

Practice Regents problems #12

AII-F.BF.6 Represent and evaluate the sum of a finite arithmetic or finite geometric series, using summation (sigma) notation. For geometric series:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = a_1 \left(\frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \right)$$

1. Given the sequence $12\frac{1}{4}, 21\frac{3}{4}, 31\frac{1}{4}, 40\frac{3}{4}, \dots$
 - (a) Determine whether the sequence is arithmetic or geometric, then find the common difference d or the common ratio r .
 - (b) Write a recursive formula for the sequence.
 - (c) Write an explicit formula for the sequence.
 - (d) Find the fifth term the sequence.
2. Express each of the following in simplest radical form.

(a) $(27x^2)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

(b) $(4x^4)^{\frac{3}{2}}$