

Press $\pi_i^e \times$ and enter 8.

Press x^2 enter.

This gives $A = 64\pi$.

Press ◆≈ to convert to a decimal.

A = 201.1 (cm²) correct to 1 dec. place.

π*8² 64π 64π• 201.0619298

1.4 Surds

Example

Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrintTM to express $\frac{4}{2\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{3}}$ with a rational denominator.

Keystrokes and solution:

Press
and enter 4.

Press \odot and enter 2.

Press \times 2nd [\checkmark] and enter 2.

Press () - 2nd [√] and enter 3.

Press enter.

$$\frac{4}{2\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}} = \frac{4\sqrt{3} + 8\sqrt{2}}{5}$$

2 Function table feature

Press Table to access the function table.



1: Add/Edit Func

Lets you define the function f(x) or g(x) or both and generates a table of values.

2: f(

Pastes f(to the home screen to evaluate the function at a point (for example, f(5)).

3: g(

Pastes g(to the home screen to evaluate the function at a point (for example, g(2)).

To set up a function table:

Press table 1 to select Add/Edit Func. [Press clear if required.]

Enter one or two functions as appropriate and press [enter].

Select the **Start**, **Step**, **Auto**, or x = ? options and press enter.

Press \odot and \odot to move around the function table feature.

Start: Specifies the starting value for the independent variable, \mathcal{X} . It is set to start at \emptyset .

Step: Specifies the step value for the independent variable, $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}$. The step can be positive or negative, but cannot be zero. It is set at 1.

Auto: The TI-30X Plus MathPrint^{\mathbf{M}} automatically generates a series of values for the dependent variable, \mathbf{y} , based on the table start and the table step values.

x = ?: Lets you build a table manually for the dependent variable, y, by allowing entry of specific values for the independent variable, x.

To display a table, highlight **CALC** and press enter.

In function table view, press clear to display and edit the Table Setup wizard as needed.

All people attending a party shook hands with each other as a way of exchanging a greeting. The number of handshakes, N, exchanged between χ people at the party is given by

$$N(x) = \frac{x}{2}(x-1)$$
 where $x \in \Box^+$.

- (a) Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrint[™] function feature to find the number of handshakes that would be exchanged between 5,10 and 50 people respectively.
- (b) Given that 136 handshakes were exchanged, use the TI-30X Plus MathPrint™ function feature to determine how many people at the party shook hands.

Keystrokes and solution:

(a)

Press table 1 to access the function table.

[If required, press [clear].]

Press \blacksquare and press x_{abcd}^{yzt} to paste $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}$.

Press \bigcirc \times \bigcirc and enter \bigcirc and enter \bigcirc .

Press D ⊙ .

Move the cursor to highlight x = ? and press [enter] (CALC) [enter].

Enter 5 and press enter.

Enter 10 and press enter.

Enter 50 and press enter.

With 5 people, there are 10 handshakes.

With 10 people, there are 45 handshakes.

With 50 people, there are 1225 handshakes.

Alternatively, press 2nd [quit] to go to the home screen.

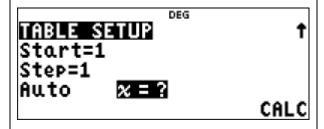
Press table 2 and enter 5.

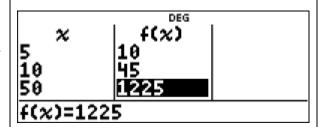
Press \bigcirc enter. So f(5) is 10.

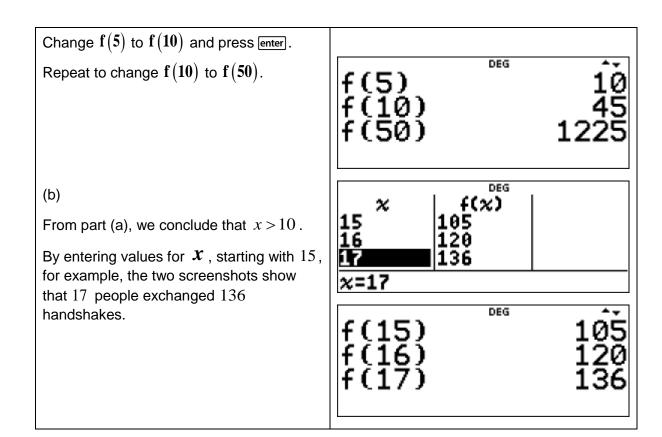
Press \odot to go up and highlight f(5).

Press enter.

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{2} * (x-1)$$







3 Data editor and list formulas feature

Press data to access the data editor where you can enter data into lists L1, L2 and L3. When editing a list, press data to access the CLR, FORMULA and OPS menus.

Use **() () () () () ()** to highlight a cell in the data editor and then enter a value.

Press:

delete to delete a cell.

enter clear to clear the edit line of a cell.

[2nd] [quit] to return to the home screen.

2nd • to go to the top of a list.

2nd

o to go to the bottom of a list.

4 Stored operations feature

Press [2nd] [set op] to store an operation and press [2nd] [op] to paste an operation to the home screen. To set an operation and then recall it:

Press 2nd [set op].

Enter any combination of numbers, operations, and/or data values.

Press enter to store the operation.

Press [2nd] [op] to recall the stored operation and apply it to the last answer or the current entry.

If you apply [2nd] [op] directly to a [2nd] [op] result, a n=1 iteration counter is incremented.

On a particular July day, a weather forecast listed the following predicted maximum temperatures.

Canberra 13°C

Sydney 18°C

Thredbo 2°C

The formula to convert from degrees Celsius to degrees Fahrenheit is given by the function $F(C) = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$.

- (a) Convert these temperatures from degrees Celsius to degrees Fahrenheit using the TI-30X Plus MathPrint™
 - (i) Data editor and list formulas feature.
 - (ii) Stored operations feature.
- (b) If Katoomba is predicted to have a maximum temperature of $9^{\circ}C$, use the TI-30X Plus MathPrintTM to convert this temperature to degrees Fahrenheit.

Keystrokes and solution:

(a) (i)

Using the data editor and list formulas feature:

Press data.

Press data 4 to clear all lists.

Enter 13 and press ⊙.

Repeat for 18 and 2.

The three values should now be displayed in **L1**.

Press () to scroll across to the top of L2.

Press data • to highlight **FORMULA** and press 1.

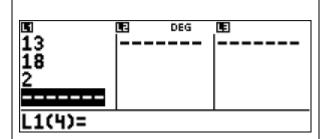
Now we enter the temperature conversion formula to **L2**.

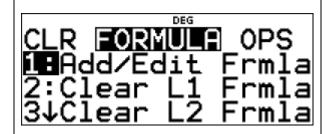
Here we enter $\frac{9}{5}$ using the division key to ensure decimal outputs.

Enter 9 and press ÷.

Enter 5 and press \boxtimes .

Press $\[\]$ data $\[\]$ enter to paste L1 into the author line.





Press + and enter 32.

Press enter.

L2 should now display the converted temperatures $55.4^{\circ}F$, $64.4^{\circ}F$ and $35.6^{\circ}F$.

Note: These temperature conversions could also be performed using the function table feature.



Using the stored operations feature:

Press 2nd [set op].

[If required, press clear to clear any previous stored operations.]

Press \times and enter 1.8.

Press + and enter 32.

Press enter.

Enter 13 [2nd [op].

Enter 18 [2nd] [op].

Enter 2 [2nd [op].

The three converted temperatures are $55.4^{\circ}F$, $64.4^{\circ}F$ and $35.6^{\circ}F$.

(b)

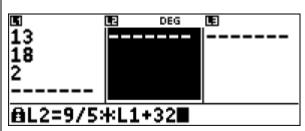
Using the data editor and list formulas feature:

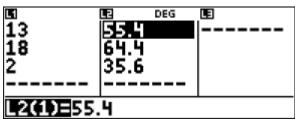
Move to L1(4) =, enter 9 and press enter.

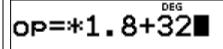
L2 should now display Katoomba's converted temperature of 48.2°F.

Using the stored operations feature:

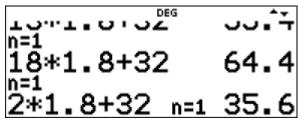
Enter 9 2nd [op].

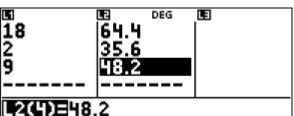






13*1.8+32 55.4 n=1 18*1.8+32 64.4 n=1





5 Expression evaluation feature

Press [2nd] [expr-eval] to input and calculate an expression. Pressing [2nd] [expr-eval] from a populated home screen expression pastes the content to [Expr] = 1.

If variables x, y, z, t, a, b, c and d are used in the expression, you will be prompted for values or use the stored values displayed for each prompt. The number stored in the variables will update in TI-30X Plus MathPrintTM.

Example

Use the discriminant and the TI-30X Plus MathPrintTM to predict the number and nature of x-intercepts for the graph of $y = 2x^2 + 9x - 5$.

Keystrokes and solution:

Press 2nd [expr-eval].

[If required, press clear].]

 x_{abcd}^{yzt} is a multi-tap key that cycles through the variables x, y, z, t, a, b, c and d.

Continue to press x_{abcd}^{yzt} until b appears.

Press x^2 — and enter 4.

Press \times and continue to press x_{abcd}^{yzt} until ℓ appears.

Press \times and continue to press x_{abcd}^{yzt} until ℓ appears.

Press [enter] [clear] and enter 9.

Press [enter] [clear] and enter 2.

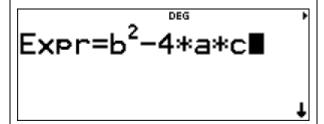
Press [enter] [clear] (-) and enter 5.

Press enter.

Substituting a = 2, b = 9 and c = -5 into $b^2 - 4ac$ gives $9^2 - 4(2)(-5) = 121$.

The discriminant is 121.

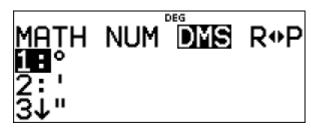
Since the discriminant is 11^2 , there are two rational \mathcal{X} - intercepts, ($x = -5, \frac{1}{2}$).

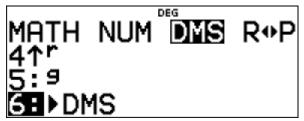


6 Trigonometry

Press mode to choose an angle mode from the mode screen. Note that **DEG** is the default.

Press math () () to display the **DMS** menu.





Example

Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrint $^{\text{TM}}$ in radian mode to convert $\,45^{\circ}\,$ to radians.

Keystrokes and solution:

Press mode () enter to be in radian mode.

Enter 45 and press math () () 1 enter.

$$45^{\circ} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

45°	RAD	<u>π</u>

Example

Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrintTM to convert 62.4° to an angle expressed in degrees, minutes and seconds. (Here angle mode is set to **DEG**.)

Keystrokes and solution:

Enter 62.4 and press math () () 6 enter.

 $62.4^{\circ} = 62^{\circ}24'$

Note: The default calculation mode is decimal degrees.

62.4 DMS 62°24'0"

The trigonometry keys, [sin-1], [cos-1] and [tan-1], are multi-tap keys.

The angle of depression from a drone flying $100\,$ metres above the water to a buoy at sea is $23^{\circ}18'$. Find the horizontal distance from the drone to the buoy. Give your answer correct to one decimal place.

Keystrokes and solution:

The angle mode is **DEG**.

$$\tan 23^{\circ}18' = \frac{100}{x}$$
 and so $x = \frac{100}{\tan 23^{\circ}18'}$

Enter 100 and press 🗄.

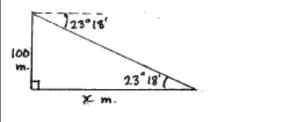
Press tan-1 and enter 23.

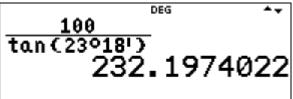
Press math () () 1 and enter 18.

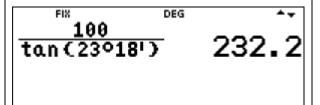
Press math () () (2) enter.

The horizontal distance is 232.2 metres, correct to one decimal place.

Note: Press mode ⊙ ⊙ ♠ enter to set the decimal notation mode to a one decimal place output. **FIX** is displayed as an indicator at the top of the screen.







Example

Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrint™ to convert 35°25′ to radians. Give your answer

- (a) in terms of π .
- (b) correct to four decimal places.

Keystrokes and solution:

The angle mode is **RAD**.

[Press mode () enter to be in radian mode.]

(a)

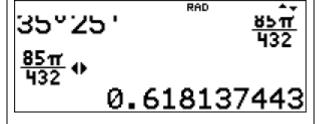
Enter 35 and press [math] () () [1].

Enter 25 and press math () () 2 enter.

$$35^{\circ}25' = \frac{85\pi}{432}$$

(b)

Press •= and so $35^{\circ}25' = 0.6181$ (4 dp).



Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrintTM to find the exact value of $\sin\frac{5\pi}{4}$.

Keystrokes and solution:

The angle mode is **RAD**.

Press [sin-] [and enter 5.

Press \times π_i^e \odot and enter 4.

Press () enter.

$$\sin\frac{5\pi}{4} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}.$$

$sin(\frac{5*\pi}{4})$ $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

7 Statistics and probability

Press data to enter and edit lists (see data editor and list formulas feature).

Press 2nd [stat-reg/distr] to access the STAT-REG menu or the DISTR menu.





Example

Two companies, A and B, produce packets of chips which are labelled as having a weight of 50 grams. A random sample of 10 packets is taken from each company. Each packet is weighed and the results, in grams, are as follows.

Company A: 50.0,50.6,50.0,50.4,49.2,49.0,51.4,50.1,47.4,51.9

Company B: 51.0,50.9,51.1,51.5,51.3,50.2,50.6,50.0,50.5,50.9

- (a) For each company's data, use the TI-30X Plus MathPrint™ to calculate the
 - (i) mean weight.
 - (ii) five-number summary.
 - (iii) interquartile range.
- (b) What, if anything, can be concluded about the manufacturing processes of the two companies?

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Keystrokes and solution:

Using the data editor and list formulas feature:

Press data.

Press data 4 to clear all lists.

Enter the Company A data in **L1**. Start by entering **50.0** and pressing ⊕ (or enter).

Press () to scroll across to the top of L2.

Enter the Company B data in **L2**. Start by entering **51.0** and pressing ⊕ (or enter).

Press 2nd [stat-reg/distr] to access the statistics menu.

Press 2 to access 1-Var Stats.

Select **L1** and press **⊙ enter** (**CALC**) to calculate the results for Company A.

(a) (i) Company A

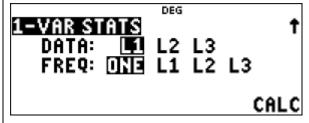
 $\overline{x} = 50$ (grams)

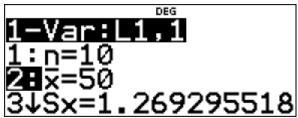
(a) (ii) Company A

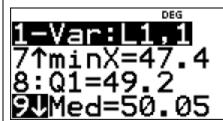
The five-number summary is [47.4,49.2,50.05,50.6,51.9].

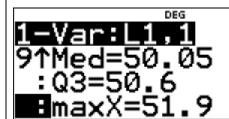
<u> </u>	LZ .	DEG	Œ
50	51		
<u>5</u> 0.6	50.9		
50	51.1		
50.4	51.5		
L1(1)=50			

51.4 50.1 47.4 51.9	™ 50.6 50 50.5	DEG	(E)
L2(10)=50.9			









Press 2nd [stat-reg/distr] to access the statistics menu.

Press 2 to access 1-Var Stats.

Press () enter to select L2 and press enter.

Press
enter (CALC) to calculate the results for Company B.

(a) (i) Company B

 $\overline{x} = 50.8$ (grams)

(a) (ii) Company B

The five-number summary is [50,50.5,50.9,51.1,51.5].

Using **StatVars**:

Press 2nd [stat-reg/distr] to return to the statistics menu.

Press 2 to access 1-Var Stats.

Ensure **L1** is selected and press [enter].

Press \bigcirc \bigcirc enter to again calculate the results for Company A.

Press \odot \odot , select $\mathbf{Q3}$ and press $\stackrel{\mathsf{Enter}}{=}$ $\stackrel{\mathsf{=}}{}$

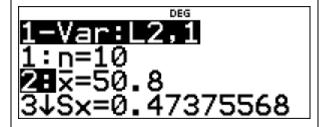
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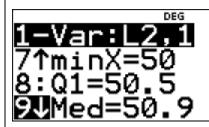
Press 2nd [stat-reg/distr] 1 to return to **StatVars**.

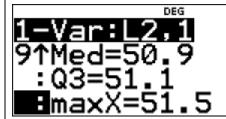
Press $\[\]$ (or scroll up or down until $\[\mathbf{Q1} \]$ is selected) and press $\[\]$ enter.

The Home screen should show Q3-Q1.

Press enter.







$$IQR = Q_3 - Q_1 = 1.4$$
 (grams)

(a) (iii) Company B

Repeat the above instructions ensuring that **L2** is selected.

$$IQR = Q_3 - Q_1 = 0.6$$
 (grams)

Q3-Q1 1.4 Q3-Q1 0.6

(b)

Company A produces packets of chips with a weight centred closer to 50 grams than Company B, but with greater variation (using the IQR) in the weights. Company B produces packets of chips centred slightly greater than 50 grams whereas some of the packets produced by Company A are less than 50 grams.

Example

The length measurements (correct to the nearest cm) of the femur bone and humerus bone of a particular species of fossil are shown in the following table.

Femur length (X)	60	57	65	39	75
Humerus length (<i>y</i>	71	64	73	42	85

- (a) Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrintTM to determine the least-squares regression line. Give your answer in the form y = ax + b where a, b are expressed correct to two decimal places.
- (b) Use the least-squares regression line found in part (a) to estimate the length of a humerus bone of this species of fossil whose femur length is 48 cm. Give your answer correct to the nearest centimetre.

Keystrokes and solution:

Using the data editor and list formulas feature:

Press [data].

Press data 4 to clear all lists.

Enter the femur bone lengths in **L1**. Start by entering 60 and pressing \odot ([enter]).

Press (•) to scroll across to the top of L2.

Enter the humerus bone lengths in **L2**. Start by entering **71** and pressing **⊙** (or enter).

71 ------57 64 65 73 39 42 L1(1)=60

Press 2nd [stat-reg/distr] to access the statistics menu.

METHOD 1:

Press 3 to access 2-Var Stats.

Select L1 for xDATA and select L2 for yDATA.

Press

to highlight CALC and press enter.

(a)

Scrolling up or down we obtain:

$$a = 1.196...$$
 and $b = -3.856...$

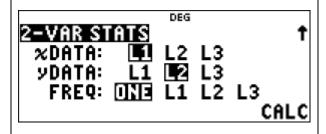
The least-squares regression line is y = 1.20x - 3.86 (2 dp).

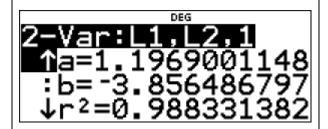
(b)

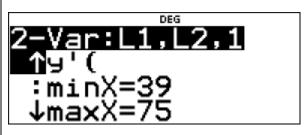
In **StatVars**, scroll up or down to locate y'(and press enter.

Enter 48 and press [] [enter].

Hence, correct to the nearest centimetre, the humerus bone length is estimated to be 54 cm.







METHOD 2:

Press [2nd] [stat-reg/distr] to access the statistics menu.

Press 4 to access LinReg ax+b.

Select the options as shown at right.

Press \odot to highlight **CALC** and press enter.

(a)

a = 1.196... and b = -3.856...

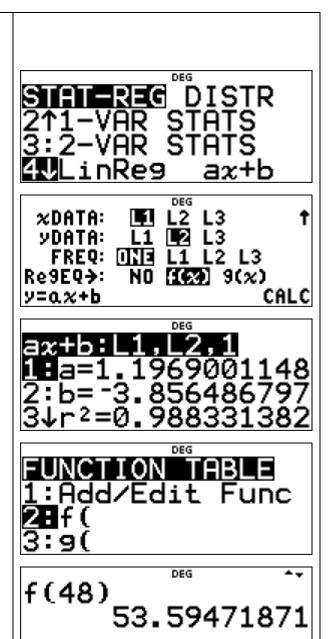
The least-squares regression line is y = 1.20x - 3.86 (2 dp).

(b)

Press [table] [2] and enter 48.

Press () enter.

Hence, correct to the nearest centimetre, the humerus bone length is estimated to be 54 cm.



Example

A Mathematics test consists of 10 multiple choice questions each of which has five possible answers. A student makes a random guess at each of the questions.

Use the TI-30X Plus MathPrint™ to find the probability that they guess five correct answers.

Give your answer correct to four decimal places.

Keystrokes and solution:

Let X represent the number of correct answers and $X \sim Bin(10,0.2)$.

We need to find P(X = 5).

Press 2nd [stat-reg/distr] (to access the probability distributions menu.

Press 4 (or scroll down) to select **Binomialpdf**.

Select **SINGLE** and press **⊙**.

Enter the required values for n, p and x as shown at right.

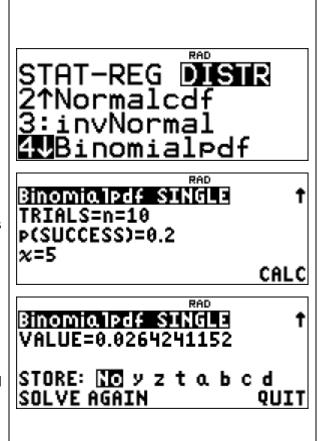
Press

 to highlight CALC and press enter.

enter.

So
$$P(X=5) = 0.0264$$
 (4 dp).

Note: If you need to use Binomialpdf again, press o to highlight SOLVE AGAIN and press enter. Otherwise highlight QUIT and press enter. If your probability is required in a further calculation, it can be stored to a variable.



Example

If X has a normal distribution with mean $\mu = 28$ and standard deviation $\sigma = 1.7$, find $P(X \le 32)$. Give your answer correct to four decimal places.

Keystrokes and solution:

$$X \sim N(28, 1.7^2)$$

Press 2nd [stat-reg/distr] • to access the probability distributions menu.

Press 2 to select **Normalcdf**.

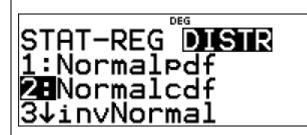
Enter the required values for μ and σ .

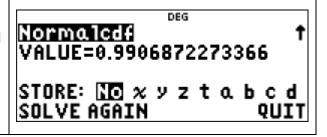
Ensure that the lower bound is a large negative number, for example **-1E99**, and enter **32** for the upper bound.

Press

to highlight CALC and press enter.

enter.





So $P(X \le 32) = 0.9907$ (4 dp).	