

t_1	t_2	t_3	...	t_n	t_n^*
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C11 - 1.0 - Sequences/Series Review

Arithmetic

$+d = 3$ $+d = 3$ **+**

$2, 5, 8, \dots, 32, \dots, ?$

$t_1 \quad t_2 \quad t_3 \quad t_{11} \quad t_n$

$n = 1 \quad n = 2 \quad n = 3 \quad n = 11 \quad n = n$

n	t
1	2
2	5
3	8

$t_1 = 1st \text{ term (aka: "a or } u_1 \text{")}$
 $d = \text{common difference}$
 $r = \text{common ratio}$
 $t_n = \text{term } n, \text{ every term}$
 $n = \text{Term \#, or \# of terms}$
 $S_n = \text{sum of } n \text{ terms}$
 $t_{n \pm 1} = \text{term after/before } t_n$
 $t_{n \pm m} : m \text{ Terms After/Before } t_n$

$$\frac{t_1, t_1 + d, t_1 + 2d, \dots, t_1 + (n-1)d}{t_1 \quad t_2 \quad t_3 \quad t_n}$$

$t_n = t_1 + (n-1)d$ General Term Formula

$d = t_n - t_{n-1}$

$t_n = t_m + (n-m)d$ *Logic

$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(t_1 + t_n)$ If "n" and t_n is known.

Find "d" twice*

Check Answer 2,5,8,11,14,17... ✓

$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(2t_1 + (n-1)d)$ If n and d is known.

$t_n = S_n - S_{n-1}$

$\frac{t_1 + t_n}{2} = \text{middle term}$

Remember!!!

Substitute in for n on left side of equation,
 Substitute in for n on right side of equation!

Geometric

$\times r = 3$ $\times r = 3$ **×**

$2, 6, 18, \dots, 468, \dots, ?$

$t_1 \quad t_2 \quad t_3 \quad t_{11} \quad t_n$

n	t
1	2
2	6
3	18

Patterns Not Arithmetic or Geometric

1,1,2,3,5 Fibonacci
 1,1 then Add two previous numbers

$t = n^2 + 1$ Quadratics

n	t
1	2
2	5
3	10

Etc...

$$\frac{t_1, t_1 r, t_1 r^2, \dots, t_1 r^{n-1}}{t_1 \quad t_2 \quad t_3 \quad t_n}$$

$t_n = t_1 r^{n-1}$ General Term Formula $r = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}}$ $r^{m-n} = \frac{t_m}{t_n}$ *Logic

$S_n = \frac{t_1 - r t_n}{1 - r}$ If t_n is known. Find "r" twice* $t_n = t_m r^{n-m}$ $m > n$

$S_n = \frac{t_1(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$ If n is known. Check Answer 2,6,18,54,162,468... ✓

Infinite Geometric

$S_\infty = \frac{t_1}{1 - r}$

$r \geq 1$ $r \leq -1$ \therefore Divergent .. No sum

OR

$|r| \geq 1$

$1 + 2 + 4 + \dots \infty^* = \infty^*$

OR

$-1 < r < 1$ \therefore Convergent .. Has sum

OR

$|r| < 1$

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

$8 + 4 + 2 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots + \frac{1}{\infty^*} = 15.999 \dots = 16^*$

$\Sigma = \text{Sigma (Sum terms)}$

(Last term of k) # of terms = $n - k + 1$

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$$

Formula to substitute k into

(first term of k)

Index: What k starts at. Goes up by 1 each time to reach n.