

Warm-up

$$f(x) = -2x^2 - 3x + 4 \text{ and } g(x) = -5x^2 + 7x - 2$$

1. Find $3f(x) + 2g(x)$

2. Find $g(x) - f(x)$

3. Find $g(-2)$

Go over Quiz

Arithmetic Sequence

**A sequence of terms that
have a common difference
between them**

Geometric Sequence

**A sequence of terms that
have a **common ratio**
between them**

Explicit Formula

Formula used to find the n^{th} term of a sequence

Explicit Formula for Arithmetic Sequence

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

Explicit Formula for Geometric Sequence

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

Arithmetic or Geometric?

Example:

-22, -15, -8, -1, ...

Arithmetic

$$d = 7$$

Arithmetic or Geometric?

Example:

7, 4, 1, -2, -5

Arithmetic

$$d = -3$$

Arithmetic or Geometric?

Example:

256, 64, 16, 4, ...

Geometric

$$r = 1/4$$

Arithmetic or Geometric?

Example:

$$4, \frac{8}{3}, \frac{16}{9}, \frac{32}{81}, \dots$$

Geometric

$$r = 2/3$$

Find the common difference, the explicit formula, and the tenth term.

3, 9, 15, 21, ...

$$d = 6$$

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

$$a_n = 3 + (n - 1)(6)$$

$$a_n = 6n - 3$$

$$a_{10} = 6(10) - 3$$

$$a_{10} = 57$$

Find the common ratio, the explicit formula, and the seventh term.

3, 1.5, 0.75, 0.375, ...

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$r = \frac{1.5}{3} = 0.5$$

$$a_n = 3(0.5)^{n-1}$$

$$a_7 = 3(0.5)^{7-1}$$

$$a_7 = 0.046875$$

The fifth term is 1,792. The constant ratio is 4. Write the explicit formula.

$$a_5 = 1792 \quad \text{and} \quad n = 5 \quad \text{and} \quad r = 4$$

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$1792 = a_1 (4)^{5-1}$$

$$7 = a_1$$

$$a_n = 7 (4)^{n-1}$$

Homework

Sequence Practice

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