

MCR3U - Chapter 7 Review

1. What is the 10th term of the sequence: 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, ... ?
 a. 27
 b. 31
 c. 28
 d. 25

+3 +3 +3 → arithmetic
 $d = 3$
 $a = 1$

$$t_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$n = 10$
 $t_{10} = 1 + (9)(3) = 28$

2. If the first term of a sequence is 3 and the common difference is 4, what is the 23rd term in the sequence?
 a. 88
 b. 87
 c. 95
 d. 91

→ arithmetic
 $t_{23} = a + 22d$
 $= 3 + 22(4)$
 $= 91$

3. The 11th term of a sequence is 24. If the first term is 374, then what is the common difference?
 a. -35
 b. -27
 c. -34
 d. -28

$n = 11$ → $t_{11} = 24$
 $a = 374$ $d = ?$

$$t_n = a + 10d$$

$$24 = 374 + 10d$$

→ $-350 = 10d$
 $\Rightarrow d = -35$

4. Determine the number of terms in the sequence: 5240, 4365, 3490, 2615, ..., -2635
 a. 8
 b. 10
 c. 11
 d. 9

-875 -875 -875 arithmetic!
 a' t_n

$d = -875$

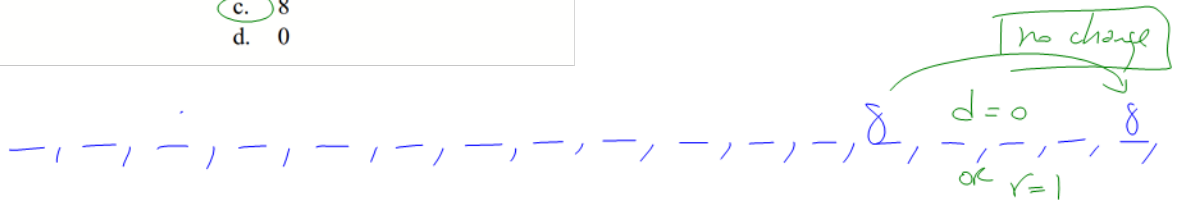
$$t_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$\Rightarrow -2635 = 5240 + (n-1)(-875)$$

$$\Rightarrow -7875 = (n-1)(-875) \div (-875)$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-1) = 9 \Rightarrow \boxed{n = 10}$$

5. The 13th term of a sequence is 8, and the 17th term is 8. What is the 25th term?
 a. 4
 b. 25
 c. 8
 d. 0



$t_{25} = 8$ no change!

6. Determine the general form for the arithmetic sequence whose 5th term is 10 and consecutive terms decrease by 4.

- a. $22 - 4(n - 1)$
b. $-2 + 4(n - 1)$

- c. $26 - 4(n - 1)$
d. $-6 + 4(n - 1)$

$t_5 = a + 4d$

$\Rightarrow 10 = a + 4(-4)$

$\Rightarrow 10 = a - 16 \Rightarrow a = 26$

$\therefore t_n = 26 + (n - 1)(-4)$ (c)

$t_n = a + (n - 1)d$

7. What is the general term of the sequence: 6, 42, 294, 2058, 14406, ... \Rightarrow geometric w/ $r = 7$

- a. $t_n = 6(7)^n$
b. $t_n = 6(6)^{n-1}$

- c. $t_n = 6(7)^{n-1}$
d. $t_n = 7(6)^{n-1}$

$t_n = ar^{n-1}$
 $\Rightarrow t_n = (6)(7)^{n-1}$

8. What is the 6th term of the sequence: $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{8}{9}, \frac{32}{27}, \dots$

- a. $\frac{4096}{729}$
b. $\frac{2048}{729}$

- c. $\frac{1024}{243}$
d. $\frac{512}{243}$

$t_6 = ar^5$
 $= (\frac{1}{2})(\frac{4}{3})^5 = \frac{1}{2} (\frac{1024}{243}) = \frac{512}{243}$ (d)

geometric or arithmetic!
 $\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{4}{3}$, $\frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{\frac{8}{9}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{8}{9} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{4}{3}$
geometric w/ $r = \frac{4}{3}$

9. If the 9th term in a geometric sequence is 45 927 and the common ratio is 3, then what is the first term?

- a. 7
b. 8

- c. 6
d. 9

$r = 3$

$t_9 = 45927$

$t_9 = ar^8$

$\Rightarrow 45927 = a(3)^8$

$\Rightarrow 45927 = a(6561)$

$\Rightarrow a = \frac{45927}{6561} = 7$

10. If the 8th term of a sequence is 256, and the 5th term of the sequence is 32, what is the common ratio?

- a. 2
b. 4

- c. -2
d. $\frac{1}{2}$

geometric

known info: $t_8 = 256$, $t_5 = 32$
 $r^3 = 8 \Rightarrow r = 8^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2$

$t_n = ar^{n-1}$
 $\Rightarrow t_8 = ar^7$ & $t_5 = ar^4$

nice trick for geometric sequences

$\frac{t_8}{t_5} = \frac{ar^7}{ar^4} = \frac{256}{32} = r^3 = 8 \Rightarrow r = 2$

11. How many terms are in the geometric sequence: 2, 6, 18, 54, ..., 118 098

- a. 8
- b. 9

- c. 10
- d. 11

t_n

$$r = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

$r=3$

$t_n = ar^{n-1}$ need to find n $a=2$

$\Rightarrow 118\,098 = 2(3)^{n-1}$ ($\div 2$) both sides to get the exponential done.

$\Rightarrow 59\,049 = 3^{n-1}$ use "log" to get the "n-1" out of the exponent

$\Rightarrow \log(59\,049) = (n-1) \cdot \log(3) \quad \div: \log(3)$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\log(59\,049)}{\log(3)} = n-1 \quad \Rightarrow n-1 = 10$
 $\Rightarrow n = 11 \quad \therefore 11 \text{ terms!}$

12. Determine the sum of the arithmetic sequence: 5 + 18 + 31 + 44 + ... + 161.

- a. 1079
- b. 1992

$5 + 18 + 31 + 44 + \dots + 161$
 $\begin{matrix} +13 & +13 \\ \swarrow & \searrow \\ t_1 & t_2 \end{matrix}$
 $\begin{matrix} & & +13 \\ & & \swarrow \searrow \\ & t_3 & t_4 \end{matrix}$
 t_n

$$S_n = \frac{n(2a + (n-1)d)}{2}$$

$a=5$

$d=+13$

$n=?$

\hookrightarrow we need 'n'

use $t_n = 161$

$t_n = a + (n-1)d$

$\Rightarrow 161 = 5 + (n-1)(13)$

$\Rightarrow 156 = 13(n-1) \quad \div: 13$

$\Rightarrow 12 = n-1$

$\Rightarrow n=13$

\Rightarrow

$S_{13} = \frac{13(2(5) + (12)(13))}{2}$
 $= \frac{13(10 + 156)}{2} = 1079$

13. Calculate the sum of the first 15 terms of an arithmetic sequence with third term 14 and common difference -9.

- a. -585
- b. -465

- c. 434
- d. -824

$t_3 = 14$

$d = -9$

$$S_n = \frac{n(2a + (n-1)d)}{2}$$

$n=15$
 $d=-9$
 $a=?$
 need a

$$\Rightarrow S_{15} = \frac{15(2(32) + (14)(-9))}{2} = -465$$

use t_3 to find a

$$t_3 = a + 2d$$

$$\Rightarrow 14 = a + 2(-9)$$

$$14 = a - 18$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 32$$

14. Calculate the sum of the first 20 terms of an arithmetic sequence with 3rd term 8 and 8th term 143.

- a. 8420
- b. 5400

- c. 4210
- d. 4480

$t_3 = 8$

$t_8 = 143$

← given info.

$$S_n = \frac{n(2a + (n-1)d)}{2}$$

don't know these!

2 unknowns \Rightarrow we need 2 bits of info to find them!

use $t_3 \div t_8$ to find $a \div d$

$$t_3 = a + 2d \quad | \quad t_8 = a + 7d$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 = a + 2d \quad | \quad \Rightarrow 143 = a + 7d$$

System of linear eqns

$(2) - (1) \Rightarrow 135 = 5d$

$\Rightarrow d = \frac{135}{5} = 27$

sub into (1) for a

$8 = a + 2(27)$

$8 - 54 = a$

$\Rightarrow a = -46$

$$\Rightarrow S_{20} = \frac{20(2(-46) + 19(27))}{2} = 4210$$

15. Determine S_{26} for the series: $-452 - 396 - 340 - 284 - \dots$

- a. 6448
- b. 7176
- c. 12298
- d. 6200

Q: Arithmetic or Geometric
 \Rightarrow compare terms to see if there is a ratio or \neq difference!

$$S_n = \frac{n(2a + (n-1)d)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{26} = \frac{26(2(-452) + (25)(56))}{2} = 6448$$

$$t_2 - t_1 = -396 - (-452) = 56$$

$$t_3 - t_2 = -340 - (-396) = 56$$

Common difference of 56 \Rightarrow arithmetic!

16. Determine the sum of the first 15 terms of the arithmetic series whose 5th term is 4 and consecutive terms increase by 3.

- a. 195
- b. 285
- c. 182
- d. 169

use t_5 to find a "n-1"

$$S_n = \frac{n(2a + (n-1)d)}{2}$$

we need 'a'

$$t_5 = a + 4d$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 = a + 4(3)$$

$$4 = a + 12$$

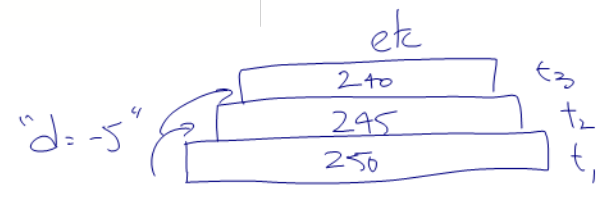
$$\Rightarrow a = -8$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{15} = \frac{15(2(-8) + 14(3))}{2} = 195$$

17. A brick layer building a trapezoidal wall starts with a base of 250 bricks and decreases the number of bricks by 5 each layer up. How many bricks does he need to make the wall 26 layers high?

- a. 4550
- b. 4875
- c. 4688
- d. 5200

total \Rightarrow series



Given info: $a = 250$
 $d = -5$
 $n = 26$

$$S_n = \frac{n(2a + (n-1)d)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{26} = \frac{26(2(250) + 25(-5))}{2} = 4875$$

Contractors can actually use formulas like this to know how much material to order for a job!

18. Determine the sum of the geometric series $3 + 15 + 75 + 375 + \dots + 46875$.

- a. 58 593
b. 11 718

- c. 19 531
d. 292 968

$r = 5$
 $a = 3$

Two solutions
① $S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$ we need $n!$ use $t_n = 46875$

$\Rightarrow S_7 = \frac{3((5)^7 - 1)}{5 - 1} = 58593$

$t_n = ar^{n-1}$
 $\Rightarrow 46875 = 3(5)^{n-1} \div 3$
 $15625 = 5^{n-1}$ use log.

$\Rightarrow \frac{\log(15625)}{\log(5)} = (n-1) \cdot \frac{\log(5)}{\log(5)}$

$\Rightarrow n-1 = \frac{\log(15625)}{\log(5)} = 6$
 $\Rightarrow n = 7$

OR ② use

$S_n = \frac{t_{n+1} - t_1}{r - 1}$, where

$t_{n+1} = (t_n)(r)$
 $= (46875)(5)$
 $= 234375$

$\Rightarrow S_n = \frac{234375 - 3}{5 - 1} = 58593$

"unknown"

19. Calculate the sum of the first 6 terms of the geometric series with 3rd term 6 and common ratio $\frac{2}{3}$.

- a. $\frac{1330}{243}$
b. $\frac{211}{6}$

- c. $\frac{665}{18}$ (Note: $\frac{665}{18} = 36.94$ by calculator)
d. $\frac{665}{729}$

$r = \frac{2}{3}$ use t_3 to find a

$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$ (need a)

$t_3 = ar^2$
 $\Rightarrow 6 = a(\frac{2}{3})^2$

$\Rightarrow S_6 = \frac{\frac{27}{2}((\frac{2}{3})^6 - 1)}{\frac{2}{3} - 1} = 36.94$ calculator answer is ok on test

$6 = a(\frac{4}{9})$

$\Rightarrow a = \frac{6}{\frac{4}{9}} = \frac{6^3}{1} \times \frac{9}{4^2} = \frac{27}{2}$

MC answer

$= \frac{\frac{27}{2}(\frac{64}{729} - 1)}{\frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{3}} = \frac{\frac{27}{2}(-\frac{665}{729})}{-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{27}{2} \times -\frac{665}{729} \times -\frac{3}{1} = \frac{665}{18}$

20. Calculate the sum of the first 7 terms of the geometric series with first term 2 and 4th term 250.

- a. 7812
b. 195 312

- c. 19 531
d. 39 062

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} \quad \text{— we need } r$$

$$\Rightarrow S_7 = \frac{2(5^7 - 1)}{5 - 1} = 39,062$$

use t_4 to find r

$$t_4 = ar^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 250 = 2(r^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 125 = r^3$$

$$125 = 5^3 \Rightarrow 5^3 = r^3 \Rightarrow r = 5$$

21. Calculate the sum of the first 8 terms of the geometric series whose 3rd term is 5 and 6th term is 40.

- a. $\frac{1275}{4}$
b. $\frac{635}{4}$

- c. $\frac{1275}{2}$
d. $\frac{635}{2}$

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} \quad \text{, we need } a \text{ \& } r$$

(2 things needed \Rightarrow use 2 bits of info!)

$$\Rightarrow S_8 = \frac{\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)(2^8 - 1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$= \frac{5}{4}(256 - 1)$$

$$= \frac{1275}{4}$$

$$t_3 = ar^2, \quad t_6 = ar^5$$

\Rightarrow common trick for geometric \div terms

$$\frac{t_6}{t_3} = \frac{ar^5}{ar^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{40}{5} = r^3$$

$$\Rightarrow r^3 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 8^{1/3} = 2$$

Sub into t_3 to find a

$$t_3 = ar^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 = a(2^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 = 4a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{5}{4}$$

22. Determine the sum of the first 7 terms of the geometric series whose 3rd term is 4 and consecutive terms increase by a factor of $\frac{3}{2}$. $n=7$ $t_3=4$

- a. $\frac{2059}{64}$
- b. $\frac{665}{2}$

- c. $\frac{665}{18}$
- d. $\frac{2059}{36}$

use t_3 to find a

$$t_3 = ar^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 = a \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 = \frac{9}{4}a \Rightarrow a = \frac{4}{\frac{9}{4}} = \frac{4}{1} \times \frac{4}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{16}{9}$$

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

need a

$$S_7 = \frac{\left(\frac{16}{9}\right)\left(\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^7 - 1\right)}{\frac{3}{2} - 1}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{16}{9} \left(\frac{2187}{128} - \frac{128}{128}\right)}{0.5}$$

$$= \frac{16}{9} \left(\frac{2059}{128}\right) \times 2 = \frac{2059}{36}$$

23. A population of rabbits if left unchecked will triple every three months. If there are initially only 2 rabbits, how many will there be in a year and a half?

- a. 1458
- b. 486

- c. 729
- d. 2187

in a year and a half there are

6 3 month periods $\rightarrow n=6$

(kind of a nasty question)

Sequence:



t_7 after 6, 3 month, periods

$$t_7 = ar^6 = (2)(3^6) = 1458$$