

Problem 1

$\{11, 18, 25, 32\}$

Next three terms $\{11, 18, 25, 32, 39, 46, 53\}$

Note: $32 - 25 = 7$

$25 - 18 = 7$

$18 - 11 = 7$

This means that this sequence can be written as an arithmetic sequence

$d = 7$

$a_1 = 11$

Arithmetic Sequence $a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$
 $= 11 + (n-1)(7)$

Explicit Form of this Sequence

$$a_n = 11 + 7n - 7$$

$$a_n = 4 + 7n$$

A	seq_1	B
=		
1	11	
2	18	
3	25	
4	32	
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		
A1	11	

finding a_{100} given that $a_n = 11 + (n-1)(7)$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{100} &= 11 + (100-1)(7) \\ &= 704 \end{aligned}$$

finding a_{100} given that $a_n = 4 + 7n$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{100} &= 4 + (7)(100) \\ &= 704 \end{aligned}$$

now you CAN write an arithmetic sequence as a recursive sequence, but arithmetic is easier!

$$a_1 = 11$$

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + 7$$

Problem 2

$\{729, 243, 81, 27\}$ Including the next three terms $\{729, 243, 81, 27, 9, 3, 1\}$

Note: $\frac{243}{729} = \frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{81}{243} = \frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{27}{81} = \frac{1}{3}$

This means that this sequence can be written as a geometric sequence

$r = \frac{1}{3}$ $a_1 = 729$ Geometric Sequence $a_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$

$$= 729 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$

Explicit Form of this Sequence

$$a_n = 729 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$a_n = 3^6 \cdot (3^{-1})^{n-1}$$

$$= 3^6 \cdot (3^{-n+1})$$

$$= 3^{-n+7} = 2187 \cdot 3^{-n}$$

	A	seq_1	B
=			
1		729	
2		243	
3		81	
4		27	
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
	A1	729	

finding a_9 given that $a_n = 729 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{n-1}$

$$a_9 = 729 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{9-1}$$

$$= 729 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^8$$

$$= \frac{729}{6561} = \frac{1}{9}$$

now you CAN write an geometric sequence as a recursive sequence, but geometric is easier!

$$a_1 = 729$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3}a_n$$

Problem 3

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{3}, \frac{-1}{9}, \frac{1}{27}, \frac{-1}{81} \right\}$$

Including the next three terms $\left\{ \frac{1}{3}, \frac{-1}{9}, \frac{1}{27}, \frac{-1}{81}, \frac{1}{243}, \frac{-1}{729}, \frac{1}{2187} \right\}$

Note: $\frac{\frac{-1}{9}}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{-1}{3}$ $\frac{\frac{1}{27}}{\frac{-1}{9}} = \frac{-1}{3}$ $\frac{\frac{-1}{81}}{\frac{1}{27}} = \frac{-1}{3}$

This means that this sequence can be written as a geometric sequence

$r = \frac{-1}{3}$ $a_1 = \frac{1}{3}$ Geometric Sequence $a_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$

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

	A	seq_1	B
=			
1		1/3	
2		-1/9	
3		1/27	
4		-1/81	
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
	A1	1/3	

finding a_{10} given that $a_n = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{-1}{3} \right)^{n-1}$

$$a_{10} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{-1}{3} \right)^{10-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{-1}{3} \right)^9$$

$$= \frac{-1}{59049}$$

now you CAN write an geometric sequence as a recursive sequence, but geometric is easier!

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{-1}{3} a_n$$

Problem 4

$\{7,9,12,16,21\}$ Including the next three terms $\{7,9,12,16,21,27,34,42\}$

Note: $\frac{9}{7} = \frac{9}{7}$ $\frac{12}{9} = \frac{4}{3}$ $\frac{16}{12} = \frac{4}{3}$ $\frac{21}{16} = \frac{21}{16}$

Note: $9-7 = 2$ $12-9 = 3$ $16-12 = 4$ $21-16 = 5$

So this does not have a common ratio or a common difference

This means that this sequence cannot be written as a geometric or an arithmetic sequence

So we must write a different type of sequence, recursive sequence

$$a_1 = 7$$

$$a_{n+1} = n+1 + a_n \text{ (this means add the number of term plus 1 to the previous term)}$$

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		a1	a2	a3	a4	a5	
2	a_n	7	9	12	16	21	

D2 = d1 + 1