



MCR3UI

Unit 7: Sequences and Series

Solutions!

Sequences

Part I: Arithmetic Sequences

A sequence like $2, 5, 8, 11, \dots$ where the difference between consecutive terms is a constant, is called an arithmetic sequence. The first differences of an arithmetic sequence tell you the common difference between each term.

∴ linear relations

- In an arithmetic sequence, the **first term**, t_1 , is the initial value and is denoted by the letter a ;
- The **common difference** (when the first differences are constant) is denoted by the letter d . **The common difference of an arithmetic sequence is:** $d = t_2 - t_1 = t_3 - t_2 = t_n - t_{n-1}$

← how to find "d" given 3 or more terms...

A. Writing the terms of a sequence: Given $t_n = 3n - 1$ is the formula for the n th term of an arithmetic sequence, find the first 4 terms.

First term: $t_1 = 3(1) - 1 = 2$

Second term: $t_2 = 3(2) - 1 = 5$

Third term: $t_3 = 3(3) - 1 = 8$

n	t_n
1	2
2	5
3	8
4	11

different ways to find terms...

∴ the first 4 terms of the sequence are: 2, 5, 8, 11

B. Finding the general formula for an arithmetic sequence with first term a and common difference d :

$t_1 = a$

$t_3 = (a+d) + d = a + 2d$

$t_4 = (a+2d) + d = a + 3d$

$t_2 = a + d$

∴ $t_n = a + (n-1)d$

This is an equation in 4 variables.

The General Formula for an Arithmetic Sequence is:

$t_n = a + (n-1)d$ or $t_n = a + d(n-1), n \in \mathbb{N}$

where a is the first term, d is the common difference between any 2 consecutive terms, and $d = t_2 - t_1 = t_3 - t_2 = t_n - t_{n-1}$

$9-4 = 14-9 = 19-14 = 5$

For the sequence $4, 9, 14, 19, \dots$ find t_n and t_{123} .

$a=4 \quad d=5$

a) $t_n = a + (n-1)d$
 $= 4 + (n-1)(5)$
 $= 4 + 5n - 5$
 $= 5n - 1$

∴ $t_n = 5n - 1$

b) $t_{123} = 5(123) - 1$
 $= 614$

∴ $t_{123} = 614$

C. Finding the number of terms: How many terms are in the sequence $12, 2, -8, -18, \dots, -298$?

$a=12 \rightarrow d=2-12=-10 \leftarrow t_n=-298 \quad n=?$

$t_n = a + (n-1)d$
 $-298 = 12 + (n-1)(-10)$
 $-298 = 12 - 10n + 10$
 $10n = 12 + 10 + 298$

$\frac{10n}{10} = \frac{320}{10}$
 $n = 32$

∴ there are 32 terms in the sequence

Part II: Geometric Sequences

A sequence like **2, 6, 18, 54, ...** where each term is found by multiplying the previous term by a constant is called a geometric sequence. The **constant multiple** of a geometric sequence is called the **common ratio**.

(like an exponential function)

- In a geometric sequence, the **first term, t_1** , is the initial value and is denoted by the letter a ;
- The **common ratio** (common multiple) is denoted by the letter r . **The common ratio for a geometric sequence is:**

$$r = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}}$$

← how to find the common ratio given at least 3 terms

- A. **Writing the terms of a sequence:** Given $t_n = 5(3)^{n-1}$ is the formula for the n th term of a geometric sequence, find the first 4 terms.

n	t_n
1	5
2	15
3	45
4	135

$$t_1 = 5(3)^{1-1} = 5(3)^0 = 5$$

$$t_2 = 5(3)^{2-1} = 5(3) = 15$$

$$t_3 = 5(3)^{3-1} = 5(3)^2 = 45$$

∴ the first 4 terms are: 5, 15, 45, 135

- B. **Finding the general formula for a geometric sequence with first term a and common ratio r :**

$$t_1 = a$$

$$t_2 = ar(r) = ar^2$$

$$t_3 = ar^2(r) = ar^3$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} t_1 = a \\ t_2 = ar^2 \\ t_3 = ar^3 \end{array} \right\} \therefore t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

Equation is in 4 variables...

The **General Formula** for a **Geometric Sequence** is:

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad r \neq 0$$

where a is the **first term**, r is the **common ratio** between any 2 consecutive terms, and $r = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}}$

For 1, 3, 9, 27, ... find t_n and t_7

$$a=1, \quad r = \frac{3}{1} = \frac{9}{3} = \frac{27}{9} = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} a) \quad t_n &= a(r)^{n-1} \\ &= 1(3)^{n-1} \\ &= 3^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore t_n = 3^{n-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) \quad t_7 &= 3^{7-1} \\ &= 3^6 \\ &= 729 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore t_7 = 729$$

- C. **Finding the number of terms:** How many terms are in the geometric sequence $3, -12, 48, -192, \dots, -3221225472$?

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

$$n=? \quad a=3 \quad r = \frac{-12}{3} = \frac{48}{-12} = (-4) \quad t_n$$

$$\frac{-3221225472}{3} = \frac{3(-4)^{n-1}}{3}$$

$$-1073741824 = (-4)^{n-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (-4)^{15} &= (-4)^{n-1} \\ \therefore \text{bases are equal} \end{aligned}$$

$$15 = n-1$$

$$\therefore n = 16$$

∴ there are 16 terms in this sequence

Series

Part I: Arithmetic Series

$2, 4, 6, \dots$ is called an **arithmetic sequence**; where $a = \underline{2}$ and $d = \underline{2}$ and $t_n = a + (n-1)d$.

$2 + 4 + 6 + \dots$ is called an **arithmetic series**. A series is the sum of the terms in a sequence. The sum of the first n terms of a series is denoted S_n . From p. 466 of the text:

"The sum of the first n terms in an Arithmetic Series is"

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

\downarrow 1st term
 \downarrow last term

A. Sum of a series given the first terms.

- 1) Given the arithmetic series $1 + 6 + 11 + 16 + \dots$, find the **sum** of the first **twenty** terms.

$$a=1, d=5, n=20, S_n = ?$$

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

$$S_{20} = \frac{20}{2} [2(1) + (20-1)(5)]$$

$$= 10 [2 + (19)(5)]$$

$$S_{20} = 10 [97]$$

$$= 970$$

∴ the sum of the first 20 terms is 970

- 2) Given the arithmetic series: $-7 - 11 - 15 - \dots$, find the **sum** of the first **fifty-four** terms.

$$a = (-7), d = (-11) - (-7) = (-11) + 7 = (-4), n = 54, S_{54} = ?$$

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

$$S_{54} = \frac{54}{2} [2(-7) + (54-1)(-4)]$$

$$= 27 [-14 + 53(-4)]$$

$$S_{54} = 27 [-226]$$

$$= -6102$$

∴ the sum of the first 54 terms is -6102

B. Sum of a series given the first and the last terms.

- 1) Given the arithmetic series: $2 + 7 + 12 + \dots + 62$, find the **sum**. (Hint: to find S_n , we must first determine n).

$$a=2, d=5, t_n=62, n=?, S_n=?$$

① Find n :

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

$$62 = 2 + (n-1)(5)$$

$$62 = 2 + 5n - 5$$

$$62 - 2 + 5 = 5n$$

$$\frac{65}{5} = \frac{5n}{5}$$

$$\therefore n = 13$$

② Find $S_n \Rightarrow S_{13}$:

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} [a + t_n]$$

$$S_{13} = \frac{13}{2} [2 + 62]$$

$$= \frac{13}{2} [64]$$

$$= 416$$

∴ the sum of this series is 416

Part II: Geometric Series

5, 10, 20, ... is called a **geometric sequence**; where $a = 5$ and $r = 2$ and $t_n = a \cdot r^{n-1}$
 5 + 10 + 20 + ... is called a **geometric series**. The sum of the first n terms of a series is denoted S_n . From p. 473 of the text:

The sum of the first n terms in a **Geometric Series** is

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

A. Sum of a series given the first terms.

1) Given the geometric series $3 + 6 + 12 + 24 + \dots$, find the **sum** of the first eight terms.

$a = 3, r = 2, n = 8, S_8 = ?$

$$S_8 = \frac{3(2^8 - 1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$S_8 = \frac{3(256 - 1)}{1}$$

∴ the sum of the first 8 terms is 765

$$S_8 = 765$$

2) Given the geometric series $2 - 8 + 32 - 128 + \dots$, find the **sum** of the first thirteen terms.

$a = 2, r = (-4), n = 13, S_{13} = ?$

$$S_{13} = \frac{2((-4)^{13} - 1)}{-4 - 1}$$

$$= \frac{-134\,217\,730}{-5}$$

$$= 26\,843\,546$$

∴ the sum of the first 13 terms is 26 843 546

B. Sum of a series given the first and the last terms.

1) Given the geometric series: $3 - 9 + 27 - \dots - 6561$, find the **sum**. (Hint: to find S_n , we must first determine n).
 $a = 3, r = (-3), t_n = -6561, n = ?, S_n = ?$

① Find n :

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

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

$$-2187 = (-3)^{n-1}$$

$$(-3)^7 = (-3)^{n-1}$$

∴ bases are equal

$7 = n - 1$
 $∴ 8 = n$

② Find S_8 :

$$S_8 = \frac{3((-3)^8 - 1)}{-3 - 1}$$

$$S_8 = \frac{19\,680}{-4}$$

∴ $S_8 = -4920$

Recursion Formulas

Recall: The formula $t_n = 3n - 1$ determines the **arithmetic sequence** 2, 5, 8, 11, 14.

The formula $t_n = 2^{n-1}$ determines the **geometric sequence** 1, 2, 4, 8, 16.

These formulas are called explicit formulas because they can be used to calculate the n^{th} term (any term) of a sequence without knowing the previous term(s).

A. What is a recursion formula?

$t_1 = 5$; $t_n = t_{n-1} + 2$ is an example of a **recursion formula**, where you need to know the previous term to calculate the next term.

Recursion formulas consist of at least **two parts**:

- $t_1 = 5$ } the first term
- $t_n = t_{n-1} + 2$ } instructions on how to use the previous term (t_{n-1}) to get the next term (t_n)

Find the first four terms of this sequence:

$$t_1 = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_2 &= t_1 + 2 \\ &= 5 + 2 \\ &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_3 &= t_2 + 2 \\ &= 7 + 2 \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_4 &= t_3 + 2 \\ &= 9 + 2 \\ &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

∴ the first 4 terms are 5, 7, 9, 11

B. Use a recursion formula to write the first four terms of each sequence.

a) $t_1 = 48$; $t_n = 0.5t_{n-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} t_2 &= 0.5t_{2-1} \\ &= 0.5t_1 \\ &= 0.5(48) \\ &= 24 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_3 &= 0.5t_{3-1} \\ &= 0.5t_2 \\ &= 0.5(24) \\ &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_4 &= 0.5t_{4-1} \\ &= 0.5t_3 \\ &= 0.5(12) \\ &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

∴ the first 4 terms are 48, 24, 12, 6

b) $t_1 = 2$; $t_n = t_{n-1} - 2n + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} t_2 &= t_{2-1} - 2(2) + 1 \\ &= t_1 - 4 + 1 \\ &= (2) - 4 + 1 \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_3 &= t_{3-1} - 2(3) + 1 \\ &= t_2 - 6 + 1 \\ &= (-1) - 6 + 1 \\ &= -6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_4 &= t_{4-1} - 2(4) + 1 \\ &= t_3 - 8 + 1 \\ &= (-6) - 8 + 1 \\ &= -13 \end{aligned}$$

∴ the first 4 terms are 2, -1, -6, -13

c) $t_1 = -2$; $t_2 = 3$; $t_n = 2t_{n-2} + t_{n-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} t_3 &= 2t_{3-2} + t_{3-1} \\ &= 2t_1 + t_2 \\ &= 2(-2) + (3) \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_4 &= 2t_{4-2} + t_{4-1} \\ &= 2t_2 + t_3 \\ &= 2(3) + (-1) \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

∴ the first 4 terms are -2, 3, -1, 5

C. Write an explicit formula for each sequence based on its recursion formula.

a) Given $t_1 = 6$; $t_n = t_{n-1} + 4$, write the first four terms and write an **explicit formula** for the sequence.

$$\begin{aligned} t_2 &= t_1 + 4 \\ &= 6 + 4 \\ &= 10 \\ t_3 &= t_2 + 4 \\ &= 10 + 4 \\ &= 14 \\ t_4 &= t_3 + 4 \\ &= 14 + 4 \\ &= 18 \end{aligned}$$

∴ the first 4 terms are 6, 10, 14, 18

$a = 6, d = 4$; arithmetic

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

$$t_n = 6 + (n-1)(4)$$

$$t_n = 6 + 4n - 4$$

$$\therefore t_n = 4n + 2$$

b) Given $t_1 = 3$; $t_n = -2t_{n-1}$, write the first four terms and write an **explicit formula** for the sequence.

$$\begin{aligned} t_2 &= -2(t_1) \\ &= -2(3) \\ &= -6 \\ t_3 &= -2(t_2) \\ &= -2(-6) \\ &= 12 \\ t_4 &= -2(t_3) \\ &= -2(12) \\ &= -24 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_3 &= -2(t_2) \\ &= -2(-6) \\ &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

∴ the first 4 terms are 3, -6, 12, -24

$a = 3, r = (-2)$; geometric

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

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

D. Write an explicit formula for the n^{th} term of each sequence using only the recursion formula.

a) $t_1 = 5$; $t_n = 2t_{n-1}$

$a = 5$ $r = 2$
(geometric)

$$t_n = a(r)^{n-1} \rightarrow \therefore t_n = 5(2)^{n-1}$$

b) $t_1 = 52$; $t_n = t_{n-1} - 3$

$a = 52$ $d = (-3)$
(arithmetic)

$$\begin{aligned} t_n &= a + (n-1)d \\ &= 52 + (n-1)(-3) \\ &= 52 - 3n + 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore t_n = -3n + 55$$

Pascal's Triangle and Binomial Expansions

A. Binomial Expansions of the Form $(a + b)^n$ where $n \in \mathbb{W}$.

$$(a + b)^0 = 1$$

$$(a + b)^1 = a + b$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b)^2 &= (a + b)(a + b) \\ &= a^2 + \underline{ab} + \underline{ab} + b^2 \\ &= a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b)^3 &= (a + b)^2(a + b) \\ &= (a^2 + 2ab + b^2)(a + b) \\ &= a^3 + \underline{a^2b} + \underline{2a^2b} + \underline{2ab^2} + \underline{ab^2} + b^3 \\ &= a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3 \end{aligned}$$

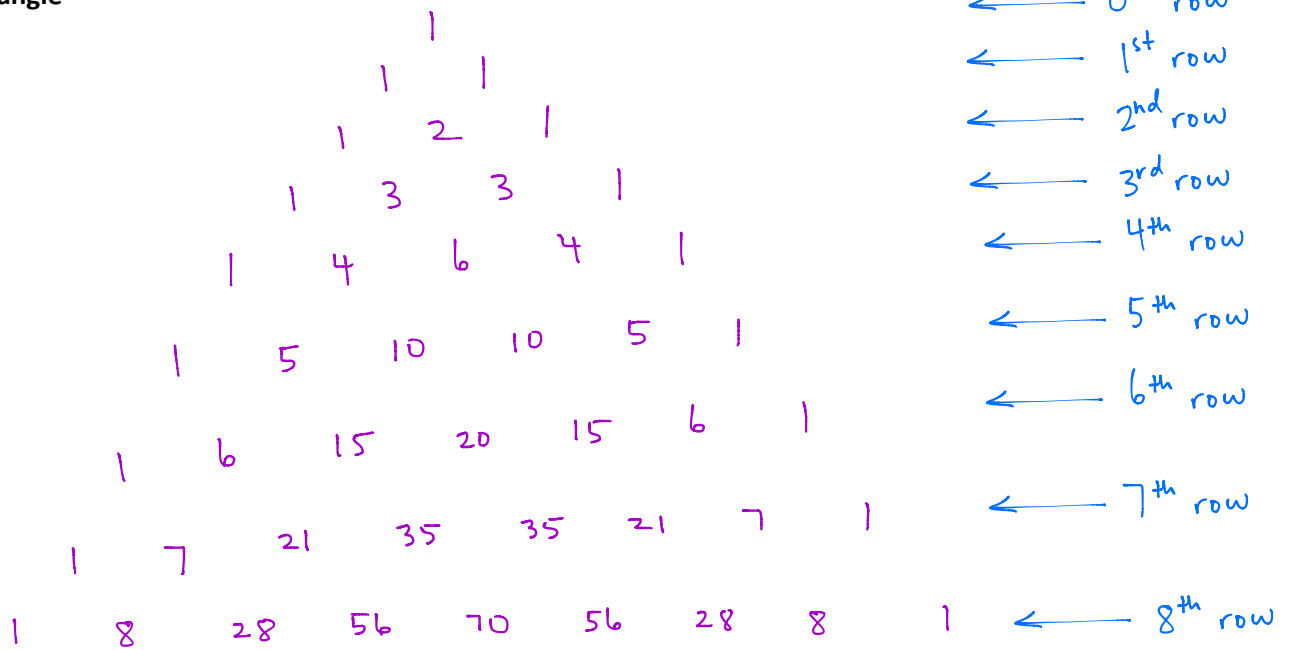
$$\begin{aligned} (a + b)^4 &= (a + b)^3(a + b) \\ &= (a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3)(a + b) \\ &= a^4 + \underline{a^3b} + \underline{3a^3b} + \underline{3a^2b^2} + \underline{3a^2b^2} + \underline{3ab^3} + \underline{ab^3} + b^4 \\ &= a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b)^5 &= (a + b)^4(a + b) \\ &= (a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4)(a + b) \\ &= a^5 + \underline{a^4b} + \underline{4a^4b} + \underline{4a^3b^2} + \underline{6a^3b^2} + \underline{6a^2b^3} + \underline{4a^2b^3} + \underline{4ab^4} + \underline{ab^4} + b^5 \\ &= a^5 + 5a^4b + 10a^3b^2 + 10a^2b^3 + 5ab^4 + b^5 \end{aligned}$$



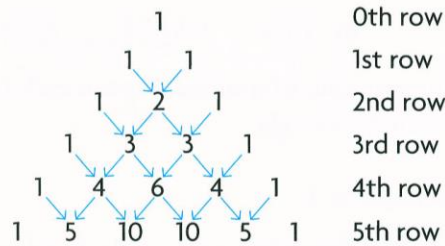
Blaise Pascal, 1623-1662

B. Pascal's Triangle



Key Ideas

- The arrangement of numbers shown below is called Pascal's triangle. Each row is generated by calculating the sum of pairs of consecutive terms in the previous row.



- The numbers in Pascal's triangle correspond to the coefficients in the expansion of binomials raised to whole-number exponents.

Need to Know

- Pascal's triangle has many interesting relationships among its numbers. Some of these relationships are recursive.
 - For example, down the sides are constant sequences: 1, 1, 1, ...
 - The diagonal beside that is the counting numbers, 1, 2, 3, ... , which form an arithmetic sequence.
 - The next diagonal is the triangular numbers, 1, 3, 6, 10, ... , which can be defined by the recursive formula

$$t_1 = 1, t_n = t_{n-1} + n, \text{ where } n \in \mathbf{N} \text{ and } n > 1.$$

- There are patterns in the expansions of a binomial $(a + b)^n$:
 - Each term in the expansion is the product of a number from Pascal's triangle, a power of a , and a power of b .
 - The coefficients in the expansion correspond to the numbers in the n th row in Pascal's triangle.
 - In the expansion, the exponents of a start at n and decrease by 1 down to zero, while the exponents of b start at zero and increase by 1 up to n .
 - In each term, the sum of the exponents of a and b is always n .

C. Expand and simplify each binomial power.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } (x-2)^5 &= 1(x)^5(-2)^0 + 5(x)^4(-2)^1 + 10(x)^3(-2)^2 + 10(x)^2(-2)^3 + 5(x)^1(-2)^4 + 1(x)^0(-2)^5 \\ a &= x \\ b &= (-2) \\ 5^{\text{th}} \text{ row} &= x^5 - 10x^4 + 40x^3 - 80x^2 + 80x - 32 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } (3x+2y)^3 &= 1(3x)^3(2y)^0 + 3(3x)^2(2y)^1 + 3(3x)^1(2y)^2 + 1(3x)^0(2y)^3 \\ a &= (3x) \\ b &= (2y) \\ 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ row} &= 27x^3 + 54x^2y + 36xy^2 + 8y^3 \end{aligned}$$

D. Expand and simplify the first three terms of each binomial power.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } (2x+3)^6 &= 1(2x)^6(3)^0 + 6(2x)^5(3)^1 + 15(2x)^4(3)^2 + \dots \\ a &= (2x) \\ b &= (3) \\ 6^{\text{th}} \text{ row} &= 64x^6 + 576x^5 + 2160x^4 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } (5x^3-3y^2)^7 &= 1(5x^3)^7(-3y^2)^0 + 7(5x^3)^6(-3y^2)^1 + 21(5x^3)^5(-3y^2)^2 + \dots \\ a &= (5x^3) \\ b &= (-3y^2) \\ 7^{\text{th}} \text{ row} &= 78125x^{21} - 328125x^{18}y^2 + 590625x^{15}y^4 - \dots \end{aligned}$$

WORKSHEET: Pascal's Triangle and Binomial Expansions

- Complete Pascal's triangle to the tenth level/row (for use in the following questions).
- The first four entries of the 12th row of Pascal's triangle are 1, 12, 66, and 220. Determine the first four entries of the 13th row of the triangle.
- Expand and simplify each binomial power.
 - $(x + 2)^5$
 - $(x - 1)^6$
 - $(2x - 3)^3$
- Expand and simplify the **first three terms** of each binomial power.
 - $(x + 5)^{10}$
 - $(x - 2)^8$
 - $(2x - 7)^9$
- Expand and simplify each binomial power.
 - $(y - 5)^6$
 - $(2x + 7y)^3$
 - $(2z^3 - 3y^2)^5$
- Expand and simplify the **first three terms** of each binomial power.
 - $(x - 2)^7$
 - $\left(3b^2 - \frac{2}{b}\right)^8$

Answers:

- The first four entries of the 13th row are: 1, 13, 78, 286
- $x^5 + 10x^4 + 40x^3 + 80x^2 + 80x + 32$
 - $x^6 - 6x^5 + 15x^4 - 20x^3 + 15x^2 - 6x + 1$
 - $8x^3 - 36x^2 + 54x - 27$
- $x^{10} + 50x^9 + 1125x^8$
 - $x^8 - 16x^7 + 112x^6$
 - $512x^9 - 16128x^8 + 225792x^7$
- $y^6 - 30y^5 + 375y^4 - 2500y^3 + 9375y^2 - 18750y + 15625$
 - $8x^3 + 84x^2y + 294xy^2 + 343y^3$
 - $-243y^{10} + 810y^8z^3 - 1080y^6z^6 + 720y^4z^9 - 240y^2z^{12} + 32z^{15}$
- $x^7 - 14x^6 + 84x^5$
 - $6561b^{16} - 34992b^{13} + 81648b^{10}$

Unit 7 Review

1. i) Determine the first five terms of each sequence, where $n \in \mathbf{N}$.
 ii) Determine whether each sequence is arithmetic, geometric, or neither.
 - a) $t_n = 5 \times 3^{n+1}$
 - b) $t_n = \frac{3n+2}{2n+1}$
 - c) $t_n = 5n$
 - d) $t_1 = 5, t_n = 7t_{n-1}$, where $n > 1$
 - e) $t_1 = 19, t_n = 1 - t_{n-1}$, where $n > 1$
 - f) $t_1 = 7, t_2 = 13, t_n = 2t_{n-1} - t_{n-2}$, where $n > 2$
2. For each sequence, determine
 - i) the general term
 - ii) the recursive formula
 - a) a geometric sequence with $a = -9$ and $r = -11$
 - b) an arithmetic sequence with second term 123 and third term -456
3. Determine the number of terms in each sequence.
 - a) 18, 25, 32, ... , 193
 - b) 2, $-10, 50, \dots, -156\,250$
4. Expand and simplify each binomial power.
 - a) $(x - 5)^4$
 - b) $(2x + 3y)^3$
5. Calculate the sum of each series.
 - a) $19 + 33 + 47 + \dots + 439$
 - b) the first 10 terms of the series $10\,000 + 12\,000 + 14\,400 + \dots$
6. A sequence is defined by the recursive formula $t_1 = 4, t_2 = 5, t_n = \frac{t_{n-1} + 1}{t_{n-2}}$, where $n \in \mathbf{N}$ and $n > 2$. Determine t_{123} . Explain your reasoning.
7. Your grandparents put aside \$100 for you on your first birthday. Every following year, they put away \$75 more than they did the previous year. How much money will have been put aside by the time you are 21?

Answers:

1. a) i) the first five terms are 45, 135, 405, 1215, 3645 ii) it is geometric, $r = 3$
 b) i) the first five terms are $\frac{5}{3}, \frac{8}{5}, \frac{11}{7}, \frac{14}{9}, \frac{17}{11}$ ii) it is neither arithmetic nor geometric
 c) i) the first five terms are 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 ii) it is arithmetic, $d = 5$
 d) i) the first five terms are 5, 35, 245, 1715, 12 005 ii) it is geometric, $r = 7$
 e) i) the first five terms are 19, $-18, 19, -18, 19$ ii) it is neither arithmetic nor geometric
 f) i) the first five terms are 7, 13, 19, 25, 31 ii) it is arithmetic, $d = 6$
2. a) i) $t_n = (-9)(-11)^{n-1}$ ii) $t_1 = -9; t_n = -11t_{n-1}$
 b) i) $t_n = -579n + 1281$ ii) $t_1 = 702; t_n = t_{n-1} - 579$
3. a) $n = 26$
 b) $n = 8$
4. a) $(x - 5)^4 = x^4 - 20x^3 + 150x^2 - 500x + 625$
 b) $(2x + 3y)^3 = 8x^3 + 36x^2y + 54xy^2 + 27y^3$
5. a) $n = 31, S_{31} = 7099$
 b) $S_{10} = 259\,586.8$
6. Find the first 7 terms and you will see a pattern repeating such that $t_{123} = 1.5$
7. $a = 100, d = 75, n = 20$, therefore $S_{20} = 16\,250$