

## Day 6, Monday Feb 10th

- Exam 1 on Wednesday
- Written HW 1 due today by 11:53pm
- Practice Problems for exam 1 posted in WebAssign  
(material on exam - everything but arithmetic sequences)

**Example 7.** Write the terms for the sum and evaluate the sum.

$$\sum_{n=1}^5 2n + 3 = 5 + (2 \cdot 2 + 3) + (2 \cdot 3 + 3) + (2 \cdot 4 + 3) + (2 \cdot 5 + 3) \\ = 5 + 7 + 9 + 11 + 13 = 45$$

**Note:** In Calculus you will learn how to find what an infinite series adds up to for certain types of series.

**Example 8.** Consider the series:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} + \dots$$

convergent  
series

Lets investigate the first few partial sums:

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

$$S_2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$$

$$S_3 = S_2 + a_3 = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = 0.875$$

$$S_4 = 0.9375$$

$$S_5 = 0.96875 \\ \vdots$$

to  
1

As we continue adding terms, the sum gets closer and closer to 1.

**Example 9.** Consider the series:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i} = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$$

divergent!

Lets investigate the first few partial sums:

$$S_1 = 1$$

$$S_2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = 1.5$$

$$S_3 = 1.8333$$

$$S_4 = 2.0833 \dots$$

As we continue adding terms, the sum grows larger and larger without bound. This series does not add up to an actual value.

#### 4. Factorial notation

Factorials form the basis for important series like Taylor series expansions.

**Definition.** The factorial of a positive integer  $n$ , written as  $n!$ , is the product of all positive integers less than or equal to  $n$ .

For example,  $5! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 = 120$        $5! = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$

$$10! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 10 = 3628800$$

$$n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (n-2) \cdot (n-1) \cdot n$$

By definition,  $0! = 1$

**Example 10.** Evaluate the following expressions.

*Write the bigger factorial in terms of smaller factorial.*

(a)  $\frac{8!}{3! \cdot 5!}$

$$\frac{\cancel{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8}}{\cancel{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} \cdot \cancel{4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8}} = 56$$

$$8! = 5! \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8$$

(b)  $\frac{n!}{(n+2)!} = \frac{\cancel{n!}}{\cancel{n!} (n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)}$

(c)  $\frac{(n+1)!}{(n-1)!} = \frac{\cancel{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (n-1)} n (n+1)}{\cancel{(n-1)!}}$

$$\frac{n+1}{n-1} \parallel , \quad n(n+1), \quad n!$$

(d)  $\frac{(2n)!}{(n)!} = \frac{\cancel{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot n} (n+1)(n+2) \dots (2n)}{\cancel{n!}} = (n+1)(n+2) \dots (2n)$

$$(n+2)! = \underbrace{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot n}_{n!} (n+1)(n+2) = n! (n+1)(n+2)$$

**Example 11.** Given the sequence defined by  $b_n = \frac{n^2}{(n+1)!}$  find  $b_1$  and  $b_6$ .

$$b_1 = \frac{1^2}{(1+1)!} = \frac{1}{2!} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$b_6 = \frac{6^2}{(6+1)!} = \frac{36}{7!} = \frac{\cancel{2 \cdot 3}}{1 \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot \cancel{6} \cdot 7} = \frac{1}{140}$$

## 1. Arithmetic Sequences

In this section we are going to introduce Arithmetic Sequences. The simplest way to generate an arithmetic sequence is to start with a number  $a$  and add to it a fixed constant  $d$ , over and over again.

*can be negative*

**Definition:** An arithmetic sequence is a sequence of the form:

$$a, a+d, a+2d, a+3d, \dots$$

$a_1 \rightarrow a_2 \rightarrow a_3 \rightarrow a_4$

The number  $a$  is the first term and  $d$  is called the common difference.

The  $n$ th term of an arithmetic sequence is given by:

$$a_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$a_2 - a_1 = d$$

$$a_4 - a_3 = d$$

$$a_1 = a$$

$$a_2 = a + 1d$$

$$a_3 = a + 2d$$

**Example 1:** Is this sequence an arithmetic sequence?  $13, 7, 1, -5, \dots$

$$7 - 13 = -6$$

$$-5 - 1 = -6$$

$$1 - 7 = -6$$

$$\begin{matrix} \sim \sim \sim \\ -6 & -6 & -6 \end{matrix}$$

If yes, find the common difference, the next three terms, the  $n$ th term, and the 300th term of the arithmetic sequence

$$d = -6$$

$$a = 13$$

$$a_5 = -5 - 6 = -11$$

$$a_6 = -11 - 6 = -17$$

$$a_7 = -17 - 6 = -23$$

$$a_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$a_n = 13 + (n-1)(-6)$$

$$a_{300} = 13 + (300-1)(-6)$$

$$= -1781$$

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**Example 2:** Write the first five terms of the sequence  $a_n = -4 + 3n$ . Determine whether or not the sequence is arithmetic. If it is, find the common difference.

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= -4 + 3 = -1 \\ a_2 &= 2 \\ a_3 &= 5 \\ a_4 &= 8 \\ a_5 &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

+3

If yes

$$d = 3$$

$$a = -1$$

**Example 2:** The 11th term of an arithmetic sequence is 52, and the 19th term is 92. Find the 1000th term.

$$a_{11} = 52$$

$$a_{19} = 92$$

$$a_{1000} = ?$$

$$52 = a + 10d$$

$$92 = a + 18d$$

$$40 = (a + 18d) - (a + 10d)$$

$$40 = 8d$$

$$d = 5$$

$$52 = a + 10(5)$$

$$52 = a + 50$$

$$a = 2$$

$$a_{1000} = 4997$$

$$a_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$a_{11} = a + (11-1)d$$

$$a_{11} = a + 10d$$

$$a_{19} = a + 18d$$

$$a_{1000} = 2 + (999)5 = 4997$$

Arithmetic sequence recursive formula:

$$a_1 = a$$

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + d$$

$$a_1 = a$$

$$a_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$a_n = \underline{2a_{n-1} + 5}$$

$$a_n =$$