

Definition of a **sequence**: an ordered list of numbers, called terms.

You can describe sequences two different ways: Explicit formula or a Recursive formula.

Explicit Formula. Find the first four terms in the sequence. Then find a_{20} .

$$a_n = 2n$$

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ term: } a_1 = 2(1) = \boxed{2}$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ term: } a_2 = 2(2) = \boxed{4}$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} \text{ term: } a_3 = 2(3) = \boxed{6}$$

$$4^{\text{th}} \text{ term: } a_4 = 2(4) = \boxed{8}$$

$$a_{20} = 2(20) = \boxed{40}$$

$$a_n = -7n + 2$$

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ term: } a_1 = -7(1) + 2 = \boxed{-5}$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ term: } a_2 = -7(2) + 2 = \boxed{-12}$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} \text{ term: } a_3 = -7(3) + 2 = \boxed{-19}$$

$$4^{\text{th}} \text{ term: } a_4 = -7(4) + 2 = \boxed{-26}$$

$$a_{20} = -7(20) + 2 = \boxed{-138}$$

An Explicit Formula defines the n^{th} term. Explain how you can find various terms.

- Replace n in the formula with the number of the term.
- Simplify to find the value.

Recursive Formula. Find the first five terms in the sequence.

$$a_1 = 5 \leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ term!}$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + 3$$

$$a_1 = \boxed{5} \leftarrow \text{previous term!}$$

$$a_2 = a_{2-1} + 3 = a_1 + 3 = 5 + 3 = \boxed{8}$$

$$a_3 = a_2 + 3 = \underline{8} + 3 = \boxed{11}$$

$$a_4 = a_3 + 3 = \underline{11} + 3 = \boxed{14}$$

$$a_5 = a_4 + 3 = 14 + 3 = \boxed{17}$$

$$a_1 = 3 \leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ term!}$$

$$a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 1$$

$$a_1 = 3$$

$$a_2 = 2 \cdot a_1 + 1 = 2 \cdot \underline{3} + 1 = \boxed{7}$$

$$a_3 = 2 \cdot a_2 + 1 = 2 \cdot \underline{7} + 1 = \boxed{15}$$

$$a_4 = 2 \cdot a_3 + 1 = 2 \cdot \underline{15} + 1 = \boxed{31}$$

$$a_5 = 2 \cdot a_4 + 1 = 2 \cdot \underline{31} + 1 = \boxed{63}$$

Write a recursive formula for the sequence: 2, 6, 10, 14, ... *What's the pattern?

two parts!

$$a_1 = 2$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + 4$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \underbrace{\quad} \underbrace{\quad} \underbrace{\quad} \\ +4 \quad +4 \quad +4 \end{array}$$

A Recursive Formula defines the n^{th} term by using the previous term.

Explain in your own words how you can find various terms.

- Plug in the previous term for a_{n-1} .
- Simplify to find the value.

Suzie is saving her money up for a new bicycle. Her grandma gives her \$20 to get started, and then Suzie is going to put the same amount of money in her piggy bank each week. At the end of the second week, she has \$26. At the end of the 3rd week, she has \$32.

Fill in the table below to show the relationship between the number of weeks and the amount of money saved.

n (# of weeks)	1	2	3	4
a_n (money saved)	\$20	\$26	\$32	\$38

This type of sequence is called Arithmetic because there is a Common difference or an amount that is Added or Subtracted to find the next term.

$$a_1 = 20$$

$$a_2 = 26 = 20 + 6 = 20 + 6(1)$$

$$a_3 = 32 = 20 + 12 = 20 + 6(2)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_n = 20 + 6(n-1)$$

Explicit Formula of an Arithmetic Sequence

In general, the terms in an Arithmetic Sequence will be of the form:

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$$

where $d =$ common difference ($a_2 - a_1$)
and $a_1 =$ 1st term

(*Note. recursive formula: $a_n = a_{n-1} + d$)

If the bike costs \$200, how long will she have to save?

$$200 = 20 + 6(n-1)$$

$$30 = n-1 \Rightarrow n = 31 \text{ weeks}$$

Are the following sequences arithmetic? If so, find the common difference, d .

a) 6, 10, 14, 18, ...

$$\begin{matrix} \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright \\ +4 & +4 & +4 \end{matrix}$$

Yes! $d = 4$

b) 3, 6, 12, 24, ...

$$\begin{matrix} \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright \\ +3 & +6 & +12 \end{matrix}$$

No!

c) $\pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, 4\pi, \dots$

$$\begin{matrix} \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright \\ +\pi & +\pi & +\pi \end{matrix}$$

yes! $d = \pi$

d) $\frac{17}{7}, \frac{12}{7}, 1, \frac{2}{7}, \dots$

$$\begin{matrix} \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright \\ +\frac{-5}{7} & +\frac{-5}{7} & +\frac{-5}{7} \end{matrix}$$

yes! $d = -5/7$

Find the explicit formula for the sequence. Then find a_{20} .

a) 2, -4, -10, -16, ...

$$\begin{matrix} \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright \\ -6 & -6 & -6 \end{matrix}$$

$$a_1 = 2 \quad d = -6$$

$$a_n = 2 + (n-1)(-6)$$

$$a_n = -6n + 8$$

$$a_{20} = -6(20) + 8 = -112$$

b) $a_6 = 13$ and $a_9 = 22$

Method 1:

$$13 = a_1 + (6-1)d \rightarrow 13 = a_1 + 5d$$

$$22 = a_1 + (9-1)d \rightarrow 22 = a_1 + 8d$$

$$9 = 3d$$

$$3 = d$$

$$a_n = -2 + (n-1)3$$

$$a_n = 3n - 5$$

$$a_1 = -2$$

Method 2:

$$\begin{matrix} \frac{13}{a_6} & \frac{22}{a_9} \\ \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright & \curvearrowright \\ d & d & d \end{matrix}$$

$$13 + 3d = 22$$

$$3d = 9$$

$$d = 3$$

$$13 = a_1 + (6-1)3$$

$$a_1 = -2$$

$$a_n = 3n - 5$$

$$a_{20} = 55$$

Definition of an Arithmetic Mean:

Middle term(s) between 2 given terms in an Arithmetic Sequence

Example: find the arithmetic mean between 7.8 and 3.6.

$$7.8 + 2d = 3.6 \quad d = -2.1 \rightarrow 7.8 - 2.1 = \boxed{5.7}$$

$$2d = -4.2$$

$$7.8, \frac{5.7}{d}, 3.6$$

Find two arithmetic means between 26 and 35.

$$26 + 3d = 35$$

$$26, \frac{29}{d}, \frac{32}{d}, 35$$

A form of bacteria doubles every hour. How many bacteria cells will there be after 6 hours if you start with 5 cells? 160 bacteria

n (# of hours)	1	2	3	4	5	6
a_n (# of bacteria)	5	10	20	40	80	160

This is an example of a Geometric Sequence because there is a Common ratio between successive terms. This means you multiply to get the next term. Do NOT DIVIDE.

Remember, in an arithmetic sequence there is a common difference which means you add or subtract to get the next term.

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1 &= 5 = 5 \cdot 1 = 5 \cdot 2^0 \\
 a_2 &= 10 = 5 \cdot 2 = 5 \cdot 2^1 \\
 a_3 &= 20 = 5 \cdot 4 = 5 \cdot 2^2 \\
 a_4 &= 40 = 5 \cdot 8 = 5 \cdot 2^3 \\
 &\vdots \\
 a_n &= a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Explicit Formula of a Geometric Sequence

In general, the n th term of a Geometric Sequence is found by the formula:

$$a_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$$

where $r =$ Common ratio ($\frac{a_2}{a_1}$)
 and $a_1 =$ 1st term

(*Note. recursive formula: $a_n = a_{n-1} \cdot r$)

Determine whether the sequences are arithmetic, geometric or neither. If arithmetic, give d . If geometric, give r .

- a) 6, 10, 14, 18, ... b) 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, ... c) 5, $\frac{5}{2}$, $\frac{5}{4}$, $\frac{5}{8}$, ... d) 3, -6, 12, -24, ...
- \swarrow r gives an alternating sequence!
- Arithmetic Geometric $r = \frac{1}{2}$ $r = -2$
- $d = 4$ $r = 2$

Find the formula for a_n .
 81, 54, 36, 24, ...

$$\begin{aligned}
 r &= \frac{a_2}{a_1} = \frac{54}{81} = \frac{2}{3} \\
 a_1 &= 81 \\
 a_n &= 81 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

If $a_2 = 6$ and $a_5 = 750$ in a geom. seq., find a_n and then a_7 .

Method 1:

$$\begin{aligned}
 6 &= a_1(r)^{2-1} \rightarrow 6 = a_1 \cdot r \\
 750 &= a_1(r)^{5-1} \rightarrow 750 = a_1 \cdot r^4 \\
 a_1 &= \frac{6}{r} \rightarrow 750 = \frac{6}{r} \cdot r^4 \\
 750 &= 6r^3 \quad a_1 = \frac{6}{5} \\
 125 &= r^3 \quad r = 5
 \end{aligned}$$

Method 2:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{6}{a_2} &= \frac{750}{a_5} \\
 6r^3 &= 750 \\
 r^3 &= 125 \\
 r &= 5 \\
 a_n &= a_1(5)^{n-1} \\
 6 &= a_1(5)^{2-1} \\
 a_1 &= \frac{6}{5} \\
 a_n &= \frac{6}{5}(5)^{n-1} \\
 a_7 &= \frac{6}{5}(5)^6 = 18750
 \end{aligned}$$

Definition of a Geometric Mean:

Middle term(s) between 2 given terms in a Geometric Sequence

Example: Find two geometric means between $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{54}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2} \cdot r^3 &= \frac{1}{54} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\
 r^3 &= \frac{1}{27} \\
 r &= \frac{1}{3} \\
 \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} &= \frac{1}{6} \\
 \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} &= \frac{1}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{18}, \frac{1}{54}$$

Definition of an Arithmetic Series: the SUM of the terms of an Arithmetic Sequence.
 A finite series has a 1st term (a_1) and a last term (a_n).
 An infinite series continues without end.

Derivation: Given the sequence 1, 2, 3, ..., 9, 10

Let $S_{10} = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10$

$$= (1+10) + (2+9) + (3+8) + (4+7) + (5+6)$$

$$= 11 + 11 + 11 + 11 + 11$$

$$= 5(11) \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{1st + last} \\ \text{\# pairs} \end{matrix} = \boxed{55}$$

In general, the (finite) sum of the n terms in an **arithmetic series** is found by the formula

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} (a_1 + a_n)$$

$n = \# \text{ of terms}$

$a_1 = 1^{\text{st}} \text{ term}$
 $a_n = \text{last term}$

**An infinite Arithmetic sum does not exist (or it diverges).*

Examples:

1. Use the formula to find

$$15 + 21 + 27 + \dots + 63$$

$d = 6$

$$a_1 = 15 \quad a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$$

$$a_n = 63 \quad 63 = 15 + (n-1)6$$

$$n = ? \quad 8 = n - 1$$

$$n = 9$$

$$S_9 = \frac{9}{2} (15 + 63)$$

$$\boxed{S_9 = 351}$$

Note: Summation Notation

"Sigma" $\sum_{n=3}^5 (n^2) = 3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2 = \boxed{50}$

\uparrow lower limit
 \leftarrow "rule"
 \leftarrow upper limit

2. Find the sum of the first 20 terms in the sequence: 8, 5, 2, ...

$$n = 20 \quad d = -3$$

$$a_1 = 8 \quad a_{20} = 8 + (19)(-3)$$

$$a_n = ? \quad a_{20} = -49$$

$$S_{20} = \frac{20}{2} (8 + (-49))$$

$$\boxed{S_{20} = -410}$$

3. Use the formula to find $\sum_{j=1}^{16} (7-2j) = 5 + 3 + 1 + \dots + (-25)$

$$n = 16 \quad a_1 = 7 - 2(1) = 5$$

$$a_1 = ? \quad a_n = a_{16} = 7 - 2(16) = -25$$

$$a_n = ?$$

$$S_{16} = \frac{16}{2} (5 + (-25))$$

$$\boxed{S_{16} = -160}$$

4. What is the summation notation for the series $-5 + 2 + 9 + 16 + \dots + 261 + 268$?

- a) The first term is $a_1 = \underline{-5}$
- b) The common difference is $d = \underline{7}$
- c) The explicit formula is $a_n = \underline{-5 + (n-1)7 = -12 + 7n}$
- d) The last term is $\underline{268}$
- e) Use this value to find the number of terms (n): $268 = -12 + 7n$
 $7n = 280$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^{40} (-12 + 7k)$$

$$= \frac{40}{2} (-5 + 268)$$

$$= \underline{5260}$$

Definition of a **Geometric Series**: the SUM of the terms of a Geometric Sequence

Is the following a sequence or series? Is it arithmetic or geometric? Explain.

$$2 + 6 + 18 + 54 + 162$$

It is a Geometric Series.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \swarrow & \swarrow & \swarrow & \swarrow \\ \times 3 & \times 3 & \times 3 & \times 3 \end{array}$$

Multiplying by the same number (3) each time, and terms are being added.

Find the sum.

$$\boxed{242}$$

The (finite) sum of the first n terms of a **Geometric Series** is:

$$S_n = \frac{a_1(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

n = # terms

a_1 = 1st term

r = Common ratio

*Note: Don't have to know the last term (a_n)!

Verify that the formula works for the example above:

$$a_1 = 2$$

$$r = 3$$

$$n = 5$$

$$S_n = \frac{2(1-3^5)}{1-3} = \frac{-484}{-2} = \boxed{242} \checkmark$$

1. Given: $400 + 300 + 225 + \dots$ Find S_{16} .

$$a_1 = 400$$

$$r = \frac{300}{400} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$n = 16$$

$$S_{16} = \frac{400(1-(\frac{3}{4})^{16})}{1-\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$= \boxed{1583.9638}$$

$$2. \sum_{k=1}^8 4(-5)^{k-1} = 4 - 20 + \dots - 312500$$

$$a_1 = 4(-5)^0 = 4$$

$$r = -5$$

$$n = 8$$

$$S_8 = \frac{4(1-(-5)^8)}{1-(-5)}$$

$$= \frac{-1562496}{6}$$

$$\boxed{S_8 = -260416}$$

3. Smaller and smaller squares are formed as shown in the diagram.

a) Find the sum of the perimeters of the first nine squares.

Hint: Is this a sequence or a series? Arithmetic or geometric?

$$\text{Geometric Series: } 4(40) + 4(20) + 4(10) + \dots$$

$$160 + 80 + 40 + \dots$$

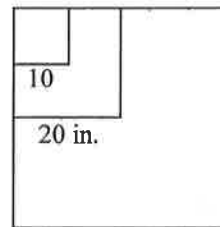
$$a_1 = 160$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$n = 9$$

$$S_9 = \frac{160(1-(\frac{1}{2})^9)}{1-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{S_9 = 319.375 \text{ in}}$$



40 in.

b) Find the sum of the areas of the first six squares.

Hint: Is this a sequence or a series? Arithmetic or geometric?

$$\text{Geometric Series: } 40^2 + 20^2 + 10^2 + \dots$$

$$1600 + 400 + 100 + \dots$$

$$a_1 = 1600$$

$$r = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$n = 6$$

$$S_6 = \frac{1600(1-(\frac{1}{4})^6)}{1-\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\boxed{S_6 = 2048.75}$$

Infinite Geometric Series

Example 1:

- a) Suppose I had a square with side length = 1 as shown. What is the area?

$$1 \text{ unit}^2$$

- b) Suppose I cut it in half. What is the area of the rectangle?

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{ unit}^2$$

- c) Suppose I keep cutting the remaining pieces in half and adding the area to the rectangle in #2.

What kind of sum have I created? Is the answer finite? If so, what is it?

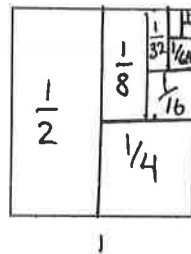
Geometric Sum ($r = \frac{1}{2}$)

Infinite Sum - I can (theoretically) keep cutting the rectangles in half forever.

$$\text{Sum} = \text{Area of Square} = 1!$$

$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$ is an example of an Infinite Geometric Series whose common ratio = $\frac{1}{2}$.

We say the series is Convergent. (sum exists!)



Example 2: Do you think the following infinite geometric sum exists? Why or why not? $1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + \dots$

No. The numbers keep getting bigger. $\text{Sum} \rightarrow \infty$

We say the series is Divergent. (sum does not exist!)

Infinite Geometric Series

In general, if a geometric sequence has a common ratio r and $|r| < 1$, then the infinite geometric series is said to Convergent and the sum approaches a finite number. The sum is defined by the formula

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a_1}{1-r}$$

Check Ex 1:

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{1} = 1 \checkmark$$

If $|r| \geq 1$, then the Infinite geometric series diverges; the sum does NOT approach a finite number.

Determine if the following infinite geometric series converge or diverge. [Hint: find the common ratio, r .]

If the series converges, find the sum.

$$64 + 48 + 36 + \dots$$

$$r = \frac{48}{64} = \frac{3}{4} < 1 \checkmark$$

converges!

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{64}{1 - \frac{3}{4}} = \frac{64}{\frac{1}{4}} = 64 \cdot \frac{4}{1} =$$

$$S_{\infty} = 256$$

$$80 - 40 + 20 - \dots$$

$$r = \frac{-40}{80} = -\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \left| -\frac{1}{2} \right| < 1 \checkmark$$

converges!

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{80}{1 - (-\frac{1}{2})}$$

$$= \frac{80}{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= 80 \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{160}{3} = 53.\bar{3}$$

$$8 + 9.6 + 11.52 + 13.824 + \dots$$

$$r = \frac{9.6}{8} = 1.2 > 1 \times$$

Diverges!

Repeating Decimals

Repeating Decimals can be written as fractions because they are just special cases of Infinite Geometric Series

Ex 1. $0.\bar{3} = 0.3 + 0.03 + 0.003 + 0.0003 + \dots$

$$a_1 = 0.3 \quad (3/10)$$

$$r = \frac{0.03}{0.3} = 0.1 \quad (1/10)$$

$$\text{Thus, } S_\infty = \frac{0.3}{1-0.1} = \frac{0.3}{0.9} = \frac{3/10}{9/10} = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Ex 2. $0.\bar{63} = 0.63 + 0.0063 + 0.000063 + \dots$

$$a_1 = 0.63 \quad (63/100)$$

$$r = \frac{0.0063}{0.63} = 0.01 \quad (1/100)$$

$$\text{Thus, } S_\infty = \frac{0.63}{1-0.01} = \frac{63/100}{99/100} = \frac{63}{99} = \boxed{\frac{7}{11}}$$

How is r determined?

It is what decimal place the number is being repeated to.

Ex #1 ($0.\bar{3}$) the 3 is in the 10th's place, Ex 2 ($0.\bar{63}$) the last # is in the 100th's place.

Write as a fraction in simplest form without using your TI.

a) $0.\bar{2} = 0.2 + 0.02 + \dots$

$$a_1 = 2/10$$

$$r = 1/10$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{2/10}{1-1/10} = \frac{2/10}{9/10} = \boxed{\frac{2}{9}}$$

b) $0.\bar{7} = 0.7 + 0.07 + \dots$

$$a_1 = 7/10$$

$$r = 1/10$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{7/10}{1-1/10} = \frac{7/10}{9/10} = \boxed{\frac{7}{9}}$$

c) $0.\bar{54} = 0.54 + 0.0054 + \dots$

$$a_1 = 54/100$$

$$r = 1/100$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{54/100}{1-1/100} = \frac{54/100}{99/100}$$

$$= \frac{54}{99}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{6}{11}}$$

d) $0.\bar{123} = 0.123 + 0.000123 + \dots$

$$a_1 = 123/1000$$

$$r = 1/1000$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{123/1000}{1-1/1000} = \frac{123/1000}{999/1000}$$

$$= \frac{123}{999}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{41}{333}}$$

Key Words & Definitions:

Arithmetic: Adding/Subtracting same # each time (d)

Geometric: Multiplying by same # each time (r)

Sequence: A list of ordered terms (Ex: 1, 2, 3, ...)

Series: Sum of terms in a sequence (Ex: 1+2+3+...)

Explicit: Formula in terms of n . (Easy to find random terms)

Recursive: Formula in terms of previous term, a_{n-1} .

Finite: Has an end. (a_n is last term)

Infinite: Has no end; Goes on forever (∞)

Convergent: Sum/Limit exists and is equal to a ^(finite) number

Divergent: Sum/Limit does NOT exist. (Sum = ∞ or $-\infty$)