

1. Write the first three terms and the 100th term of $a_n = 2 + 3(n - 1)$.

$$a_1 = 2 + 3(1 - 1) = \boxed{2}$$

$$a_2 = 2 + 3(2 - 1) = \boxed{5}$$

$$a_3 = 2 + 3(3 - 1) = \boxed{8}$$

$$a_{100} = 2 + 3(100 - 1) = \boxed{299}$$

← Notice how a_n increases by 3 every time n increases by 1.

2. Find the first four terms of the sequence defined recursively by $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 1, a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$

$$a_1 = \boxed{1}$$

$$a_2 = \boxed{1}$$

$$a_3 = a_{3-1} + a_{3-2} = a_2 + a_1 = 1 + 1 = \boxed{2}$$

$$a_4 = a_{4-1} + a_{4-2} = a_3 + a_2 = 2 + 1 = \boxed{3}$$

"add previous two terms"

Called Fibonacci Sequence

3. Find the following sum.

$$\sum_{i=1}^5 2 = 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = \boxed{10}$$

In general,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n c = c \cdot n$$

4. Find the following sum.

$$\sum_{k=-2}^2 k2^k = \left((-2) \cdot \underbrace{2^{-2}}_{\frac{1}{4}} \right) + \left((-1) \cdot \underbrace{2^{-1}}_{\frac{1}{2}} \right) + (0 \cdot 2^0) + (1 \cdot 2^1) + (2 \cdot 2^2)$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) + \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) + (0) + (2) + (8)$$

$$= \boxed{9}$$

5. Find a formula for the n th term of the sequence 1, -3, 9, -27, 81, ...

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

(or $a_n = (-3)^{n-1}$, etc.)

← Patterns: Alternating pos/neg
 Multiply by 3 to get next term

6. Find a formula for the n th term of the sequence 10, 6, 2, -2, -6, ...

$$a_n = -4n + 14$$

← Pattern: subtract 4 to get next term

7. Write the sum using sigma notation.

$$\frac{1}{2 \ln 2} - \frac{1}{3 \ln 3} + \frac{1}{4 \ln 4} - \frac{1}{5 \ln 5} + \cdots + \frac{1}{100 \ln 100}$$

$$= \sum_{k=2}^{100} \frac{(-1)^k}{k \ln k}$$

Q: What word can you make by adding letters to each side of XYG? (Hint: add one letter to the left side, and two letters to the right side.)

8. Find the first three terms of $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n \cdot 3n}{2^{n-1}}$. Then find the 9th term.

$$a_1 = \frac{(-1)^1 \cdot 3(1)}{2^{1-1}} = \boxed{-3}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{(-1)^2 \cdot 3(2)}{2^{2-1}} = \boxed{3}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{(-1)^3 \cdot 3(3)}{2^{3-1}} = \boxed{-\frac{9}{4}}$$

$$a_9 = \frac{(-1)^9 \cdot 3(9)}{2^{9-1}} = \boxed{-\frac{27}{256}}$$

10. Find the first four terms of the sequence defined recursively by $a_1 = -2$, $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 5$.

$$a_1 = \boxed{-2}$$

$$a_2 = 3a_{2-1} + 5 = 3a_1 + 5 = 3(-2) + 5 = \boxed{-1}$$

$$a_3 = 3a_2 + 5 = 3(-1) + 5 = \boxed{2}$$

$$a_4 = 3a_3 + 5 = 3(2) + 5 = \boxed{11}$$

12. Find the first four partial sums of the sequence $a_n = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1}$.

$$a_1 = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{1-1} = 1$$

$$a_2 = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{2-1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$a_3 = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{3-1} = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$a_4 = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{4-1} = \frac{8}{27}$$

$$S_1 = \boxed{1}$$

$$S_2 = 1 + \frac{2}{3} = \boxed{\frac{5}{3}}$$

$$S_3 = 1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{9} = \boxed{\frac{19}{9}}$$

$$S_4 = 1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{8}{27} = \boxed{\frac{65}{27}}$$

14. Find the sum.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=-1}^5 (3k^2 + 1) &= (3(-1)^2 + 1) + (3(0)^2 + 1) + (3(1)^2 + 1) + (3(2)^2 + 1) + (3(3)^2 + 1) + (3(4)^2 + 1) + (3(5)^2 + 1) \\ &= 4 + 1 + 4 + 13 + 28 + 49 + 76 \\ &= \boxed{175} \end{aligned}$$

16. Find a formula for the n th term of the sequence $9, -\frac{27}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{81}{\sqrt{5}}, -\frac{243}{\sqrt{7}}, \dots$

$$a_n = \frac{(-1)^{n-1} \cdot 3^{n+1}}{\sqrt{2n-1}}$$

alternating signs $\rightarrow (-1)^n$
 top: mult. by 3 $\rightarrow 3^n$
 bottom: add 2 $\rightarrow 2n$

18. Find a formula for the n th term of the sequence $\frac{1}{8}, -\frac{1}{16}, -\frac{3}{32}, -\frac{5}{64}, \dots$

$$a_n = \frac{-2n + 3}{2^{n+2}}$$

top: subtract 2 $\rightarrow -2n$
 bottom: mult. by 2 $\rightarrow 2^n$

20. Write the sum using sigma notation.

$$-9 - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{9}{8} + \frac{15}{16} + \frac{21}{32} + \frac{27}{64}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^7 \frac{6k-15}{2^{k-1}}$$

top: add 6 $\rightarrow 6n$
 bottom: mult. by 2 $\rightarrow 2^n$

22. Write the sum using sigma notation.

$$-\frac{9}{8} + 1 - \frac{25}{32} + \frac{36}{64} - \frac{49}{128}$$

$$\uparrow \frac{16}{16}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^5 \frac{(-1)^k (k+2)^2}{2^{k+2}}$$

alternating $\rightarrow (-1)^n$
 top: squares $\rightarrow n^2$
 bottom: mult. by 2 $\rightarrow 2^n$