

$$n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ (1, 2, 3, 4 \dots)$$

Pre HL : Ch 7 Arithmetic and Geometric Sequences

Arithmetic Sequences: $u_n = u_1 + (n-1)d$ and Geometric Sequences $u_n = u_1 r^{n-1}$

Warm UP:

1. List the first three terms of the specified sequence. Then tell whether the sequence is arithmetic, geometric, or neither.

a. $t_n = 5n + 2$

Arithmetic

$n=1$ 7
 $n=2$ 12
 $n=3$ 17
 $t_n = 3^n$

Geometric

b. $t_n = \frac{n+1}{n+2}$

$n=1$: $\frac{2}{3}$

$n=2$: $\frac{3}{4}$

$n=1$ -1

$n=2$ 2

f. $t_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$

$n=1$ $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin(90^\circ) = 1$

$n=2$ $\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{2}\right) = \sin(\pi) = 0$ Neither

e. $t_n = 16 \cdot 2^{2n}$

Geometric

$n=3$: $\frac{4}{5}$ Neither

$n=3$ -3

$n=4$ 4

Neither

2. Find a formula t_n .

a. 1, 4, 7, 10 ... A

$u_n = 1 + (n-1) \cdot 3 = -2 + 3n$

B. 0.3, 0.9, 2.7, 8.1 ...

$u_n = (0.3)(3)^{n-1}$

c. 1, 4, 9, 16, ...

$\Rightarrow 1^2, 2^2, 3^2, 4^2 \dots$ N

$u_n = n^2$

D. $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5} \dots$ N

$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}$

$u_n = 0.3 (3)^n \cdot 3^{-1}$

$u_n = \frac{0.3}{3} (3)^n = 0.1 \cdot 3^n$

Geometric Sequences Example

$k-1, 2k,$ and $21-k$ are consecutive terms of a geometric sequence. Find k.

$u_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$

$\frac{k-1}{2k} = \frac{2k}{21-k}$

OR

$\frac{2k}{k-1} = \frac{21-k}{2k}$

$4k^2 = (k-1)(21-k)$

$4k^2 = -k^2 + 22k - 21$

$+k^2 - 22k + 21$

$5k^2 - 22k + 21 = 0$

$5k \quad -7 \quad -15$

$k \quad -3 \quad -7$

-22

$k = 3$ OR $k = \frac{7}{5} \Leftrightarrow (5k-7)(k-3) = 0$

3. a. How much money must be invested today so that in 2 years the amount \$18,000 can be withdrawn from the account, if the money is invested at 8% (annual interest) compounded quarterly.

$$18000 = P \left(1 + \frac{0.08}{4} \right)^{4 \cdot 2}$$

$$P = \$15,362.83 \text{ OR } \$15,363.$$

b. If you have \$8,000 to invest how much time would it take to reach the 18000?

$$18000 = 8000 \left(1 + \frac{0.08}{4} \right)^{4 \cdot t}$$

$$\ln \frac{18}{8} = \ln \left(1 + \frac{0.08}{4} \right)^{4t} \Rightarrow \ln 2.25 = (4t) \ln(1.02)$$

$$t = \left(\frac{\ln 2.25}{\ln 1.02} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{4} \approx 10.24 \text{ yrs.}$$

4. The sum of three consecutive terms of a geometric sequence is 39 and their product is 729. Find these terms.

$$a + ar + ar^2 = 39 \Rightarrow a(1+r+r^2) = 39 \quad \hat{\approx} 11 \text{ yrs}$$

$$a \cdot (ar) \cdot (ar^2) = 729 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{r}(1+r+r^2) = 39$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 \cdot r^3 = 729 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{r} + a + ar \right)^r = (39)^r$$

$$(ar) = \sqrt[3]{729}$$

$$ar = 9$$

$$a = \frac{9}{r}$$

$$9 + 9r + 9r^2 = 39r \rightarrow (3r-1)(r-3) = 0$$

$$9r^2 - 30r + 9 = 0 \quad \left(r = \frac{1}{3}, r = 3 \right)$$

$$3r^2 - 10r + 3 = 0 \quad \left(a = 27, a = 3 \right)$$

1
27, 9, 3

2 OR
3, 9, 27

5. A geometric sequence $\{u_n\}$ has complex terms and is defined by $u_1 = 12i$ and $u_{n+1} = (2-i) \cdot u_n$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. What are the first 3 terms of the sequence? What is an explicit formula for the sequence?

$$u_1 = 12i$$

$$u_2 = (2-i)u_1 = (2-i)(12i) = 24i + 12$$

$$u_3 = (24i + 12)(2-i) = 48i + 24 + 24 - 12i = 48 - 36i$$

Explicit Formula: $u_n = (12i)(2-i)^{n-1}$