



MATHEMATICS  
GRADE: 10  
(24 & 25/09/2021)  
Number Patterns  
Sessions:

*Teacher Section !!!*

# Overview of the topic from the CAPS document

NUMBER PATTERN		SERIES AND SEQUENCES
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Investigate number patterns leading to those where there is a constant difference between consecutive terms, and the general term is therefore linear.	Investigate number patterns leading to those where there is a constant second difference between consecutive terms, and the general term is therefore quadratic.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number patterns, including arithmetic and geometric sequences and series.</li> <li>2. Sigma notation.</li> <li>3. Derivation and application of the formulae for the sum of arithmetic and geometric series <math display="block">S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n - 1)d];</math> <math display="block">S_n = \frac{n}{2} (a + l);</math> <math display="block">S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}; (r \neq 1) \text{ \&amp; }</math> <math display="block">S_\infty = \frac{a}{1 - r}; (-1 &lt; r &lt; 1)</math> <math display="block">(r \neq 1)</math> </li> </ol>

# Exam Guidelines on Number Patterns

1. The sequence of first differences of a quadratic number pattern is linear. Therefore, knowledge of linear patterns can be tested in the context of quadratic number patterns.
2. Recursive patterns will not be examined explicitly.
3. Links must be clearly established between patterns done in earlier grades.
4. Questions need not be limited to only quadratic patterns. Questions can be formed by using combinations of quadratic patterns and done in earlier grades.

*Lesson !!!*

# Exam Paper overview on Number patterns

Weighting of Content Areas			
Description	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade. 12
<b>PAPER 1</b> (Grades 12:bookwork: maximum 6 marks)			
Algebra and Equations (and inequalities)	$30 \pm 3$	$45 \pm 3$	$25 \pm 3$
Patterns and Sequences	$15 \pm 3$	$25 \pm 3$	$25 \pm 3$
Finance and Growth	$10 \pm 3$		
Finance, growth and decay		$15 \pm 3$	$15 \pm 3$
Functions and Graphs	$30 \pm 3$	$45 \pm 3$	$35 \pm 3$
Differential Calculus			$35 \pm 3$
Probability	$15 \pm 3$	$20 \pm 3$	$15 \pm 3$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>

# 6 Reminders on Number Patterns

1. Arithmetic sequence is done in Grade 12, hence  $T_n = a + (n - 1)d$  is not used in Grade 10.

$$T_n = bn + c \quad \text{instead} \quad T_n = dn + c$$

2. Consecutive: directly follow one another.
3. Common/constant difference: difference between two consecutive terms in a pattern

$$b = T_2 - T_1 \quad \text{instead} \quad d = T_2 - T_1$$

4. General term  $T_n$ : also referred to as the  $n$ th term.

Linear pattern:

$$T_n = bn + c$$

Quadratic pattern:

$$T_n = an^2 + bn + c$$

## 6 Reminders on Number Patterns, conti...

5.  $T_1; T_2; \dots; T_{100}$ : Terms indicated by T and the number of the term as a subscript.
6. Objectives:
  - a) Find the values of the variables.
  - b) Use the values to find the general term.
  - c) Use the general term to calculate specific term values.
  - d) Use specific term values to find the term number.



# CAPS Clarification on Number Pattern

## Comment:

- Arithmetic sequence is done in Grade 12, hence  $T_n = a + (n - 1)d$  is not used in Grade 10.

## Examples:

1. Determine the 5<sup>th</sup> and the  $n^{\text{th}}$  terms of the number pattern 10; 7; 4; 1; .... There is an algorithmic approach to answering such questions. (R)
2. If the pattern MATHSMATHSMATHS... is continued in this way, what will the 267<sup>th</sup> letter be? It is not immediately obvious how one should proceed, unless similar questions have been tackled. (P)

# Discussion 1. The general term of a linear number pattern.

The  $n^{th}$  term of a linear number pattern is given by  $T_n = bn + c$ .

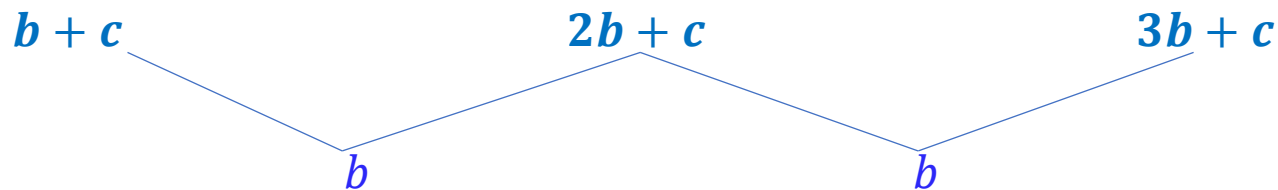
If we use this formula to calculate the first three terms, we get:

$$T_n = b(1) + c = b + c$$

$$T_n = b(2) + c = 2b + c$$

$$T_n = b(3) + c = 3b + c$$

Let us calculate the difference between consecutive term:



# Discussion 1. The general term of a linear number pattern, conti...

Note that the first term is  $b + c$  and the constant difference is  $b$ .

In a **linear** number pattern:

First term =  $b + c$

Constant difference =  $b$

General term:  $T_n = bn + c$

# Discussion 1.

## Examples on Linear pattern

Given the linear pattern: 3 ; 7 ; 11 ; 15

a) Determine the general term ( $T_n$ ).

$$\begin{aligned}b &= 4 \\b + c &= 3 \\\therefore 4 + c &= 3 \\c &= -1 \\\therefore T_n &= 4n - 1\end{aligned}$$

b) Determine the 20<sup>th</sup> term.

$$\begin{aligned}T_n &= 4n - 1 \\T_{20} &= 4(20) - 1 \\\therefore T_{20} &= 79\end{aligned}$$

c) Which term in the number pattern equals 139?

$$\begin{aligned}T_n &= 4n - 1 \\139 &= 4n - 1 \\\therefore n &= 35\end{aligned}$$

# Discussion 1.

## Activities on Linear pattern

(a) For each of the following sequences, determine the general rule ( $n$ th term) and hence calculate the 100th term.

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| (1) 6; 9; 12; 15; .....                                       | (2) 9; 13; 17; 21; .....                    | (3) 3; 8; 13; 18; .....                         |
| (4) 3; 7; 11; 15; .....                                       | (5) 10; 16; 22; 28; .....                   | (6) 4; 11; 18; 25; .....                        |
| (7) 5; 0; -5; -10; .....                                      | (8) 0; -3; -6; .....                        | (9) -6; -11; -16; .....                         |
| (10) 5; 1; -3; -7; ....                                       | (11) -5; -11; -17; .....                    | (12) $3\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4; $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; ..... |
| (13) $2\frac{1}{2}$ ; $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; $6\frac{1}{2}$ ; ..... | (14) $\frac{1}{4}$ ; $1\frac{7}{4}$ ; ..... | (15) 0,5; 0,7; 0,9; ....                        |
| (16) -13; -7; -1; .....                                       | (17) 1; -9; -19; .....                      | (18) 13; 12; 11; 10; ....                       |

(b) 4; 11; 18; 25; ..... is a given sequence.

- (1) Determine the 45th term.      (2) Which term of the sequence is 627?

(c) 19; 16; 13; 10; ..... is a given sequence.

- (1) Determine the 65th term.      (2) Which term of the sequence is -113?

(d)  $T_n = 9n - 4$  is the  $n$ th term of a linear number pattern (sequence).

- (1) Determine the first four terms of the sequence.  
 (2) Which term is equal to 986?

(e) Consider the number pattern:  $4 \times 7$ ;  $7 \times 15$ ;  $10 \times 23$ ;  $13 \times 31$ ; .....

- (1) Determine the  $n$ th term.  
 (2) Determine the 50th term

# Discussion 1. Activities on Linear pattern Working Area

# Discussion 1. Activities on Linear pattern Solutions

$$(a) (1) \quad T_n = 3n + 3$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = 3(100) + 3 = 303$$

$$(3) \quad T_n = 5n - 2$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = 5(100) - 2 = 498$$

$$(5) \quad T_n = 6n + 4$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = 6(100) + 4 = 604$$

$$(7) \quad T_n = -5n + 10$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = -5(100) + 10 = -490$$

$$(9) \quad T_n = -5n - 1$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = -5(100) - 1 = -501$$

$$(11) \quad T_n = -6n + 1$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = -6(100) + 1 = -599$$

$$(13) \quad T_n = 2n + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = 2(100) + \frac{1}{2} = 200\frac{1}{2}$$

$$(15) \quad T_n = 0, 2n + 0, 3$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = 0, 2(100) + 0, 3 = 20, 3$$

$$(17) \quad T_n = -10n + 11$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = -10(100) + 11 = -989$$

$$(2) \quad T_n = 4n + 5$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = 4(100) + 5 = 405$$

$$(4) \quad T_n = 4n - 1$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = 4(100) - 1 = 399$$

$$(6) \quad T_n = 7n - 3$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = 7(100) - 3 = 697$$

$$(8) \quad T_n = -3n + 3$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = -3(100) + 3 = -297$$

$$(10) \quad T_n = -4n + 9$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = -4(100) + 9 = -391$$

$$(12) \quad T_n = \frac{1}{2}n + 3$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = \frac{1}{2}(100) + 3 = 53$$

$$(14) \quad T_n = \frac{3}{4}n - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = \frac{3}{4}(100) - \frac{1}{2} = 74\frac{1}{2}$$

$$(16) \quad T_n = 6n - 19$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = 6(100) - 19 = 581$$

$$(18) \quad T_n = -n + 14$$

$$\therefore T_{100} = -(100) + 14 = -86$$

$$(b) (1) \quad T_n = 7n - 3$$

$$\therefore T_{45} = 7(45) - 3 = 311$$

$$(c) (1) \quad T_n = -3n + 22$$

$$\therefore T_{65} = -3(65) + 22 = -173$$

$$(d) (1) \quad T_1 = 9(1) - 4 = 5$$

$$T_3 = 9(3) - 4 = 23$$

$$(2) \quad 986 = 9n - 4$$

$$\therefore 990 = 9n$$

$$\therefore n = 110$$

$$\therefore T_{110} = 996$$

$$(e) (1) \quad T_n = (3n + 1)(8n - 1)$$

$$(2) \quad \therefore T_{50} = [3(50) + 1][8(50) - 1] = [151][399] = 60\,249$$

$$(2) \quad 627 = 7n - 3$$

$$\therefore 630 = 7n$$

$$\therefore n = 90$$

$$\therefore T_{90} = 627$$

$$(2) \quad -113 = -3n + 22$$

$$\therefore 3n = 135$$

$$\therefore n = 45$$

$$\therefore T_{45} = -113$$

$$T_2 = 9(2) - 4 = 14$$

$$T_4 = 9(4) - 4 = 32$$

# Discussion 2.

## Activities on Linear pattern

(a) For each of the following number patterns, determine the general rule and hence the 10th term.

- |                                     |  |   |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| (1) 2; 4; 8; 16; .....              | (2) 1; 3; 9; 27; .....   | (3) 4; 12; 36; .....                              |
| (4) 32; 16; 8; 4; .....             | (5) -2; -6; -18; .....   | (6) $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 1; 2; 4; .....                |
| (7) 16; 4; 1; $\frac{1}{4}$ ; ..... | (8) $\frac{1}{2}$ ; $\frac{1}{4}$ ; $\frac{1}{8}$ ; $\frac{1}{16}$ ; ..... | (9) 28; 7; $\frac{7}{4}$ ; $\frac{7}{16}$ ; ..... |

(b) For each of the following sequences, determine the  $n$ th term and hence the 100th term.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| (1) 1; 4; 9; 16; ..... | (2) 2; 5; 10; 17; ..... | (3) 4; 7; 12; 19; ..... |
| (4) 5; 8; 13; 20; .... | (5) 0; 3; 8; 15; ....   | (6) -1; 2; 7; 14; ....  |

(c) Determine the general term of the sequence:  $\frac{1}{5}; \frac{3}{8}; \frac{9}{13}; \frac{27}{20}; \dots$



# Discussion 2. Activities on Linear pattern Working Area

# Discussion 2. Activities on Linear pattern Solutions

(a) (1)  $T_n = 2 \times 2^{n-1}$   $T_{10} = 2 \times 2^9 = 1\,024$   
(2)  $T_n = 1 \times 3^{n-1}$   $T_{10} = 1 \times 3^9 = 19\,683$   
(3)  $T_n = 4 \times 3^{n-1}$   $T_{10} = 4 \times 3^9 = 78\,732$   
(4)  $T_n = 32 \times (\frac{1}{2})^{n-1}$   $T_{10} = 32 \times (\frac{1}{2})^9 = \frac{1}{16}$   
(5)  $T_n = (-2) \times (3)^{n-1}$   $T_{10} = (-2) \times (3)^9 = -39\,366$   
(6)  $T_n = (\frac{1}{2}) \times (2)^{n-1}$   $T_{10} = (\frac{1}{2}) \times (2)^9 = 256$   
(7)  $T_n = 16 \times (\frac{1}{4})^{n-1}$   $T_{10} = 16 \times (\frac{1}{4})^9 = \frac{1}{16\,384}$   
(8)  $T_n = (\frac{1}{2}) \times (\frac{1}{2})^{n-1}$   $T_{10} = (\frac{1}{2}) \times (\frac{1}{2})^9 = \frac{1}{1\,024}$   
(9)  $T_n = 28 \times (\frac{1}{4})^{n-1}$   $T_{10} = 28 \times (\frac{1}{4})^9 = \frac{7}{65\,536}$   
(b) (1)  $T_n = n^2$   $T_{100} = (100)^2 = 10\,000$   
(2)  $T_n = n^2 + 1$   $T_{100} = (100)^2 + 1 = 10\,001$   
(3)  $T_n = n^2 + 3$   $T_{100} = (100)^2 + 3 = 10\,003$   
(4)  $T_n = n^2 + 4$   $T_{100} = (100)^2 + 4 = 10\,004$   
(5)  $T_n = n^2 - 1$   $T_{100} = (100)^2 - 1 = 9\,999$   
(6)  $T_n = n^2 - 2$   $T_{100} = (100)^2 - 2 = 9\,998$   
(c)  $T_n = \frac{1 \times 3^{n-1}}{n^2 + 4}$

# Discussion 3. Consolidation Activities on Linear pattern

(a) Consider the number pattern: 7 ; 16 ; 25 ; 34 ; .....

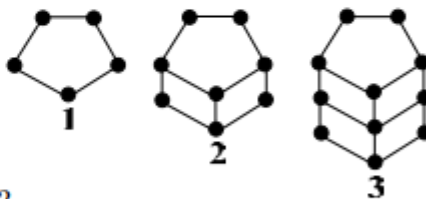
- (1) Determine the  $n$ th term and hence the 300th term.
- (2) Determine which term of the number pattern equals 448.

(b) Consider the number pattern: -2 ; -5 ; -8 ; -11 ; .....

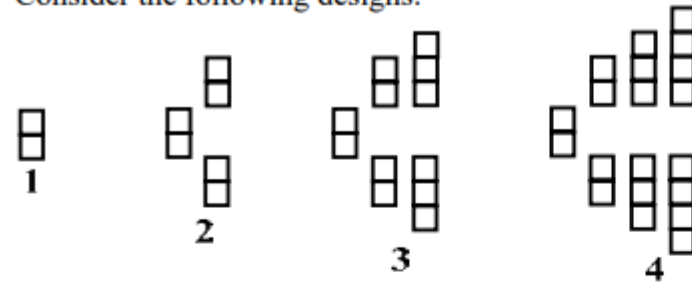
- (1) Determine the  $n$ th term and hence the 145th term.
- (2) Determine which term of the number pattern equals -389.

(c) Consider the diagram made up of black dots joined by thin black lines.

- (1) How many dots are there in figure 4?
- (2) How many lines are there in figure 4?
- (3) How many dots are there in figure 8?
- (4) How many lines are there in figure 8?
- (5) Determine the general rule to find the number of dots in the  $n$ th figure.
- (6) How many dots are there in the 186th figure?
- (7) Which figure will contain 272 dots?
- (8) Determine the general rule to find the number of lines in the  $n$ th figure.
- (9) How many lines are there in the 900th figure?
- (10) Which figure will contain 650 lines?



(d) Consider the following designs.



- (1) Write down the number of squares in design 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
- (2) Determine the number of squares in design  $n$ .
- (3) How many squares are there in design 20?

(e) Consider the sequence:  $2; \frac{5}{4}; \frac{14}{13}; 1; \frac{22}{23}; \frac{26}{28}; \frac{30}{33}; \dots$

- (1) Determine the  $n$ th term.
- (2) Calculate the 20th term.

(f) Consider the number pattern: 1 ; 3 ; 1 ; 6 ; 1 ; 9 ; 1 ; 12 ; 1 ; .....

Determine the 999th and 1000th terms.

(g) Sipho wrote the name **SWEET** over and over again as follows:

**SWEETSWEETSWEETSWEET.....**

- (1) What is the 23<sup>rd</sup> letter?
- (2) Find the 402<sup>nd</sup> letter.
- (3) The first W is in the second position, the second W is in the seventh position, the third W is in the twelfth position, and so forth. Determine in what position is the 100<sup>th</sup> W?

# Discussion 3. Activities on Linear pattern Working Area

# Discussion 3. Activities on Linear pattern Solutions

(a) (1)  $T_n = 9n - 2$   $T_{300} = 9(300) - 2 = 2\ 698$

(2)  $\therefore 448 = 9n - 2$

$\therefore 450 = 9n$

$\therefore n = 50$

$\therefore T_{50} = 448$

(b) (1)  $T_n = -3n + 1$   $T_{145} = -3(145) + 1 = -434$

(2)  $\therefore -389 = -3n + 1$

$\therefore 3n = 390$

$\therefore n = 130$

$\therefore T_{130} = -389$

(c) (1) Figure 4: 14

(2) Figure 4: 20

(3) Figure 8: 26

(4) Figure 8: 40

(5) Figure  $n$ :  $T_n = 3n + 2$

(6)  $T_{186} = 3(186) + 2 = 560$

(7)  $272 = 3n + 2$

$\therefore 270 = 3n$

$\therefore n = 90$

Figure 90 will contain 272 dots

(8) Figure  $n$ :  $T_n = 5n$

(9)  $T_{900} = 5(900) = 4\ 500$

(10)  $650 = 5n$

$\therefore n = 130$

Figure 130 will contain 650 lines.

(d) (1) Design 1:  $2 = T_1 = (1)^2 + (1)$

Design 2:  $6 = T_2 = (2)^2 + (2)$

Design 3:  $12 = T_3 = (3)^2 + (3)$

Design 4:  $20 = T_4 = (4)^2 + (4)$

Design 5:  $30 = T_5 = (5)^2 + (5)$

(2) Design  $n$ :  $T_n = n^2 + n$

(3)  $T_{20} = (20)^2 + (20) = 420$

(e) (1)  $2; \frac{5}{4}; \frac{14}{13}; 1; \frac{22}{23}; \frac{26}{28}; \frac{30}{33}; \dots$

$= \frac{6}{3}; \frac{10}{8}; \frac{14}{13}; \frac{18}{18}; \frac{22}{23}; \frac{26}{28}; \frac{30}{33}; \dots$

$n$ th term of number pattern:  $T_n = \frac{4n+2}{5n-2}$

(2)  $T_{20} = \frac{4(20)+2}{5(20)-2} = \frac{82}{98} = \frac{41}{49}$

# Discussion 3. Activities on Linear pattern Solutions

(f) 1; 3; 1; 6; 1; 9; 1; 12; 1; ..... (original)

All the odd terms are 1. Therefore  $T_{999} = 1$

The even terms form a linear pattern 3; 6; 9; 12; .....

The general term is  $T_n = 3n$

Position of term in original pattern.	Position of term in linear pattern.	Actual term
$T_2$	$T_1$	$3(1) = 3$
$T_4$	$T_2$	$3(2) = 6$
$T_6$	$T_3$	$3(3) = 9$
$T_8$	$T_4$	$3(4) = 12$
$T_{2n}$	$T_n$	$3(n) = 3n$
$T_{1000}$	$T_{500}$	$3(500) = 1500$

Therefore  $T_{1000} = 1500$

- (g) (1) The 23<sup>rd</sup> letter is E.  
 (2) All multiples of 5 are the letter T. Therefore the 400<sup>th</sup> letter is T. This implies that the 402<sup>nd</sup> letter is W.  
 (3)

The number of W	The position of W
1	2
2	7
3	12
4	17
5	22
6	27
$n$	$5n - 3$
100	$5(100) - 3 = 497$

Therefore the 100<sup>th</sup> W is in the 497th position.



Thank you