

## Homework Qs????

20)  $x, \frac{1}{2}x + 7, 3x - 1$

Arithmetic  
 $\therefore$  common  
difference

$$d = \left(\frac{1}{2}x + 7\right) - x$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}x + 7$$

$$d = -\frac{1}{2}x + 7$$

$$d = (3x - 1) - \left(\frac{1}{2}x + 7\right)$$

$$= 3x - \frac{1}{2}x - 1 - 7$$

$$d = \frac{5}{2}x - 8$$

EQUAL

$$-\frac{1}{2}x + 7 = \frac{5}{2}x - 8$$

$$+7 + 8 = \frac{5}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$15 = \frac{6}{2}x$$

$$15 = 3x$$

$$\boxed{5 = x}$$

21)  $\frac{a}{15}, \frac{a+d}{?}, \frac{a+2d}{43}, \frac{a+3d}{?}$

$$a + a + d = 15 \\ 2a + d = 15 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$a + 2d + a + 3d = 43 \\ 2a + 5d = 43 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

## 6.3 - Geometric Sequences

$(3)^n$  exponent of 3

A sequence where there is a common ratio,  $r$ , between consecutive terms.

A new term is generated by multiplying/dividing each term by the same number.

eg.  $5, 15, 45, 135, \dots$        $r = 3$

$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\times 3} \quad \xrightarrow{\times 3} \quad \xrightarrow{\times 3} \\ 5, \quad 15, \quad 45, \quad 135, \dots \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\times \frac{1}{2}} \\ 40, 20, 10, 5, \frac{5}{2}, \dots \end{array}$        $r = \frac{1}{2}$

$$r = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{20}{40} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$3, -6, 12, -24, 48, \dots$        $r = -2$

**Geometric Sequence Formula**

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

where  $a$  is the first term, and  $r$  is the common ratio.

Ex. 1 Find  $t_7$  for each sequence.

a)  $t_n = -2(3)^{n-1}$

$$t_7 = -2(3)^{7-1}$$

$$t_7 = -2(3)^6$$

$$= -1458$$

b)  $t_n = 100\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n-1}$

$$t_7 = 100\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{7-1}$$

$$= 100 \left(\frac{1}{4096}\right)$$

$$t_7 = \frac{25}{1024}$$

Ex. 2 Simplify the powers.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } & 3^{x-1} \cdot 3^{x+5} \\ & = 3^{x-1+x+5} \\ & = 3^{2x+4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } & 32^{x+2} \cdot 8^6 \\ & = (2^5)^{x+2} \cdot (2^3)^6 \\ & = 2^{5x+10+18} \\ & = 2^{5x+28} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 3 Find  $t_n$  for each sequence.

a)  $\overset{x \times 2}{\underset{\curvearrowright}{5, 10, 20, 40, \dots}}$

$$\begin{array}{l} a=5 \\ r=2 \end{array} \quad t_n = ar^{n-1} \quad \boxed{t_n = 5(2)^{n-1}}$$

This means find the general formula which works to find any term in the sequence.

Must be simplified.

b)  $2, 6, 18, 54, \dots$

$$\begin{array}{l} a=2 \\ r=3 \end{array} \quad t_n = ar^{n-1} \quad \boxed{t_n = 2(3)^{n-1}}$$

c)  $6561, 2187, 729, 243, \dots$

$$\begin{array}{l} a=6561 \\ r=\frac{1}{3} \end{array} \quad t_n = ar^{n-1} \quad \begin{aligned} & = 6561 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1} \\ & = 3^8 (3^{-1})^{n-1} \\ & = 3^8 (3^{1-n}) \\ \boxed{t_n = 3^{9-n}} \end{aligned}$$

d)  $3, -12, 48, -192, \dots$

$$\begin{array}{l} a=3 \\ r=-4 \end{array} \quad \begin{aligned} t_n & = ar^{n-1} \\ \text{good!} \quad \boxed{t_n & = 3(-4)^{n-1}} & \text{neg base} \\ & = 3[(-1)(4)]^{n-1} \\ & = (-1)^{n-1} 3(4)^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

e)  $8, 32, 128, 512, \dots$

$$\begin{array}{l} a=8 \\ r=4 \end{array} \quad t_n = ar^{n-1} \quad \begin{aligned} & = 8(4)^{n-1} \\ & = 2^3 (2^2)^{n-1} \\ & = 2^3 (2^{2n-2}) \\ t_n & = 2^{2n+1} \end{aligned}$$

f)  $1024, -256, 64, -16, \dots$

$$\begin{array}{l} a=1024 \\ r=-\frac{1}{4} \end{array} \quad t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & = 1024 \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n-1} \\ & = (-1)^{n-1} 1024 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n-1} \\ & = (-1)^{n-1} 4^5 (4^{-1})^{n-1} \\ & = (-1)^{n-1} 4^5 (4^{1-n}) \\ \boxed{t_n = (-1)^{n-1} 4^{6-n}} \end{aligned}$$

$$4^5 \left[ (-1)^{n-1} \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^{n-1} \right]$$

$$= (-1)^{n-1} (2^2)^{6-n}$$

**OR**  $t_n = (-1)^{n-1} 2^{12-2n}$

Ex. 4 Determine the number of terms in each sequence.

$$n = ?$$

a) 5, 20, 80, ..., 81920

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 5 & t_n &= ar^{n-1} \\ r &= 4 & 81920 &= \frac{5(4)^{n-1}}{5} \\ t_n &= 81920 & 16384 &= 4^{n-1} \\ & & 4^7 &= 4^{n-1} \\ & & 7 &= n-1 \\ & & 8 &= n \end{aligned}$$

b) -19683, 6561, -2187, ..., -3

$$\begin{aligned} a &= -19683 & t_n &= ar^{n-1} \\ r &= -\frac{1}{3} & -3 &= -19683 \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1} \\ t_n &= -3 & -19683 &= -19683 \end{aligned}$$

Ex. 5 Determine  $a$ ,  $r$ , and  $t_n$  for the geometric sequence that has:

a)  $t_5 = 324$  and  $t_9 = 26244$

b)  $t_4 = -8$  and  $t_7 = 1$

Ex. 6 Determine the value of x that makes each sequence:

a) geometric

$$2, 6, 5x-2 \quad r^3 = 18$$
$$r = \frac{6}{2}$$
$$r = 3$$
$$r = \frac{5x-2}{6}$$

b) arithmetic

$$x-4, 6, x \quad 18 = 5x - 2$$

Be careful of the wording in application problems:

Now  $\rightarrow t_1$

First year  $\rightarrow t_2$

**HOMEWORK**  
*(or less)*  
**p. 392 #1, 2bceh, 3ac, 5, 6, abc**  
**8, 11, 16, 17, 20**

