

# Arithmetic Sequences

*Problems about arithmetic sequences.*

**Problem 1** Trish has a bank account which has \$23 currently. She decides to set up a savings plan in which each week she will deposit \$2 more than the previous week.

Would we use an arithmetic sequence to describe this situation?

**Multiple Choice:**

- (a) Yes, this is an arithmetic sequence. ✓
- (b) No, this is not an arithmetic sequence.

**Problem 1.1** Each Saturday, Tabitha goes to her local farmer's market. Last week, she bought 4 ounces of almond flour, and this week she decided she needed twice as much almond flour as she did last week. Quickly, she develops a habit of buying twice as much almond flour as the previous week each time she goes to the farmer's market.

Would we use an arithmetic sequence to describe this situation?

**Multiple Choice:**

- (a) Yes, this is an arithmetic sequence.
- (b) No, this is not an arithmetic sequence. ✓

**Problem 2** Trish has a bank account which has \$23 currently. She decides to set up a savings plan in which each week she will deposit \$2 more than the previous week.

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Learning outcomes:

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Fill out the following table corresponding to the balance in Trish's bank account  $n$  weeks from now.

$n$	Account Balance
1	25
2	27
3	29
4	31
5	33
6	35
7	37
8	39

**Problem 3** Trish has a bank account which has \$23 currently. She decides to set up a savings plan in which each week she will deposit \$2 more than the previous week.

How much money does Trish have in her bank account after 52 weeks have passed?

Trish has  $\boxed{23 + 52 * 2}$  in her bank account.  
given

**Problem 4** Trish has a bank account which has \$23 currently. She decides to set up a savings plan in which each week she will deposit \$2 more than the previous week.

Write an expression for the amount of money Trish will have in her bank account  $n$  weeks from now.

Trish will have  $\boxed{23 + 52n}$  in her bank account.  
given

**Problem 5** Terry is starting a small business. In year 2, they have 325 customers, and based on previous growth, their goal is to increase the number of customers by 230 each year.

How many customers does Terry hope to have in year 5?

Terry hopes to have  $\boxed{325 + 230 * 3}$  customers in year 5.  
given

**Problem 6** Terry is starting a small business. In year 2, they have 325 customers, and based on previous growth, their goal is to increase the number of customers by 230 each year.

Write a recursive formula for the number of customers Terry has in year  $n$ , using “Next” and “Now” to describe the situation.

Terry hopes to have  $(\text{Next} \checkmark / \text{Now} / n / 230 / 325) = (\text{Next} / \text{Now} \checkmark / n / 230 / 325) + (\text{Next} / \text{Now} / n / 230 \checkmark / 325)$ .

**Problem 7** Terry is starting a small business. In year 2, they have 325 customers, and based on previous growth, their goal is to increase the number of customers by 230 each year.

Write a recursive formula for the number of customers Terry has in year  $n$ , using “ $f(n+1)$ ” and “ $f(n)$ ” to describe the situation.

Terry hopes to have  $(f(n+1) \checkmark / f(n) / n / 230 / 325) = (f(n+1) / f(n) \checkmark / n / 230 / 325) + (f(n+1) / f(n) / n / 230 \checkmark / 325)$ .

**Problem 8** Tripp is training for a bike ride across the state. In week 8 of his training, he rode 32.2 miles. Each week, his trainer has recommended that he ride 6.3 miles more than he did the previous week.

How far will Tripp ride in week 12 of his training?

Tripp will ride  $\boxed{32.2 + 6.3 * 4}$  miles in week 12.  
given

**Problem 9** Tripp is training for a bike ride across the state. In week 8 of his training, he rode 32.2 miles. Each week, his trainer has recommended that he ride 6.3 miles more than he did the previous week.

Write a recursive function for the number of miles  $f(n)$  Tripp will ride in week  $n$  of his training. Use  $f(n-1)$  in your equation.

Tripp will ride  $f(n) = \boxed{f(n-1) + 6.3}$  miles in week  $n$ .  
given

**Problem 10** Tripp is training for a bike ride across the state. In week 8 of his training, he rode 32.2 miles. Each week, his trainer has recommended that he ride 6.3 miles more than he did the previous week.

Write an explicit function for the number of miles  $f(n)$  Tripp will ride in week  $n$  of his training.

Tripp will ride  $f(n) = \boxed{32.2 + 6.3 * (n - 8)}$  miles in week  $n$ .  
given

**Problem 11** Tripp is training for a bike ride across the state. In week 8 of his training, he rode 32.2 miles. Each week, his trainer has recommended that he ride 6.3 miles more than he did the previous week.

During what week will Tripp first ride more than 200 miles?

Tripp will ride more than 200 miles beginning in week  $\boxed{27}$ .  
given

**Problem 12** Therese is monitoring her neighborhood swimming pool as it fills with water at a constant rate of 16 gallons per minute. After 20 minutes, the pool has 454 gallons. How much water did the pool have before Therese began filling the pool?

The pool had  $\boxed{134}$  gallons when Therese began.  
given

**Problem 13** Therese is monitoring her neighborhood swimming pool as it fills with water at a constant rate of 16 gallons per minute. After 20 minutes, the pool has 454 gallons. Write an equation for the number of gallons in the pool after  $n$  minutes.

The pool has  $f(n) = \boxed{134 + 16n}$  gallons after  $n$  minutes.  
given

**Problem 14** Assume the sequence below is an arithmetic sequence. Fill in the blanks.

$$\boxed{-5}, -1, 3, \boxed{7}, \boxed{11}, \boxed{15}, \boxed{19}, \dots$$

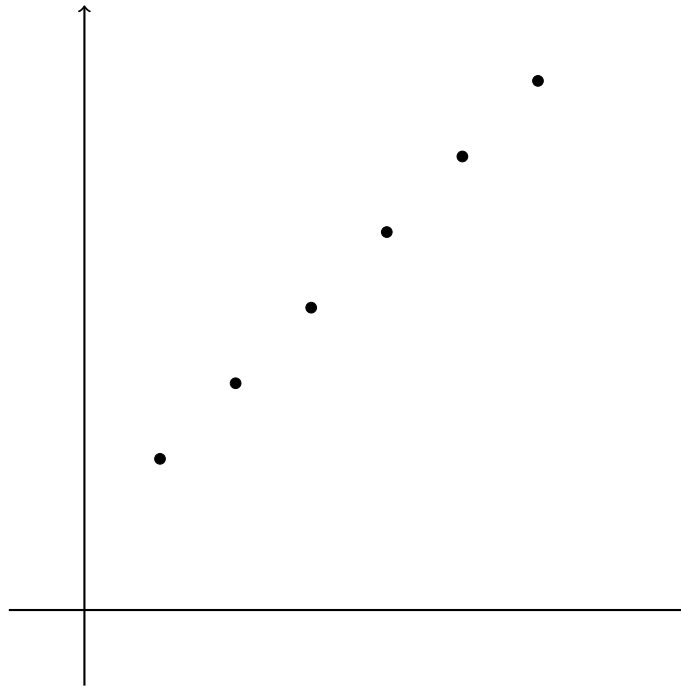
**Problem 15** Assume the sequence below is an arithmetic sequence. Fill in the blanks.

$$\dots, \boxed{-5}, -10, \boxed{-15}, \boxed{-20}, \boxed{-25}, -30, \boxed{-35}, \dots$$

**Problem 16** Assume the sequence below is an arithmetic sequence. Fill in the blanks.

$$\dots, \boxed{2.7}, \boxed{3.3}, 3.9, \boxed{4.5}, \boxed{5.1}, 5.7, \boxed{6.3}, \dots$$

**Problem 17** *Imagine drawing a graph like the one below to represent each of the situations with Trish, Terry, Tripp, and Therese.*



*In which of the situations does it make sense to connect the dots with a line?*

**Select All Correct Answers:**

- (a) *Trish and her bank account.*
- (b) *Terry and their small business.*
- (c) *Tripp and his bike travel.*
- (d) *Therese and the swimming pool. ✓*