

Bellwork Thursday, June 5, 2014

Do the following for each sequence:

- Find the next three terms in each sequence.
- Tell if the sequence is Arithmetic, Geometric, or Neither.
- If Arithmetic or Geometric write both a Recursive and an Explicit Formula.

1. 26244, 2916, 324, ... 36, 4, $\frac{4}{9}$

$\div 9 \quad \div 9$

Geometric

$r = \frac{1}{9}$

recursive
 $a_1 = 26,244$
 $a_n = a_{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{9}$

explicit
 $a_n = 26244 \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^{n-1}$

2. 9, 10, 18, 45, ... 109, 234, 450

+1 +8 +27 +64 +125 +216

Neither

3. -14, -18, -22, -26, ... -30, -34, -38

-4 -4 -4

Arithmetic

$d = -4$

recursive

$a_1 = -14$

$a_n = a_{n-1} - 4$

explicit

$a_n = -14 + (n-1)(-4)$

4. Find the missing terms in this Arithmetic Sequence.

$+d \quad +d \quad +d \quad +d \quad +d$
 23, 32, 41, 50, 59, 68

$23 + 5d = 68$
 $d = 9$

5. Find the missing terms in this Geometric Sequence.

$\cdot r \quad \cdot r \quad \cdot r \quad \cdot r \quad \cdot r$
 8, 12, 18, 27, 40.5, 60.75

$8r^5 = 60.75$
 $r^5 = 7.59375 \quad r = 1.5$

6. Find the 30th term of each sequence.

a) 3, 6, 12, 24, ...
 $r = 2$
 $a_n = 3(2)^{n-1}$
 $a_{30} = 3(2)^{29}$
 $1, 610, 612, 736$

b) 7, 1, -5, -11, ...
 $d = -6$
 $a_n = 7 + (n-1)(-6)$
 $a_{30} = -167$

7. Given these two terms of an Arithmetic Sequence find the first term.

$a_{17} = 144$

$a_{23} = 186$

$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$
 $144 = a_1 + (17-1)d$
 $186 = a_1 + (23-1)d$
 $d = 7$
 $a_1 = 32$

8. Given these two terms of a Geometric Sequence find the first term.

$a_{13} = 2,125,764$

$a_{18} = 516,560,652$

$2,125,764 \cdot 5 = 516,560,652$
 $r = 3$
 $a_n = a_1(3)^{n-1}$
 $2,125,764 = a_1(3)^{13-1}$
 $a_1 = 4$