

Solve the following recurrence relation

1) $x(n) = x(n-1) + 5$ for $n \geq 1$ with $x(1) = 0$

1) Write down the first two terms to identify the pattern

$$x(1) = 0$$

$$x(2) = x(1) + 5 = 5$$

$$x(3) = x(2) + 5 = 10$$

$$x(4) = x(3) + 5 = 15$$

2) Identify the pattern for general term

First term $x(1) = 0$

The common difference $d = 5$

General formula for n th term of AP is

$$x(n) = x(1) + (n-1)d$$

Substituting given values

$$x(n) = x(1) + (n-1)d$$

$$x(n) = 0 + (n-1) \cdot 5 = 5(n-1)$$

$$x(n) = 5(n-1)$$

3) $x(n) = 3 \times (n-1)$ for $n \geq 1$ with $x(1) = 4$

1) Write down first two terms to identify pattern

$$x(1) = 4$$

$$x(2) = 3 \times 1 = 3 \cdot 4 = 12$$

$$x(3) = 3 \times 2 = 36$$

$$x(4) = 3 \times 3 = 108$$

2) Identify general term

The first term $x(1) = 4$

The common ratio $r = 3$