

## W2 - HW Problems

- ① Express the arithmetic series  $S = 5 + 9 + 13 + \dots + 89$  in sigma notation.

$$a_1 = 5 \quad a_2 = 9 \quad d = a_2 - a_1 = 9 - 5 = 4$$

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

$$89 = 5 + (n-1) \cdot 4$$

$$84 = 4(n-1)$$

~~$n=21$~~

$$n=22$$

Sigma notation:

$$S = \sum_{k=1}^{22} [5 + (k-1) \cdot 4]$$

- ② Rewrite the arithmetic series  $\sum_{k=3}^{15} (2k+1)$  to start at  $k=1$

$$j = k-2 \quad \sum_{k=3}^{15} (2k+1) = \sum_{j=1}^{13} [2(j+2)+1] = \sum_{j=1}^{13} (2j+5)$$

- ③ An arithmetic sequence is defined recursively by  $a_1 = 12$  and  $a_n = a_{n-1} + d$ . If  $a_{10} = 57$ , find the value of  $d$  and then find  $a_{25}$ .

$$a_{10} = a_1 + (10-1)d$$

$$a_{25} = 12 + (25-1) \cdot 5$$

$$a_{10} = a_1 + 9d$$

$$a_{25} = 12 + 24 \cdot 5$$

$$d = \frac{a_{10} - a_1}{9}$$

$$a_{25} = 12 + 120$$

$$d = \frac{57 - 12}{9} = \frac{45}{9} = 5$$

$$a_{25} = 132$$

- ④ Find the sum of all multiples of 7 between 100 and 1000.

$$a_1 = 7 \cdot 15 = 105$$

$$n = \frac{a_n - a_1}{d} + 1 = \frac{994 - 105}{7} + 1 = \frac{889}{7} + 1 = 127 + 1 = 128$$

$$a_n = 7 \cdot 142 = 994$$

$$S = \frac{n}{2} (a_1 + a_n) = \frac{128}{2} (105 + 994) = 64 \cdot 1099 = 70,336$$

⑤ Given the arithmetic series  $S = \sum_{k=1}^n (3k+2)$ , find the value of  $n$  such that  $S = 2650$ .

$$a_1 = 3 \cdot 1 + 2 = 5$$

$$a_n = 3n + 2$$

$$S = \frac{n}{2} [5 + (3n+2)] = \frac{n}{2} (3n+7)$$

$$\frac{n}{2} (3n+7) = 2650$$

$$n(3n+7) = 5300$$

$$3n^2 + 7n - 5300 = 0$$

$$n = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{7^2 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot (-5300)}}{2 \cdot 3}$$

$$n = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{49 + 63600}}{6}$$

$$n = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{63649}}{6}$$

$$n = \frac{-7 + 252.29}{6} \approx \frac{245.29}{6} \approx 40.88 \quad n = 41$$

$$S = \frac{41}{2} [5 + (3 \cdot 41 + 2)] = \frac{41}{2} (5 + 125) = \frac{41}{2} \cdot 130 = 2665$$

Since  $n = 41$  the closest solution and it's not exact solution there's no integer value of  $n$  such that  $S = 2650$ .

⑥ In an arithmetic sequence, the 5th term is 20, and the 15th term is 60. Show that the 10th term is the arithmetic mean of the 5th and 15th terms.

$$a_5 = 20 \quad a_{15} = 60$$

$$a_{10} = \frac{a_5 + a_{15}}{2} \quad a_{10} = \frac{20 + 60}{2} = \frac{80}{2} = 40 \quad a_{10} = 40 \text{ is the arithmetic mean.}$$

⑦ A staircase has 20 steps. The first step is 5 cm high, and each subsequent step is 0,5 cm higher than the previous one. What is the total height of the staircase?

$$a_1 = 5 \\ d = 0,5$$

$$n = 20$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} (2a_1 + (n-1)d)$$

$$S_{20} = \frac{20}{2} \left( 2 \cdot 5 + (20-1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) = 10 \cdot (10 + 9,5) = 10 \cdot 19,5 = 195.$$

⑧ An arithmetic series has a first term of 11 and a common difference of 3. Find the smallest value of  $n$  such that the sum  $S_n$  exceeds 1000.

$$a_1 = 11 \\ d = 3$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} (2a_1 + (n-1)d)$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} (22 + 3(n-1)) = \frac{n(22 + 3n - 3)}{2} = \frac{n(3n + 19)}{2}$$

$$\frac{n(3n + 19)}{2} > 1000$$

$$3n^2 + 19n > 2000$$

$$3n^2 + 19n - 2000 > 0$$

$$n = \frac{-19 \pm \sqrt{19^2 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot (-2000)}}{2 \cdot 3}$$

$$n = \frac{-19 \pm \sqrt{361 + 24000}}{6}$$

$$n = \frac{-19 \pm \sqrt{24361}}{6} \Rightarrow \sqrt{24361} = 156,03$$

$$n = \frac{-19 + 156,03}{6} = \frac{137,03}{6} \approx 22,84$$

$$n = 23$$

$$S_{23} = \frac{23}{2} (2 \cdot 11 + (23-1) \cdot 3) = \frac{23(22 + 22 \cdot 3)}{2} = \frac{23 \cdot 88}{2} = \frac{2024}{2} = 1012$$

The smallest value of  $n$  is 23, such that  $S_{23} > 1000$ .

⑨  $\sum_{k=3}^{12} 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k$  as a sum starting from  $k=0$ .

$$\sum_{k=3}^{12} 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = \sum_{j=0}^9 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{j+3} = \sum_{j=0}^9 4\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^j = \sum_{j=0}^9 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^j * \frac{1}{8}$$

$$S = \sum_{k=0}^9 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k * \frac{1}{8}$$

⑩ Find the 10th term of a geometric sequence if  $a_2 = -6$  and  $a_5 = 48$ .

$$a_2: -6 = a_1 \cdot r^2$$

$$\underline{48} = \underline{a_1 \cdot r^4}$$

$$a_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$$

$$a_5: 48 = a_1 \cdot r^4$$

$$-6 = a_1 \cdot r^2$$

$$-8 = r^3$$

$$a_{10} = a_1 \cdot r^9$$

$$a_1: -6 = a_1 (2)^2$$

$$r^3 = -8$$

$$a_{10} = 3 \cdot (-2)^9$$

$$a_1 = 3$$

$$r = -2$$

$$a_{10} = 3 \cdot (-512) = -1536$$

⑪ In geometric sequence,  $a_4 = 54$  and  $a_7 = 1458$ . Find the common ratio  $r$ .

$$a_4: 54 = a_1 \cdot r^3$$

$$\frac{1458}{54} = \frac{a_1 \cdot r^6}{a_1 \cdot r^3}$$

$$a_7: 1458 = a_1 \cdot r^6$$

$$278 = r^3$$

$$r^3 = 278 \quad (r = 3)$$

$$\cancel{r^3 = \sqrt[3]{278}}$$

$$\approx 19.442$$

⑫ Calculate the sum of the first 15 terms of the geometric sequence where  $a_1 = 8$  and  $r = \frac{3}{4}$

$$S_n = a_1 \frac{1-r^n}{1-r}$$

$$S_{15} = 8 \frac{1 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{15}}{1 - \frac{3}{4}} = 8 \frac{1 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{15}}{\frac{1}{4}} = 32 \left(1 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{15}\right)$$

$$S_{15} \approx 32 \cdot 1 = 32$$