

Problem 1

$\{17, 26, 35, 44\}$

Next three terms $\{17, 26, 35, 44, 53, 62, 71\}$

Note: $26 - 17 = 9$

$35 - 26 = 9$

$44 - 35 = 9$

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

$d = 9$

$a_1 = 17$

Arithmetic Sequence $a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$
 $= 17 + (n-1)(9)$

Explicit Form of this Sequence

$$a_n = 17 + 9n - 9$$

$$a_n = 8 + 9n$$

B seq_11		
=		
1	7	17
2	6	26
3	5	35
4	4	44
5		53
6		62
7		71
8		
9		
10		
11		

B6:B7

finding a_{100} given that $a_n = 17 + (n-1)(9)$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{100} &= 17 + (100-1)(9) \\ &= 908 \end{aligned}$$

finding a_{100} given that $a_n = 8 + 9n$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{100} &= 8 + (9)(100) \\ &= 908 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$a_1 = 17$$

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + 9$$

Problem 2

$\{1296, 216, 36, 6\}$ Including the next three terms $\left\{1296, 216, 36, 6, 1, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{36}\right\}$

Note: $\frac{216}{1296} = \frac{1}{6}$ $\frac{36}{216} = \frac{1}{6}$ $\frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$

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

$r = \frac{1}{6}$ $a_1 = 1296$ Geometric Sequence $a_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$

$$= 1296 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^{n-1}$$

Explicit Form of this Sequence

$$a_n = 1296 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$a_n = 6^4 \cdot (6^{-1})^{n-1}$$

$$= 6^4 \cdot (6^{-n+1})$$

$$= 6^{-n+5} = 7776 \cdot 6^{-n}$$

$\frac{1}{6}$	
=	
1	1296
2	216
3	36
4	6
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	
11	
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finding a_9 given that $a_n = 1296 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^{n-1}$

$$a_9 = 1296 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^{9-1}$$

$$= 1296 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^8$$

$$= \frac{1296}{1679616} = \frac{1}{1296}$$

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

$$a_1 = 1296$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{6}a_n$$

Problem 3

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{5}, \frac{-1}{25}, \frac{1}{125}, \frac{-1}{625} \right\}$$

Including the next three terms $\left\{ \frac{1}{5}, \frac{-1}{25}, \frac{1}{125}, \frac{-1}{625}, \frac{1}{3125}, \frac{-1}{15625}, \frac{1}{78125} \right\}$

Note: $\frac{\frac{-1}{25}}{\frac{1}{5}} = \frac{-1}{5}$ $\frac{\frac{1}{125}}{\frac{-1}{25}} = \frac{-1}{5}$ $\frac{\frac{-1}{625}}{\frac{1}{125}} = \frac{-1}{5}$

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

$r = \frac{-1}{5}$ $a_1 = \frac{1}{5}$ Geometric Sequence $a_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$

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

	A	seq_1	B
=			
1		1/5	
2		-1/25	
3		1/125	
4		-1/625	
5			
6			-
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
1			

finding a_{10} given that $a_n = \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{-1}{5} \right)^{n-1}$

$$a_{10} = \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{-1}{5} \right)^{10-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{-1}{5} \right)^9$$

$$= \frac{-1}{9765625}$$

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

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{-1}{5} a_n$$

Problem 4

$\{15, 20, 26, 33, 41\}$ Including the next three terms $\{15, 20, 26, 33, 41, 50, 60, 71\}$

Note: $\frac{20}{15} = \frac{4}{3}$ $\frac{26}{20} = \frac{13}{10}$ $\frac{33}{26} = \frac{33}{26}$ $\frac{41}{33} = \frac{41}{33}$

Note: $20 - 15 = 5$ $26 - 20 = 6$ $33 - 26 = 7$ $41 - 33 = 8$

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

$a_1 = 15$

$a_{n+1} = (n+4) + a_n$ (this means add the number of term plus 4 to the previous term)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
=							
3	n		1	2	3	4	5
4							

1	15
2	20
3	26
4	33
5	41
6	50
7	60
8	71
9	83
10	96
11	110