

Sequence and Series Formulas

Arithmetic Sequence

Explicit

$$a_n = a_1 + d(n - 1)$$

Recursive

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

Sum of n Terms

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n)$$

Geometric Sequence

Explicit

$$a_n = a_1(r)^{n-1}$$

Recursive

$$a_n = r(a_{n-1})$$

Sum of n Terms

$$S_n = a_1 \left(\frac{1-r^n}{1-r} \right)$$

Sum of Infinite Geometric Series

$$S = \frac{a_1}{1-r}$$