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Test: Sequences, Series and Financial Math

1. Using an appropriate formula for t_n , calculate the 12th term of the sequence $\{ 5, 10, 20, 40, \dots \}$.

Geometric Sequence.

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

$$a = 5$$

$$r = 2$$

$$n = 12$$

$$t_{12} = 5(2^{11}) \\ = 10240 //$$

2. Using an appropriate formula for t_n , calculate the 45th term of the sequence $\{ -90, -83, -76, -69, \dots \}$

Arithmetic Sequence.

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 $+7 +7 +7$

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

$$a = -90$$

$$d = 7$$

$$n = 45$$

$$t_{45} = (-90) + (45-1)(7) \\ = 218 //$$

3. The number 546 occurs as a term in the sequence $\{ -65, -52, -39, -26, \dots \}$. Which term is it? (Put another way, for what n does $t_n = 546$?) Use an appropriate t_n formula.

$$t_n = 546$$

$$a = -65$$

$$d = +13$$

Arithmetic Sequence.

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

$$546 = (-65) + (n-1)(13)$$

$$546 = -65 + 13n - 13$$

$$546 + 78 = 13n$$

$$624 = 13n$$

$$n = 48 //$$

$\therefore 48^{\text{th}}$ term.

4. The number 6561 occurs as a term in the sequence $\left\{ \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{3}, 1, 3, \dots \right\}$. Which term is it? (Put another way, for what n does $t_n = 6561$?) Use an proper t_n formula.

Geometric Sequence

$$t_n = 6561$$

$$r = 3$$

$$a = \frac{1}{9}$$

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

$$6561 = \frac{1}{9} (3^{n-1})$$

$$59049 = 3^{n-1}$$

$$\log 59049 = (n-1) \log 3$$

$$n-1 = \frac{\log 59049}{\log 3}$$

$$n-1 = 10$$

$$n = 11 \text{ is } 11^{\text{th}} \text{ term!}$$

5. Find the general term ($t_n = \dots$) for an arithmetic sequence where $t_9 = 30$ and $t_{22} = 108$.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} t_9 = 30, n=9 \\ t_{22} = 108, n=22 \end{array} \right\} \text{ find } a, d. \Rightarrow t_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$\begin{array}{l} t_9 = a + (9-1)d \\ 30 = a + (9-1)d \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{1} 30 = a + 8d$$

$$t_{22} = a + (22-1)d$$

$$\textcircled{2} 108 = a + 21d$$

$$\begin{cases} 30 = a + 8d \textcircled{1} \\ 108 = a + 21d \textcircled{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{1} - \textcircled{2}$$

$$-78 = -13d$$

$$d = 6$$

$$30 = a + 8(6)$$

$$30 = a + 48$$

$$a = -18$$

$$\therefore t_n = -18 + (n-1)(6)$$

$$\boxed{t_n = 6n - 24} //$$

6. Find the general term ($t_n = \dots$) for an geometric sequence where $t_7 = 5.76$ and $t_{14} = 737.28$.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} t_7 = 5.76, n=7 \\ t_{14} = 737.28, n=14 \end{array} \right\} \text{ find } a, r. \Rightarrow t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$\begin{cases} 5.76 = ar^6 \textcircled{1} \\ 737.28 = ar^{13} \textcircled{2} \end{cases}$$

$$737.28 = ar^{13}$$

from $\textcircled{1}$

$$a = \frac{5.76}{r^6} \text{ sub into } \textcircled{2}$$

$$737.28 = \left(\frac{5.76}{r^6} \right) r^{13}$$

$$737.28 = 5.76 r^7$$

$$r^7 = 128$$

$$r = 2$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{5.76}{2^6} = \frac{9}{100} = 0.09$$

$$\therefore t_n = (0.09)(2^{n-1})$$

$$t_n = \left(\frac{9}{100} \right) (2^{n-1}) //$$

$$\text{or } t_n = \left(\frac{9}{200} \right) (2^n) //$$

7. Using an appropriate formula for S_n , calculate the sum of: $-64 - 57 - 50 - 43 - \dots + 90 + 97$



Arithmetic Series -

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

②

$$S_{24} = \frac{24}{2} [2(-64) + (23)(7)]$$

$$= 12(-128 + 161)$$

$$= 396$$

① Find n when $t_n = 97$

$$97 = (-64) + (n-1)(7)$$

$$97 = -64 + 7n - 7$$

$$7n = 168$$

$$n = 24$$

8. Using an appropriate formula for S_n , calculate the sum of: $1024 + 512 + 256 + \dots + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16}$



Geometric Series

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

$r = \frac{1}{2}$
 $a = 1024$

② Find S_n

$$S_{15} = \frac{1024 \left(\frac{1}{2}^{15} - 1 \right)}{\frac{1}{2} - 1}$$

$$= \frac{1024 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{15} - 1024}{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= 2047.9375 = 2047 \frac{15}{16}$$

or $\frac{32767}{16}$

① Find n when $t_n = \frac{1}{16}$

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

$$\frac{1}{16} = 1024 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{16384} = \frac{1}{2}^{n-1}$$

$$\log \frac{1}{16384} = (n-1) \log \frac{1}{2}$$

$$n-1 = \frac{\log \frac{1}{16384}}{\log \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$n-1 = 14$$

$$n = 15$$

$$S_{15} = \frac{1024 \left(\frac{1}{2}^{15} - 1 \right)}{\frac{1}{2} - 1} = \frac{1024 \left(\frac{1}{32768} - 1 \right)}{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1024 \left(-\frac{32767}{32768} \right)}{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \left(-\frac{32767}{32768} \right) (-2048)$$

$$= \frac{32767}{16}$$

$$= 2047 \frac{15}{16}$$

Arithmetic Sequence: $t_n = a + (n-1)d$

Geometric Sequence: $t_n = ar^{n-1}$

Arithmetic Series: $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a + t_n) = S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a + a + (n-1)d)$

Geometric Series: $S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$

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