

Unit VII Review - Discrete Functions - Sequences & Series and Financial Applications June 9/14

1. State whether each of the following sequences is arithmetic, geometric or neither. If arithmetic or geometric, state the common ratio or difference.

a) 5, 18, 57, 174, 525, ...

\Rightarrow neither

b) $\frac{67}{100}, \frac{69}{100}, \frac{71}{100}, \frac{73}{100}, \frac{75}{100}, \dots$

\Rightarrow arithmetic $d = \frac{1}{50}$

c) $\frac{3}{5}, 6, 60, 600, \dots$

\Rightarrow geometric $r = 10$

2. Determine the next three terms in each of the following sequences.

a) 17, 20, 15, 18, 13, 16, 11, ...

\Rightarrow $+3, -5, +3, -5, +3, -5$

\Rightarrow \therefore the next three terms are 14, 9, 12

b) $\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{27}, \frac{1}{64}, \frac{1}{125}, \frac{1}{216}, \dots$

\Rightarrow $\frac{1}{2^3}, \frac{1}{3^3}, \frac{1}{4^3}, \frac{1}{5^3}, \frac{1}{6^3}, \dots$

\Rightarrow \therefore the next three terms are $\frac{1}{343}, \frac{1}{512}, \frac{1}{729}$

3. Find each of the following terms.

a) the 12th term of the arithmetic sequence 13, 6, -1, -8, -15, ...

$t_n = a + (n-1)d \Rightarrow$
 $t_{12} = 13 + 11(-7)$
 $= -64$

$d = -7$

4. For each sequence, determine the total number of terms.

a) -18, -2, 14, 30, ..., 126

$d = 16$

$t_n = a + (n-1)d \Rightarrow$

$126 = -18 + (n-1)(16)$

$144 = (n-1)(16)$

$9 = n-1$

$10 = n$

\therefore there are 10 terms.

5. For each sequence, determine the total number of terms.

a) -8, 4, -2, 1, ..., $-\frac{1}{128}$

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

$t_n = a \cdot r^{n-1} \Rightarrow$

$-\frac{1}{128} = -8 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$

$\left(-\frac{1}{128}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{8}\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$

$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^7 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$

$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$

$10 = n-1$

\therefore there are 11 terms.

6. For each series, calculate:

a) $S_{12} = -5 - 11 - 17 - \dots$

$a = -5$

$S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d] \Rightarrow d = -6$

$S_{12} = \frac{12}{2}[2(-5) + (12-1)(-6)]$

$= 6[-10 - 66]$

$= 6(-76)$

$= -456$

7. Calculate the sum of the following series.

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{18} + \frac{1}{54} + \dots + \frac{1}{1458}$$

$$r = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$t_n = a \cdot r^{n-1} \rightarrow$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{1458} = \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{n-1} \right] (\times 6)$$

$$\frac{1}{243} = \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^5 = \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$n = 6$$

$$S_n = \frac{r \cdot t_n - a}{r - 1}$$

$$S_6 = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1458} \right) - \frac{1}{6}}{\left(\frac{1}{3} - 1 \right)}$$

$$= \frac{182}{729}$$

8. Omit

9. Alan invests \$50 a month at 3%/a compounded monthly. How much will he have in 10 years?

$$FV = \frac{R[(1+i)^n - 1]}{i} \rightarrow$$

$$= \frac{50 [1.0025^{120} - 1]}{0.0025}$$

$$= 6987.07$$

$$i = \frac{0.03}{12} = 0.0025$$

$$n = 12 \times 10 = 120$$

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N=120
I%=3
PV=0
PMT=50
FV=-6987.070944
P/Y=12
C/Y=12
PMT: [ ] BEGIN
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∴ he will have 6987.07 in 10 years.

10. Meena pays back a \$10000 loan with payments every 3 months over 3 years.

If she borrowed the money at 4%/a compounded quarterly, what is her regular payment?

$$PV = \frac{R[1 - (1+i)^{-n}]}{i} \rightarrow$$

$$10000 = \frac{R[1 - 1.01^{-12}]}{0.01}$$

$$\frac{(10000 \times 0.01)}{(1 - 1.01^{-12})} = R$$

$$R = 888.49$$

∴ her payments are \$888.49.

$$i = \frac{0.04}{4} = 0.01$$

$$n = 4 \times 3 = 12$$

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N=12
I%=4
PV=10000
PMT=-888.48788...
FV=0
P/Y=4
C/Y=4
PMT: [ ] BEGIN
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