

“Self-education is, I firmly believe, the only kind of education there is.” ISAAC ASIMOV

1. Given that F is a sequence and that $F_1 = 5$, $F_2 = 8$, and $F_3 = 42$. Is F an *arithmetic* sequence? Explain.

Solution: No, F is not an arithmetic sequence. To be an arithmetic sequence, the *difference* of consecutive terms must be constant. But we have $F_2 - F_1 \neq F_3 - F_2$, so F is not an arithmetic sequence.

2. Given that Q is a sequence and that $Q_1 = 2$, $Q_2 = 8$, and $Q_3 = 42$. Is Q a *geometric* sequence? Explain.

Solution: No, Q is not a geometric sequence. To be a geometric sequence, the *quotient* of consecutive terms must be constant. But we have $\frac{F_2}{F_1} \neq \frac{F_3}{F_2}$, so Q is not a geometric sequence.

3. Given that G is an *arithmetic* sequence and that $G_2 = 8$ and $G_4 = 9$, find a *formula* for G .

Solution: Since G is an *arithmetic* sequence its formula has the form $G_n = an + b$, where a and b are real numbers. Pasting in the given data, we have

$$8 = 2a + b,$$

$$9 = 4a + b.$$

Solving for a and b , we have $a = \frac{1}{2}$ and $b = 7$. So a formula for G is $G_n = \frac{1}{2}n + 7$.

4. Given that H is a *geometric* sequence and that $H_2 = 8$ and $H_4 = 9$, find a *formula* for H .

Solution: Since H is a geometric sequence, its formula has the form $H_n = ca^n$, where c and a are real numbers. Pasting in the given data, we have

$$8 = ca^2$$

$$9 = ca^4$$

Dividing the second equation by the first, we get

$$\frac{9}{8} = \frac{ca^4}{ca^2} = a^2.$$

So $a = \pm\sqrt{\frac{9}{8}}$. We were asked for a formula for H , not a representation of all possible formulae. So let's be positive and choose $a = \sqrt{\frac{9}{8}}$.

Pasting in $\sqrt{\frac{9}{8}}$ for a in the first equation gives $8 = \frac{9}{8}c$. So $c = \frac{64}{9}$. All together,

$$H_n = \frac{64}{9} \left(\sqrt{\frac{9}{8}} \right)^n.$$

Likely we should simplify this to something like

$$H_n = \frac{64}{9} \left(\frac{9}{8} \right)^{n/2}.$$

But there are forms that are acceptable.

5. Find the *numerical value* of each sum

(a) $\sum_{k=1}^{46} 1$

Solution:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{46} 1 = 1 + 1 + \cdots + 1 = 46.$$

(b) $\sum_{k=1}^{107} (2k + 3)$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{107} (2k + 3) &= \left(\sum_{k=1}^{107} 2k \right) + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{107} 3 \right) && \text{(additivity)} \\ &= \left(2 \sum_{k=1}^{107} k \right) + (3 \times 107) && \text{(outative)} \\ &= 2 \times \frac{107 \times 108}{2} + 3 \times 107 && \text{(QRS)} \\ &= 11877. \end{aligned}$$

6. Given that W is an *arithmetic sequence* and that $W_1 = 2$ and $W_2 = 3$, find the numerical value of $\sum_{k=1}^{42} W_k$.

Solution:

Since $W_k = ak + b$. Pasting in the data, we have $2 = a + b$ and $3 = a + 2b$. Solving for a and b yields $a = 1$ and $b = 1$. Now we need

$$\sum_{k=1}^{42} W_k = \sum_{k=1}^{42} (1 + k) = 42 + \frac{42 \times 43}{2} = 945.$$

7. After graduation from UNK, you expect a first year salary of \$70,000 and you expect a raise of 4% for each of the 42 years that you plan to work. Your salary for your n^{th} year of work S_n is

$$S_n = 70000 \times 1.04^{n-1}$$

- (a) Find the numerical value of S_{42} . This is your salary the year you retire.

Solution:

$$S_{42} = 70000 \times 1.04^{41} = 349,514.30.$$

- (b) Over your career, your total earnings will be

$$\sum_{k=1}^{42} 70000 \times 1.04^{k-1}.$$

Find the numerical value of your total earnings.

Solution: This one is a bit tricky. To match the sum to the geometric sum in the QRS, we need to use the trick $1.04^{k-1} = \frac{1.04^k}{1.04}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{42} 70000 \times 1.04^{k-1} &= \sum_{k=1}^{42} 70000 \times \frac{1.04^k}{1.04} \\ &= \frac{70000}{1.04} \sum_k 1.04^k \\ &= \frac{70000}{1.04} \frac{1.04^{43} - 1.04}{1.04 - 1} = 7,337,371.84. \end{aligned}$$

You all can expect to earn about seven million dollars in your lifetime.

8. The human population P of Floyd, Virginia is an exponential function of the years T after the year 2000. Specifically, the population in the years 2000 and 2010 are given in the table

Year	T	P
2000	0	432
2010	10	425

Figure 1: Human population of Floyd for the years 2000 and 2010.

- 2 (a) Find the exponential function that matches the given data.

Solution: We just need to match to the general result in the QRS. That gives

$$P = 432 \times \left(\frac{425}{432} \right)^{T/10}.$$

- 2 (b) Using your exponential function from part 'a,' when will the population of Floyd be 250?

Solution: We need to solve $250 = 432 \times \left(\frac{425}{432} \right)^{T/10}$ for T . Some (many) students will be more comfortable using decimal approximations to various quotients as they go. That's OK.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left[250 = 432 \times \left(\frac{425}{432} \right)^{T/10} \right] &= \left[\frac{250}{432} = \left(\frac{425}{432} \right)^{T/10} \right] && (\div 432) \\
 &= \left[\log\left(\frac{250}{432}\right) = \log\left(\left(\frac{425}{432}\right)^{T/10}\right) \right] && (\log \text{ of left and right}) \\
 &= \left[\log\left(\frac{250}{432}\right) = \frac{T}{10} \log\left(\frac{425}{432}\right) \right] && (\log \text{ property}) \\
 &= \left[T = 10 \times \frac{\log\left(\frac{250}{432}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{425}{432}\right)} \right], && (\text{divide}) \\
 &= [T \approx 334 \text{ years}].
 \end{aligned}$$

This is so far into the future, it's almost surely wildly inaccurate.

- 2 9. Find the solution to the linear equations

$$5x + 8y = 14,$$

$$x - y = 3.$$

Solution: Let's use our matrix method. Ordering the unknowns as x (first column) and y (second column), our system in matrix form is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 & 14 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_2 \leftarrow R_1 - 5R_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 & 14 \\ 0 & 13 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The second equation is $13y = -1$. So $y = -\frac{1}{13}$. Pasting that into the first equation gives $5x - \frac{8}{13} = 14$. So $x = \frac{38}{13}$.

Should we check our work? Sure.

$$[5x + 8y = 14] = \left[5 \times \frac{38}{13} - 8 \times \frac{1}{13} = 14 \right] = \text{True!}$$

And one more time

$$[x - y = 3] = \left[\frac{38}{13} + \frac{1}{13} = 3 \right] = \text{True!}$$

- 2 10. Find the solution to the linear equations

$$x + y + z = 6,$$

$$y + z = 10,$$

$$y - z = 20.$$

Solution: $x = -4, y = 15, z = -5$

- 2 11. Larry is saving his money to purchase a 1968 Fender Stratocaster Sunburst guitar. To save for the guitar, he invests \$5,000 into a bank CD with an APY of 5.0%. How long will Larry need to wait until he can purchase the 1968 Stratocaster that costs \$7,700?

Solution: We need to solve $7700 = 5000 \times 1.05^T$ for T . Since the unknown T is an

exponent, we'll use the *logarithm trick*. Specifically,

$$\begin{aligned}
 [7700 = 5000 \times 1.05^T] &= [1.54 = 1.05^T], && \text{(divide by 5000)} \\
 &= [\log_{10}(1.54) = \log_{10}(1.05^T)], && \text{(logarithm trick)} \\
 &= [\log_{10}(1.54) = T \log_{10}(1.05)], && \text{(logarithm property)} \\
 &= \left[T = \frac{\log_{10}(1.54)}{\log_{10}(1.05)} \right], && \text{(divide by } \log_{10}(1.05)) \\
 &= [T \approx 8.85 \text{ years}]. && \text{(arithmetic)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- 2 12. In April 2003, Ms Oro purchases one ounce of gold for \$647. Today (that is, twenty years later), Ms Oro sells her gold for \$1,995. Find the APY for this investment.

Solution: We need to solve $1995 = 647 \times (1 + r)^{20}$ for r . Since the unknown is in the base of an exponential, we use the *root trick*. Specifically,

$$\begin{aligned}
 [1995 = 647 \times (1 + r)^{20}] &= \left[\frac{1995}{647} = (1 + r)^{20} \right], && \text{(divide by 647)} \\
 &= \left[\left(\frac{1995}{647} \right)^{1/20} = (1 + r) \right], && \text{(root trick)} \\
 &= \left[r = \left(\frac{1995}{647} \right)^{1/20} - 1 \right], && \text{(subtract 1)} \\
 &= [r \approx 5.79\%]. && \text{(arithmetic)}
 \end{aligned}$$

You might be more comfortable doing the arithmetic as you go, instead of saving it up until the end. That's okay, but I think it makes it more difficult to check the work, increases chances of miscopying numbers, and it potentially decreases accuracy (by rounding intermediate results). Try saving the arithmetic to the end—you might like it.

FYI: By investing in a stock index fund, Ms Oro would have gotten a higher APY on her investment. For the cost of gold, I used actual historical data—I didn't just make it up.

And by the way: the Spanish word for gold is 'oro.'

13. To save for the purchase of a new 781 Porsche Boxster, Morweena purchases a bond with a value of \$80,000 when it matures in 20 years.

- 2 (a) At the time of purchase, the 20 year APY is 5.0%. Find the *purchase price* of the bond.

Solution: We need to solve $80000 = P \times 1.05^{20}$ for P . We have

$$P = \frac{80000}{1.05^{20}} \approx 30151.16.$$

- 2 (b) After five years, Morweena decides to sell her bond and to use the proceeds to purchase an organic vanilla bean farm in Hawaii. At the time of sale, the 20 year APY is 4.0%. Find the sale price of the bond.

Solution: The future value of the bond is still \$80,000. Think of it this way: if you purchase the bond from Morweena and hold onto it until maturity, the Federal government will pay you \$80,000. So its future value is still \$80,000. What has changed is both the time to maturity (was 20 years, now is 15) and the APY is 4.0% . We now need to solve $80000 = P \times 1.04^{15}$ for P . We have

$$P = \frac{80000}{1.04^{15}} \approx 44421.160.$$

14. A sequence J is defined by

$$J_n = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 1 \\ J_{n-1} + 1 & n \geq 2 \end{cases}.$$

Find the *numerical value* of J_4 .

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= 1 && \text{(given explicitly by formula)} \\ J_2 &= J_1 + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2, \\ J_3 &= J_2 + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3, \\ J_4 &= J_3 + 1 = 3 + 1 = 4. \end{aligned}$$

Greek characters

Name	Symbol	Typical use(s)
alpha	α	angle, constant
beta	β	angle, constant
gamma	γ	angle, constant
delta	δ	limit definition
epsilon	ϵ or ε	limit definition
theta	θ or ϑ	angle
pi	π or π	circular constant
phi	ϕ or φ	angle, constant

Named sets

empty set	\varnothing	integers	\mathbf{Z}
real numbers	\mathbf{R}	positive integers	$\mathbf{Z}_{>0}$
ordered pairs	\mathbf{R}^2	positive reals	$\mathbf{R}_{>0}$

Set symbols

Meaning	Symbol	Meaning	Symbol
is a member	\in	union	\cup
subset	\subset	complement	superscript ^C
intersection	\cap	set minus	\setminus

Logic symbols

Meaning	Symbol	Meaning	Symbol
negation	\neg	equivalent	\equiv
and	\wedge	iff	\iff
or	\vee	for all	\forall
implies	\implies	there exists	\exists

Arithmetic properties of R

$(\forall a, b \in \mathbf{R})(a + b = b + a)$	commutivity
$(\forall a, b, c \in \mathbf{R})(a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c)$	associative
$(\forall a, b \in \mathbf{R})(ab = ba)$	commutivity
$(\forall a, b, c \in \mathbf{R})(a(bc) = (ab)c)$	associative
$(\forall a, b, c \in \mathbf{R})(a(b + c) = ab + ac)$	distributive

Intervals

For numbers a and b , we define the intervals

$$\begin{aligned}(a, b) &= \{x \in \mathbf{R} \mid a < x < b\} \\ [a, b) &= \{x \in \mathbf{R} \mid a \leq x < b\} \\ (a, b] &= \{x \in \mathbf{R} \mid a < x \leq b\} \\ [a, b] &= \{x \in \mathbf{R} \mid a \leq x \leq b\}\end{aligned}$$

Distance & Midpoint

The distance between the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}.$$

The midpoint is the point

$$\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right).$$

Exponents

For $a, b > 0$ and m, n real:

$$\begin{aligned}a^0 &= 1, & 0^a &= 0 \\ 1^a &= 1, & a^n a^m &= a^{n+m} \\ a^n / a^m &= a^{n-m}, & (a^n)^m &= a^{n \cdot m} \\ a^{-m} &= 1/a^m, & (a/b)^m &= a^m / b^m\end{aligned}$$

Radicals

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt[n]{a} &= a^{1/n} \\ \sqrt[n]{ab} &= \sqrt[n]{a} \sqrt[n]{b} \quad (\text{provided } a, b \geq 0) \\ \sqrt[m]{\sqrt[n]{a}} &= \sqrt[mn]{a} \\ \sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}} &= \frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}} \\ \sqrt[n]{a^n} &= \begin{cases} a & n \text{ odd} \\ |a| & n \text{ even} \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

Identities

$$\begin{aligned}a(b + c) &= ab + ac \\ ((a + b)(c + d)) &= ac + ad + bc + bd \\ \frac{ab + ac}{a} &= b + c \quad (\text{provided } a \neq 0) \\ \frac{\frac{a}{b}}{\frac{c}{d}} &= \frac{ad}{bc} \quad (\text{provided } b, d \neq 0) \\ \sqrt{ab} &= \sqrt{a}\sqrt{b} \quad (\text{provided } a \geq 0, b \geq 0) \\ \ln(ab) &= \ln(a) + \ln(b) \quad (\text{provided } a \geq 0, b \geq 0)\end{aligned}$$

Solution of Equations

Algebraic

Suppose X, Y, P , and Q possibly depend on the unknown x ; and suppose a, b , and c do not depend on the unknown.

$$\begin{aligned}[XY = 0] &\equiv [X = 0 \text{ or } Y = 0] \\ [X^2 = Y^2] &\equiv [X = Y \text{ or } X = -Y] \\ \left[\frac{X}{Y} = 0\right] &\equiv [X = 0 \text{ and } Y \neq 0] \\ \left[\frac{X}{Y} = \frac{P}{Q}\right] &\equiv [XQ = YP \text{ and } Y \neq 0 \text{ and } Q \neq 0] \\ [|X| = |Y|] &\equiv [X = Y \text{ or } X = -Y] \\ [\sqrt{X} = Y] &\equiv [X = Y^2 \text{ and } Y \geq 0]\end{aligned}$$

For $a \neq 0$,

$$[ax^2 + bx + c = 0] \equiv \left[x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}\right]$$

Logarithmic and Exponential

$$\begin{aligned}[\ln(X) = 0] &\equiv [X = 1] \\ [e^X = 1] &\equiv [X = 0] \\ [\log_a(X) = b] &\equiv [X = a^b] \\ [a^X = a^Y] &\equiv [X = Y] \\ [\log_a(X) = \log_a(Y)] &\equiv [X = Y \text{ and } X > 0]\end{aligned}$$

Logarithms

For $x > 0$ and $y > 0$

$$\log_a(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(a)}$$
$$\log_a(y) + \log_a(y) = \log_a(xy)$$
$$\log(x^z) = z \log(x)$$

Graph Translations

For the graph of $F(x, y) = 0$

- The graph of $F(x - h, y) = 0$ is the graph of $F(x, y) = 0$ translated h units to the right.
- The graph of $F(x, y - k) = 0$ is the graph of $F(x, y) = 0$ translated k units up.
- The graph of $F(x/c, y) = 0$ is the graph of $F(x, y) = 0$ stretched a factor of c horizontally.
- The graph of $F(x, y/c) = 0$ is the graph of $F(x, y) = 0$ stretched a factor of c vertically.

Circles

Equation of circle centered at (h, k) with radius r is

$$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2.$$

Expanded the equation is

$$x^2 - 2hx + y^2 - 2ky = r^2 - h^2 - k^2.$$

Parabolas & Lines

The vertex of the parabola $ax^2 + bx + c = y$ is

$$\left(x = -\frac{b}{2a}, y = c - \frac{b^2}{4a}\right).$$

An equation of the line that contains the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is

$$y - y_1 = \left(\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}\right) (x - x_1).$$

The number $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ is the slope.

Function notation

$\text{dom}(F)$	domain of function F
$\text{range}(F)$	range of function F

Domains, Ranges, and Zeros

Function	Domain	Range	Zeros
\ln, \log	$(0, \infty)$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	1
\exp	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$(0, \infty)$	\emptyset
abs	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$(0, \infty)$	0
$\sqrt{}$	$(0, \infty)$	$(0, \infty)$	0
$\sqrt[3]{}$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	0
floor	$(-\infty, \infty)$	\mathbf{Z}	$[0, 1)$
ceiling	$(-\infty, \infty)$	\mathbf{Z}	$(-1, 0]$

Compound Interest

Current value A , principal P , APY r , time t , then $A = P(1 + r)^t$

Exponential Growth

The exponential function that contains the points $(t = t_o, y = y_o)$ and $(t = t_1, y = y_1)$ is

$$y = y_o \left(\frac{y_1}{y_o}\right)^{\frac{t - t_o}{t_1 - t_o}}.$$

Common Errors

Error	Correct or Example
$x/0 = 0$ or x	$x/0$ is undefined
$-x^2 = x^2$	$-x^2 = -(x^2)$
$a/(b+c) = a/b + a/c$	$1/(1+1) \neq 1/1 + 1/1$
$a+bx/a = 1 + bx$	$a+bx/a = 1 + bx/a$
$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2$	$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$
$\sqrt{a+b} = \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}$	$\sqrt{1+1} \neq \sqrt{1} + \sqrt{1}$

Summations

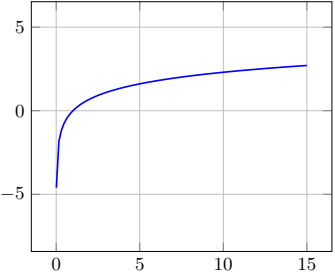
$$\sum_{k=1}^n 1 = n$$
$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$
$$\sum_{k=1}^n z^k = \frac{z^{n+1} - z}{z - 1}, z \neq 1$$

Sequences

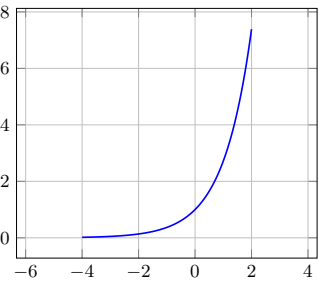
A sequence is *arithmetic* if $f_n = an + b$; it is *geometric* if $f_n = ca^n$ where a, b, c are real numbers.

Graphs

Graph of natural logarithm



Graph of natural exponential



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