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Paul has \$680 in a savings account. He makes a deposit after he receives each paycheck. After one month he has \$758 in the account. The next month the balance is \$836. The balance after the third month is \$914. How much will be in the account after 1 year?

$$a_1 = 758$$

$$a_2 = 836$$

$$a_3 = 914$$

$$d = 78$$

Arithmetic

$$A_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$$

$$A_n = 758 + (n-1)78$$

$$A_{12} = 758 + (12-1)78$$

$$A_{12} = \$1616$$

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Homework Answers

$$1) A_n = -n + 16$$

$$A_{10} = 6$$

$$2) A_n = 2n + 28$$

38 Seats

$$3) A_0 = 1000$$

$$A_1 = 1205$$

$$A_n = 205n + 1000$$

23 months

$$4) A_1 = 300$$

$$A_n = 300(0.5)^{n-1}$$

$$4.6875 \text{ mg} \quad 5 \text{ mg}$$

$$5) A_0 = 200$$

$$A_1 = 400$$

$$A_n = 400(2)^{n-1}$$

1600 bacteria

$$6) A_n = 12.75(0.85)^{n-1}$$

9.2 feet

$$7) A_n = 50,000(1.02)^{n-1}$$

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Recursive Sequence Formulas

Recursive formula is written with **two parts**:

- 1) **first term** (a_1)
- 2) **formula relating successive terms.**

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Arithmetic Sequences - Recursive Form

Recursive Formulas

Subscript notation:

$$a_1 = \#; a_n = a_{n-1} + d$$

Function notation:

$$f(1) = \#; f(n) = f(n-1) + d$$

$$a_1 = f(1) = \text{the value of the 1st term}$$

$$a_{n-1} = f(n-1) = \text{the value of the previous term}$$

d = common difference

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Geometric Sequences - Recursive Form

Subscript notation

$$a_1 = \text{first term} ; a_n = r \cdot a_{n-1}$$

Function notation

$$f(1) = \text{first term} ; f(n) = r \cdot f(n-1)$$

$$a_1 = f(1) = \text{the value of the 1st term}$$

$$a_{n-1} = f(n-1) = \text{the value of the previous term}$$

$$r = \text{common ratio}$$

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Example 1: Using the recursive formula. Write the first four terms of each sequence:

a) $f(1) = 2$ and $f(n) = \boxed{f(n-1)} + 10$

$$f(1) = 2$$

$$f(2) = 12$$

$$f(3) = 22$$

$$f(4) = 32$$

$$f(2) = 2 + 10$$

$$f(2) = 12$$

$$f(3) = 12 + 10$$

$$f(3) = 22$$

$$f(4) = 22 + 10$$

$$f(4) = 32$$

b) $a_1 = 1$ and $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 1$

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 3$$

$$a_3 = 7$$

$$a_4 = 15$$

$$a_2 = 2(1) + 1$$

$$a_2 = 3$$

$$a_3 = 2(3) + 1$$

$$a_3 = 7$$

$$a_4 = 2(7) + 1$$

$$a_4 = 15$$

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Example 2: Using the recursive formula. Write the first four terms of the sequence:

$$A_n = a_{n-1} \cdot 5$$

$$a_1 = 2$$

$$a_2 = 2 \cdot 5$$

$$a_2 = 10$$

$$a_4 = 50 \cdot 5$$

$$a_4 = 250$$

$$a_1 = 2$$

$$a_2 = 10$$

$$a_3 = 50$$

$$a_4 = 250$$

$$a_3 = 10 \cdot 5$$

$$a_3 = 50$$

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Example 3: Find the fourth term in the sequence:

$$f(1) = -3$$

$$f(n) = \frac{1}{3}f(n-1) - 4$$

$$f(2) = \frac{1}{3}(-3) - 4$$

$$f(2) = -1 - 4$$

$$f(2) = -5$$

$$f(1) = -3$$

$$f(2) = -5$$

$$f(3) = \frac{1}{3}(-5) - 4$$

$$f(3) = \frac{-5}{3} - 4$$

$$f(3) = \frac{-17}{3}$$

$$f(3) = \frac{-17}{3}$$

$$f(4) = \frac{-53}{9}$$

$$f(4) = \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{-17}{3}\right) - 4$$

$$f(4) = \frac{-17}{9} - 4$$

$$a \quad f(4) = \frac{-53}{9}$$

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