



LAKELAND SHS MATHEMATICS
MATHEMATICS METHODS UNIT 2

TEST 2 – PART A

WEEK 5, T3 - 2015	
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Time allowed: 20 min

CALCULATOR FREE AND NOTE FREE SECTION

1.

[1, 2 = 3 marks]

- a) List the first 6 terms of the sequence defined by the difference equation,

$$T_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}T_n, \quad T_1 = 64.$$

64, 32, 16, 8, 4, 2, ...

- b) State the general equation for this sequence.

$$T_n = 64(0.5)^{n-1}$$

2. The 5th term of an arithmetic sequence is 41 and the 11th term is 83.

[2, 1, 2 = 5 marks]

- a) Find the arithmetic difference d of the sequence

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \frac{83 - 41}{11 - 5} \checkmark \\ &= \frac{42}{6} \\ &= 7 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

- b) Find the first term a of the sequence

$$\begin{aligned} T_5 &= 41 \\ a + 4 \times 7 &= 41 \\ a &= 13 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

- c) Find the sum of the first twelve terms of the sequence

$$\begin{aligned} S_{12} &= \frac{12}{2} (13 \times 2 + 11 \times 7) \checkmark \\ &= 6 (26 + 77) \\ &= 6 \times 103 \\ &= 618 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

[3, 4 = 7 marks]

3.

A sequence is given by $T_{n+2} = 2T_{n+1} - T_n$ where $T_1 = 5$ and $T_2 = -1$

(a) Write down the values of T_3 , T_4 and T_5

$$T_1 = 5$$

$$T_2 = -1$$

$$T_3 = 2 \times -1 - 5 \\ = -7$$

$$T_4 = 2 \times -7 - (-1) \\ = -13$$

$$T_5 = 2 \times -13 - (-7) \\ = -19$$

(b) The above sequence can be rewritten in the form $T_n = pn + k$ where p and k are constants and n is the term number. What are the values of p and k ?

$$5, -1, -7, -13, -19, \dots \quad a = 5 \quad d = -6 \\ \text{is an AP.}$$

$$T_n = 5 - 6(n-1) \\ = -6n + 11$$

$$p = -6 \\ k = 11$$

4. In the following sequence $8, -8, -24, \dots$

[1, 2, 2, 2 = 7 marks]

a) state the type of sequence

Arithmetic

b) define the sequence with a recursive definition

$$T_{n+1} = T_n - 16, \quad T_1 = 8$$

c) find T_{11}

$$T_{11} = 8 - 16 \times 10 \\ = -152$$

d) find S_6

$$S_6 = 3 \times (2 \times 8 - 16 \times 5) \\ = 3 \times (16 - 80) \\ = 3 \times -64 \\ = -192$$

Question 10 [2,2,2 = 6 marks]

A stalagmite is an icicle being formed by calcite dropping from the roof of a cave to form a cone on the floor. A particular cave has a height of 8 meters. A stalagmite in this cave started forming at the beginning of 2003. In that year it grew 30 cm. If the stalagmite grows at the rate of 95% of the previous year's growth each year from that year on, then find:

$$T_1 = 30 \text{ 2003} \quad r = 0.95$$

- a) the increase in height during 2008

$$T_n = ar^{n-1} \quad T_6 \text{ is 2008.}$$

$$T_6 = 30(0.95)^5 \\ = 232 \text{ cm}$$

- b) the height of the stalagmite at the end of 2020

$$\text{End of 2020 is } 2020 - 2003 + 1 \\ = n = 18$$

$$S_{18} = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} = \frac{30(1-0.95^{18})}{0.05} = 362 \text{ cm}$$

- c) whether the stalagmite will ever reach the roof of the cave (state and prove your answer).

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

$$= \frac{30}{0.05}$$

$$= 600 \text{ cm}$$

\therefore The stalagmite will never reach the 8m high cave roof.

Question 11 [2, 2, 1, 2 = 7 marks]

Bailey takes out a loan of \$20 000. Interest of 18% p.a. calculated monthly (i.e. 1.5% per month) of the outstanding balance is added at the end of each month, then Bailey makes his monthly repayment of \$450.

- (a) State a recursive formula which shows Bailey's end of month balance.

$$R = 18 \div 12 = 1.5\% \quad T_{n+1} = 1.015 \times T_n - 450$$

a_{n+1} Type a_n

Using that recursive formula and Sequence mode on your CAS, find:

- (b) the amount he still owes immediately after the \$450 repayment at the end of month 10

$$\$18394.59$$

- (c) How long he takes to pay off the loan?

$$74 \text{ MONTHS}$$

- d) If he wished to take ten years to pay off the loan, what would be the size of his regular monthly repayment?

$$120 \text{ MONTHS}$$

THIS WILL TAKE A LOT OF TRIAL AND ADJUSTMENT
IN: SEQUENCE MODE ON CAS.

LOAN OUT!



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CALCULATOR AND NOTES ASSUMED

5.

[1, 1, 1, 2 = 5 marks]

In the general term of the sequence defined by $T_n = 30(0.85)^{n-1}$ find:

a) T_4 $T_4 = 30(0.85)^3$
 $= 18.04$ (1 a.p.)

b) The common ratio

$$0.85$$

c) S_5

$$S_5 = \frac{30(1 - 0.85^5)}{0.15}$$
$$= 111.3$$
 (1 a.p.)

d) S_∞

$$S_\infty = \frac{30}{0.15}$$
$$= 200$$

6.

[1, 2, 3, 2 = 8 marks]

Due to a sterilisation experiment on a farm, the number of rabbits breeding will be 400 in the first year of the experiment, 360 in the second year, 324 in the third year and so on.

Find the:

- a) the percentage by which the number of rabbits breeding is decreasing each year

$$r = \frac{360}{400} = 0.9 \quad 10\% \text{ decrease}$$

- b) recursive definition for the number of rabbits

$$T_{n+1} = T_n \times 0.9, \quad T_1 = 400$$

- c) number of rabbits breeding in the sixth year of the experiment

$$\begin{aligned} T_6 &= 400(0.9)^5 \\ &= 236 \text{ (nearest whole)} \end{aligned}$$

- d) number of years into the experiment before the number of rabbits breeding drops below 30.

$$30 = 400(0.9)^{n-1}$$

$$n = 25.5848 \quad \text{SOLVED WITH CAS}$$

26 years.

Harry rolls a soccer ball on a flat, constant surface of 60 metres in length. In the first second the soccer ball covers 5 metres. In next second, due to friction, the soccer ball only covers 4.50 metres or 90% of the distance covered in the previous second, subsequently this pattern continues.



- a) State a recursive definition that describes the sequence of distance travelled by the soccer ball in each second.

$$T_{n+1} = T_n \times 0.9, \quad T_1 = 5$$

- b) Write a general formula for the distance travelled in the n^{th} second.

$$T_n = 5(0.9)^{n-1}$$

- c) Calculate (to the nearest centimetre) the distance travelled in the 15th second.

$$\begin{aligned} T_{15} &= 5(0.9)^{14} \\ &= 1.14 \text{ m} \\ &= 114 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

- d) During what second does the soccer ball travel over 20 metres from the start?

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{5(1-0.9^n)}{0.1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 50(1-0.9^n) &= 20 \\ \text{Solve with CAS} \\ n &= 4.848 \\ &\text{In the 5th second.} \end{aligned}$$

- e) Determine whether the soccer ball will reach the end of the 60 metre track

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\infty} &= \frac{5}{0.1} \\ &= 50 \text{ metres} \end{aligned}$$

(prove your answer).

No it will not reach 60m.

Michelle agrees to pay an interest free loan of \$4380 in a number of instalments. Each instalment is \$30 more than the previous instalment and the first instalment is \$200.

- a) Write down the first three instalments.

200, 230, 260 ✓

- b) Use the formula for the sum of an AP to show that $4380 = 15n^2 + 185n$ where n is the number of instalments.

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

$$a = 200, d = 30, S_n = 4380$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4380 &= \frac{n}{2} [2 \times 200 + 30(n-1)] \checkmark \\ &= \frac{n}{2} (400 + 30n - 30) \\ &= \frac{n}{2} (370 + 30n) \checkmark \\ &= 185n + 15n^2 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

- c) Use a suitable method to determine the number of instalments required to pay off the loan completely. (Write down which method you used)

$$15n^2 + 185n = 4380 \checkmark$$

Solve by CAS

$$x = 12 \text{ and } x = -24.3 \checkmark$$

12 installments. ✓