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## Unit 15 - Equations and Formulae (2)

## Formulae


$>$ Let the length of this rectangular lamina be $l$ units, the breadth be $b$ units and the perimeter be $P$ in the same units.

- Then $P=l+b+l+b$
- This can be written either as $P=2 l+2 b$ or $P=2(l+b)$
- Equations such as the above are called formulae.
- Here $P$ is called the subject of the formula.
- This formula can be used to find the perimeter of any rectangle of which the length and breadth are known.
> The length and the breadth of a certain rectangle are 13 cm and 7 cm respectively. Let us calculate its perimeter by using the above formula.
$P=2 l+2 b$
$l=13 \mathrm{~cm}$ and $b=7 \mathrm{~cm}$
Therefore,

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\begin{aligned}
& P=2 \times 13+2 \times 7 \mathrm{~cm} \\
& =26+14 \mathrm{~cm} \\
& =40 \mathrm{~cm}
\end{aligned}
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