

# *Unit 10: Sequences*

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## **Goals:**

**Target A:** I can write equations for sequences in both explicit and recursive form.

**Target B:** I can find terms in both explicit and recursive sequences.

## **Resources:**

<http://mrnohner.com/sequences.html>

# Vocab: Sequences

V U K A R I T H M E T I C A G Y I N Z B Z V Q K G K O M A H  
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M O H H V M D A A E Q F M T D F C O K Y U U L Y S R P P R O  
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Explicit Form  
Common Difference

Recursive Form  
Common Ratio

Arithmetic  
Term

Geometric Sequence  
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<b>Homework</b>	
<b>Page(s)</b>	<b>Problems</b>

<b>Homework Grading</b>	
<b>Homework completed</b>	<b>Grade</b>
100% AND 50% of challenge problems Or unit project	4
75%	3
50%	2
49% or less	1

<b>Most Valuable Retakes</b>	
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<p><b>I can find terms in explicit sequences.</b></p> <p>1) To find terms in the sequence we plug in values to the equation. Start with <math>A_0</math> by plugging in a 0 for n. Repeat by finding <math>A_1</math> by plugging in a 1 for n.</p>	<p>Find four terms <u>and</u> label them for this equation in <b><u>explicit form</u></b>.</p> <p>a. <math>A_n = 3n - 10</math></p>
<p><b>I can write equations for sequences in explicit form.</b></p> <p>1) Determine if the sequence is arithmetic (grows with addition) or geometric (grows with multiplication).</p> <p>2) If it is geometric you write it in the form <math>A_n = a \cdot b^n</math> where the 'b value' is the multiplication value it grows by and 'a value' is the starting value.</p> <p>3) If it is arithmetic you write it in the form <math>A_n = an + b</math> where the 'a value' is the addition value it grows by and 'b value' is the starting value.</p>	<p>Write the <b><u>explicit form equations</u></b> for this sequence.</p> <p>a. 6, 11, 16, 21, ...</p> <p>b. 2, 6, 18, 54, ....</p>



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## ***Assignment # 1: Explicit Form Homework***

- 1) What is the difference between an arithmetic sequence and a geometric sequence?  
Give an example of both.

- 2) Generate the sequences to  $a_6$  given the following formulas.

a.  $a_n = 4n + 7$

b.  $a_n = 64(\frac{1}{2})^n$

- 3) Find the explicit form for the following sequences. Start by labeling the sequence.

a. 100, 95, 90, 85, ...

b. 5, 15, 45 ...

c. 8, 4, 2, 1, 0.5, ...

d. -1, 3, 7, 11, ...

## ***Assignment #2: Explicit and Recursive Homework***

1) Find the recursive form for the following sequences. Start by labeling the sequence.

a. 4, 2, 0, -2, ...

b. 10, 30, 90, 270, ...

c. 100, 50, 25, 12.5, ...

d. 5, 6, 7, 8, ...

2) Find the explicit form for the following sequences. Start by labeling the sequence.

a) 4, 2, 0, -2, ...

b) 10, 30, 90, 270, ...

c) 100, 50, 25, 12.5, ...

d) 5, 6, 7, 8, ...

3) Carly is thinking of a sequence that starts with 1 and 2. To get the next number in her sequence she always add the previous two together and then add 5. Which form would be easier to write this equation in and what is it?

## Assignment #2: Explicit and Recursive Homework

4) Generate the sequences to  $a_6$  (label them!) given the following formulas.

a.  $a_0 = 6$   
 $a_n = a_{n-1} + 7$

b.  $a_n = -2n + 70$

c.  $a_n = 2(3)^n$

d.  $a_0 = 1$   
 $a_n = 5a_{n-1} + 1$

5) Which form would be better for finding  $a_{100}$  of this sequence? Write the equation and find that value given that the first term is  $a_0$ .

1, 5, 9, 13, ...

### ***Assignment #3: Explicit and Recursive Homework Part 2***

1) Find the **recursive form** for the following sequences. Start by labeling the sequence.

a. 6, 1, -4, -9, ...

b. 2, 14, 98, 686,...

c. 1000, 100, 10, 1, ...

d. 5, 15, 25, 35, ...

2) Find the **explicit form** for the following sequences. Start by labeling the sequence.

a. 6, 1, -4, -9, ...

b. 2, 14, 98, 686,...

c. 1000, 100, 10, 1, ...

d. 5, 15, 25, 35, ...

### ***Assignment #3: Explicit and Recursive Homework Part 2***

3) Find  $A_6$  given the following formulas.

a.  $a_0 = 2$   
 $a_n = a_{n-1} + 1$

b.  $a_n = -5n + 70$

c.  $a_n = 20(3)^n$

d.  $a_0 = 11$   
 $a_n = 2a_{n-1} - 5$

4) Write out the following sequence until  $a_7$ .

$$\begin{aligned}a_0 &= 1 \\a_1 &= 2 \\a_2 &= 3 \\a_n &= a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3}\end{aligned}$$

## ***Assignment #4: Practice Test***

- 1) Name a benefit of recursive form and of explicit form.
  
- 2) Describe the difference between arithmetic and geometric sequences.
  
- 3) How can you find the multiplier of a sequence that isn't obvious?  
For example: 872, 858.2224, 844.66248608...
  
- 4) Find the **recursive form** for the following sequences. Start by labeling the sequence.
  - a. 16, 8, 4, 2, ...
  
  - b. 11, 13, 15, 17,...
  
- 5) Find the **explicit form** for the following sequences. Start by labeling the sequence.
  - a. 16, 8, 4, 2, ...
  
  - b. 11, 13, 15, 17,...



## Assignment #4: Practice Test

6. Find  $A_6$  given the following formulas.

a.  $a_0 = 5$   
 $a_n = a_{n-1} - 2$

b.  $a_n = 5(2)^n$

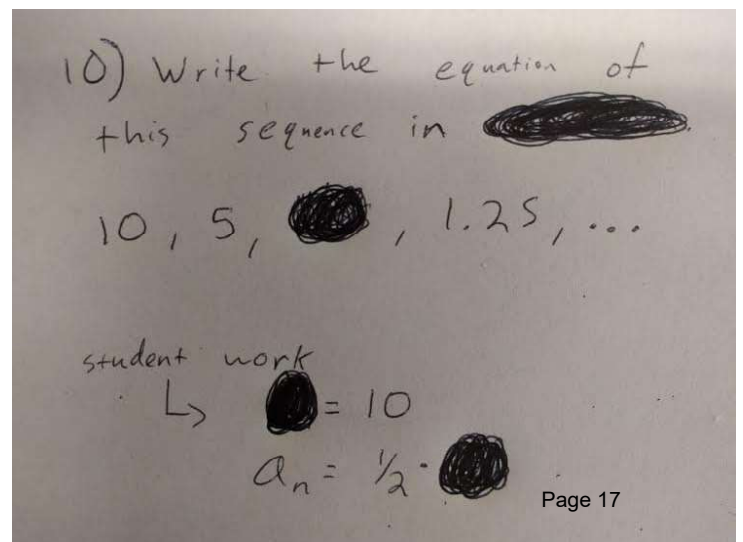
7. Write out the following sequence until  $a_5$ .

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= 1 \\ a_1 &= 2 \\ a_n &= 2a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

8. What is the equation of this sequence (hint: use recursive form)

10, 8, 2, 6, -4, 10, -14, 24, ...

9. What is underneath the cross outs of this student's work?



## **Challenge Problems!!!**

1. What is the recursive formula that would create the sequence: 2, 3, 8, 63, 3968, ...
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is the recursive formula that would create the sequence: 1, 3, 4, 7, 11, 18, ...
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What is the recursive formula that would create the sequence: 10, 9, 1, 8, -7, 15, ...
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Create a sequence where  $a_2 = 14$  and  $a_{100} = 308$ . Write the equation for the sequence in explicit form.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Write the next 3 terms of this sequence:  
 $a_0 = 1$                        $a_1 = 2$                        $a_2 = 3$                        $a_n = a_{n-1}(a_{n-3} + a_{n-2})$
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What is the sum of the infinite sequence  $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \dots$

# **Unit 10: Sequences Answer Key**

## **Assignment # 1: Explicit Form Homework**

- 1) Arithmetic sequences grow by a constant addition or subtraction, geometric grows by a common multiplier.    2a) 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31    2b) 64, 32, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1  
3a)  $a_n = 100 - 5n$     3b)  $a_n = 5(3)^n$     3c)  $a_n = 8(\frac{1}{2})^n$     3d)  $a_n = 4n - 1$

## **Assignment #2: Explicit and Recursive Homework**

- 1a)  $a_0 = 4$      $a_n = a_{n-1} - 2$     1b)  $a_0 = 10$      $a_n = 3a_{n-1}$     1c)  $a_0 = 100$      $a_n = \frac{1}{2}a_{n-1}$   
1d)  $a_0 = 5$      $a_n = a_{n-1} + 1$     2a)  $a_n = 4 - 2n$     2b)  $a_n = 10(3)^n$   
2c)  $a_n = 100(\frac{1}{2})^n$     2d)  $a_n = 5 + n$   
3) Recursive Form:  $a_0 = 1$      $a_1 = 2$      $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + 5$   
4a) 6, 13, 20, 27, 34, 41    4b) 70, 68, 66, 64, 62, 60, 58    4c) 2, 6, 18, 54, 162, 486, 1458  
4d) 1, 6, 31, 156, 781, 3906    5) Explicit Form: 401

## **Assignment #3: Explicit and Recursive Homework Part 2**

- 1a)  $a_0 = 6$      $a_n = a_{n-1} - 5$     1b)  $a_0 = 2$      $a_n = 7a_{n-1}$     1c)  $a_0 = 1000$      $a_n = (1/10)a_{n-1}$   
1d)  $a_0 = 5$      $a_n = a_{n-1} + 10$     2a)  $a_n = 6 - 5n$     2b)  $a_n = 2(7)^n$   
2c)  $a_n = 1000(\frac{1}{2})^n$     2d)  $a_n = 5 + 10n$   
3a) 7    3b) 40    3c) 14580  
3d) 197  
4) 1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 20, 37

## **Assignment #4: Practice Test**

- 1) Explicit Form allows us to evaluate any term in the sequence without finding all of them.

Recursive Form allows us to find and write equations that model all different types of growth patterns, not just linear and exponential.

- 2) Arithmetic sequences grow by a constant addition or subtraction, geometric grows by a common multiplier.

- 3) Divide the 2nd term by the first. Or the third by the second etc.

- 4a)  $a_0 = 16$      $a_n = (\frac{1}{2})a_{n-1}$     4b)  $a_0 = 11$      $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2$     5a)  $a_n = 16(\frac{1}{2})^n$   
5b)  $a_n = 2n + 11$     6a) -5    6b) 320  
7) 1, 2, 6, 16, 44    8)  $a_0 = 10$      $a_1 = 8$      $a_n = a_{n-2} - a_{n-1}$

- 9) Cross out #1: recursive form    Cross out #2: 2.5    Cross out #3:  $a_n$

Cross out #1:  $a_{n-1}$



## Recursive Food

