

M3 ARITHMETIC SEQUENCES HW

NAME Key Spring 1

Write the Recursive and Explicit formula for the following sequences:

1. -40, -33, -26, -19, ...

Recursive: $a_1 = -40$ $a_n = a_{n-1} + 7$

Explicit: $a_n = -40 + (n-1)(7)$

$a_n = -40 + 7n - 7$

$a_n = 7n - 47$

2. 5.2, 7, 8.8, 10.6, ...

Recursive: $a_1 = 5.2$ $a_n = a_{n-1} + 1.8$

Explicit: $a_n = 5.2 + (n-1)(1.8)$

$a_n = 5.2 + 1.8n - 1.8$

$a_n = 1.8n + 3.4$

3. -2, -9, -16, -23, ...

Recursive: $a_1 = -2$ $a_n = a_{n-1} - 7$

Explicit: $a_n = -2 + (n-1)(-7)$

$a_n = -2 - 7n + 7$

$a_n = 5 - 7n$

4. 75, 80, 85, ...

Recursive: $a_1 = 75$ $a_n = a_{n-1} + 5$

Explicit: $a_n = 75 + (n-1)(5)$

$a_n = 75 + 5n - 5$

$a_n = 5n + 80$

5. Find the next 5 terms if $a_1 = 6, d = -4$

6, $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{-2}{3}, \frac{-6}{3}, \frac{-10}{3}, \frac{-14}{3}$

6. In an arithmetic sequence, the first term is $-\frac{1}{3}$ and the Common difference is -2 . What is the 8th term?

$a_8 = -\frac{1}{3} + (8-1)(-2)$

$a_8 = -\frac{1}{3} - 14$

$a_8 = -14\frac{1}{3}$ or $-\frac{43}{3}$ or -14.33

7. Find a_{29} of the sequence 182, 176, 170 ...

$a_1 = 182$

$d = -6$

$n = 29$

$a_{29} = 182 + (29-1)(-6)$

$a_{29} = 182 - 168$

$a_{29} = 14$

8. The 12th term of an arithmetic sequence is 30 and the

Common difference is 3. Find the first term.

$a_{12} = 30$

$d = 3$

$a_1 = ?$

$30 = a_1 + (12-1)(3)$

$30 = a_1 + 33$

$-3 = a_1$

9. Find the number of terms in the sequence:

$a_1 = -6$
 $d = +4$
 $a_n = 158$
 $-6, -2, 2, \dots, 158$
 $158 = -6 + (n-1)(+4)$
 $164 = (n-1)(+4)$
 $41 = n-1$
 $42 = n$

158 is the 42nd term

10. Which term is 153 if the sequence begins $-9, -3, 3, 9 \dots$

$a_n = 153$
 $a_1 = -9$
 $d = 6$
 $153 = -9 + (n-1)(6)$
 $162 = (n-1)(6)$
 $27 = n-1$
 $28 = n$

153 is the 28th term

11. In an arithmetic sequence, $a_{13} = 2$ and $a_{21} = 4$. 12. In an arithmetic sequence, $a_{16} = 40$ and $a_{22} = 58$.

Find a_{101} .

Step 1: manipulate formula
 $a_n = 2 + (n-13)d$

Step 2: find d
 $4 = 2 + (21-13)d$
 $2 = 8d$
 $\frac{1}{4} = d$

Step 3: update eqn
 $a_n = 2 + (n-13)(\frac{1}{4})$

$a_{101} = 24$

Step 4: find a_{101} : $a_{101} = 2 + (101-13)(\frac{1}{4})$

Find a_{32} .

Step 1: manipulate formula $a_n = 40 + (n-16)d$

Step 2: find d
 $58 = 40 + (22-16)d$
 $18 = 6d$
 $d = 3$

Step 3: update eqn
 $a_n = 40 + (n-16)(3)$

Step 4: find a_{32} :
 $a_{32} = 40 + (32-16)(3)$
 $a_{32} = 88$

13. Find the common difference if the first term

Of an arithmetic sequence is 2 and the 11th term is 9.5.

$a_{11} = a_1 + (11-1)d$
 $9.5 = 2 + 10d$
 $7.5 = 10d$

$d = 0.75$ or $\frac{3}{4}$

14. The 3rd term of an arithmetic sequence is 2 and the 18th

term is 47. Find the common difference.

Since we don't know the first term, manipulate the equation

$a_n = a_3 + (n-3)d$
 $a_n = 2 + (n-3)d$

use other term to find d :

$47 = 2 + (18-3)d$
 $45 = 15d$

$d = 3$