

Quiz Tues Feb 13 Section 2.5

Test Wed Feb 14

2.3 - 2.8

7 Questions

Practice Problems on website

Quiz Tues Feb 27 Section 3.1

3.1 Sequences and Series Cont'd

3 ways to define a sequence:

LIST 3, 5, 7, ..., 13

GENERAL
FORMULA

$$a_n = 2n + 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq n \leq 6$$

RECURSIVE
FORMULA

$$\begin{cases} a_1 = 3 \\ a_n = 2 + a_{n-1} \text{ for } 2 \leq n \leq 6 \end{cases}$$

next
term

previous
term

Ex: Find the first four terms.

$$a) \begin{cases} a_1 = 2 \\ a_n = a_{n-1} + 3 \end{cases} \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

$$a_1 = 2, \quad a_2 = a_1 + 3 = 5,$$

$$a_3 = a_2 + 3 = 8,$$

$$a_4 = a_3 + 3 = 11$$

$$b) \begin{cases} a_1 = 1, \quad a_2 = 1 \\ a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \end{cases} \text{ for } n \geq 3$$

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 1$$

$$a_3 = a_2 + a_1 = 2$$

$$a_4 = a_3 + a_2 = 3$$

Factorials

$$n! = n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) \cdots 1$$

"n factorial"

$$4! = 4(3)(2)(1) = 24$$

$$3! = 3(2)(1) = 6$$

$$2! = 2(1) = 2$$

$$1! = 1$$

($0! = 1$ by definition)

Ex: Write a recursive formula
for $1, 2, 6, 24, 120, 720, \dots$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_1 = 1 \\ a_n = n a_{n-1}, \quad n \geq 2 \end{array} \right.$$

(TRICKY)

Series: sum of numbers
(Sequence: list of numbers)

$5 + 15 + 25 + \dots + 105$ is a finite series
 $5 + 15 + 25 + \dots$ is an infinite series

S_k = sum of first k terms of a series

S_∞ = sum of all terms of an infinite series

Ex: Consider $16 + 20 + 24 + \dots$
Find S_3 and S_5 .

$$S_3 = 16 + 20 + 24 = 60$$

$$S_5 = 16 + 20 + 24 + 28 + 32 = 120$$

Note: The series $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots$
has $S_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3$

The series $a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + \dots$
has $S_3 = a_0 + a_1 + a_2$

Sigma Notation

$$\sum_{n=1}^4 (3n+1) = \overset{(n=1)}{4} + 7 + 10 + \overset{(n=4)}{13} = 34$$

"Sum from $n=1$ to 4 of $3n+1$ "

Ex: Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \sum_{i=0}^2 3^i &= 3^0 + 3^1 + 3^2 \\ &= 1 + 3 + 9 \\ &= 13 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \sum_{j=2}^8 7 &= 7 + 7 + \dots + 7 \\ &\quad (j=2) \quad (j=3) \quad \quad \quad (j=8) \\ &= 7(7) \end{aligned}$$

terms = last index - first index + 1

$$= 49$$

Ex: Write in sigma notation:

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+6} \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{n=6}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+5}$$

3.2 Arithmetic Sequences and Series

$$0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, \dots$$


Common difference

$$5, -15, -25, \dots$$
