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1. How do the domain values relate to this situation?

The domain values are the term numbers in the sequence (Figure #'s)

2. Why is this relationship a function?

Yes. Every term number gives rise to only one of the terms in the sequence.

Explicit Formula:  
(General Formula)



Formula that will give any term of a sequence by substituting the term number ( $n$ ) into the formula.

Recursive Formula: Formula that tells you how to find any term  $t_n \rightarrow f(n)$  using the previous term  $t_{n-1} \rightarrow f(n-1)$

Recursive Formulas always require these two statements.

1. State  $t_1$
2. Write formula to find  $t_n$  using previous term  $t_{n-1}$

Function Notation equivalent

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You can represent this arithmetic sequence using function notation:

$$f(1) = 3$$

$$f(n) = f(n-1) + 1 \text{ for integer values of } n > 1$$

How does the recursive formula illustrate that the sequence is arithmetic?

the +1 one means you move from one term to the next by always adding 1 - Common Difference.

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What is  $f(8) \rightarrow t_8$ ?

It represents the 8th term or 8th figure:

$$f(8) = 10$$

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1. What do the common differences tell us about the graphical representation of the data?

The slope of the line

2. What does the  $n$  indicate in  $t_n$  ?

The term number

3. What about  $(n-1)$  in the formula  $t_n = 20+3(n-1)$  ?

One less than the term number

4. What formula would you use if the number of seats increased by 4 with the addition of each new row and the front row had 10 seats?

$$t_n = 10+4(n-1)$$

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Write both the Explicit and Recursive Formulas for each sequence.

1. -7, -4, -1, 2, 5, ...

Arithmetic  $d = 3$

$$t_n = -7 + 3(n-1)$$

Explicit

2. 7, 28, 112, 448, ...

Geometric  $r = 4$

$$t_n = 7 \cdot 4^{n-1}$$

$$t_1 = -7$$

$$t_n = t_{n-1} + 3$$

Recursive

$$t_1 = 7$$

$$t_n = t_{n-1} \cdot 4$$