

Questions from Homework

① Find a , d , and t_n

$$\begin{array}{l} t_2 = -12 \\ t_2 = a + (2-1)d \\ \underline{t_2} = a + d \\ -12 = a + d \end{array} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} t_5 = 9 \\ t_5 = a + (5-1)d \\ \underline{t_5} = a + 4d \\ 9 = a + 4d \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} a + 4d = 9 \\ \xrightarrow{a+d=-12} a + d = -12 \\ 3d = 21 \\ d = 7 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} a + d = -12 \\ a + (7) = -12 \\ a = -19 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_n &= a + (n-1)d \\ t_n &= -19 + (n-1)(7) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\begin{aligned} t_n &= -19 + 7n - 7 \\ t_n &= 7n - 26 \end{aligned}}$$

③ $a = 12$ $S_{12} = \frac{12}{2} [2(12) + (12-1)(-1)]$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= -1 \\ n &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_{12} &= 1 \\ S_{12} &=? \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or} \\ S_{12} &= \frac{12}{2} (12+1) \\ &= 6(13) \\ &= 78 \end{aligned}$$

④ $S_5 = ?$

$$a = 50$$

$$n = 5$$

$$r = 0.8 \text{ (decrease of } 20\%)$$

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$S_5 = \frac{(50)[(0.8)^5 - 1]}{0.8 - 1}$$

$$= \frac{50(0.32768 - 1)}{-0.2}$$

$$= \frac{50(-0.67232)}{-0.2}$$

$$= 174.8$$

$$\approx 175 \text{ deaths}$$

Sigma Notation

For the *sequence* 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 there is an associated sum called a *series*.

The Greek symbol Σ (**sigma**) is used to write the series in compact form.

$$1+2+4+\dots+64 =$$



the terms form a geometric sequence with $a = 1$, $r = 2$, $t_n = 1(2)^{n-1}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^7 2^{n-1}$$

Annotations for the sigma notation:

- 7 terms (end at $n=7$)
- t_n or the general term
- start at $n=1$

This symbol is read as **the sum of the terms of the sequence given by $t_n = 2^{n-1}$ from $n = 1$ to $n = 7$**

We can also say:

$$S_7 = \sum_{n=1}^7 2^{n-1}$$

Find each sum:

general term:
 $t_n = n^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_4 &= \sum_{n=1}^4 n^2 \\
 &= (1)^2 + (2)^2 + (3)^2 + (4)^2 \\
 &= 1 + 4 + 9 + 16 \\
 &= 30
 \end{aligned}$$



$$S_5 = \sum_{n=1}^5 3n + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 5 + 8 + 11 + 14 + 17 \\
 &= 55
 \end{aligned}$$

$$3n + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 3(4) + 2 \\
 &= 14
 \end{aligned}$$

Write the following series in **Sigma Notation**

$$2+5+8+11+14.$$

What type of series is it?
Find t_n

$$a = 2$$

$$d = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned}t_n &= 2 + (n-1)(3) \\&= 2 + 3n - 3 \\&= 3n - 1\end{aligned}$$

Sigma Notation

$$\sum_{n=1}^5 3n - 1$$

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