Figure number	1	2	3	4
Visual depiction				
Perimeter	3 units	4 units	5 units	6 units

Look again at the sequence of perimeters of figures generated by joining congruent equilateral triangles. You may recall from a previous course that a sequence can be thought of as a function whose domain is a subset of the integers. For this sequence, the domain is the set of positive integers {1, 2, 3, 4, ...}. The range consists of the terms in the sequence: {3, 4, 5, 6, ...}.

- 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 subsituting 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 $t_{n-1} \rightarrow f(n-1)$

Function Notation

Recursive Formulas always require these two statements.

State t₁

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

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

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It represents the 8th term or 8th figure:

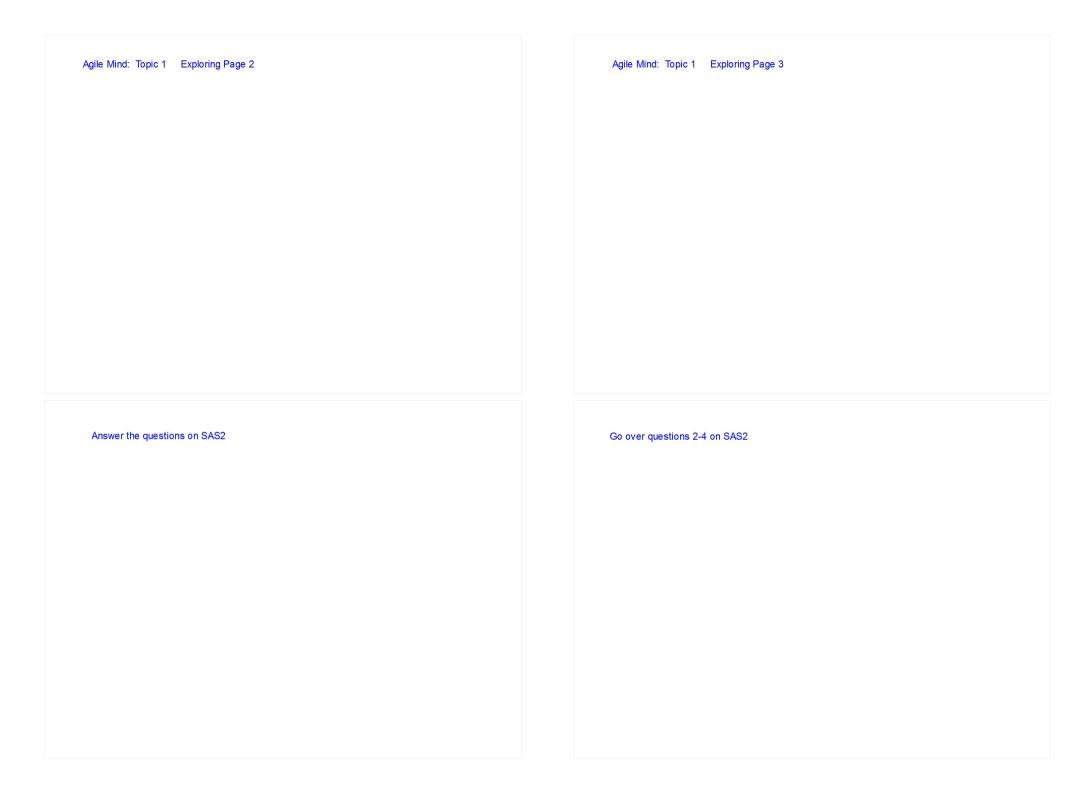
$$f(8) = 10$$

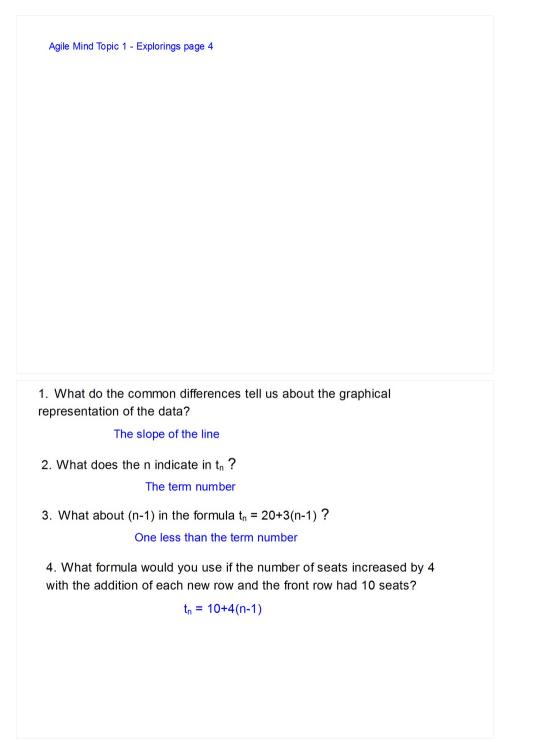
You can represent this arithmetic sequence using function notation:



How does the recursive formula illustrae 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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Write both the Explicit and Recursive Formulas for each sequence.

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

Arithmetic
$$d=3$$

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

Geometric $r=4$
 $t_n=-7+3(n-1)$ Explicit

 $t_n=7-4$

$$t_1 = -7$$
 $t_n = t_{n-1} + 3$
Recursive
 $t_1 = 7$
 $t_n = t_{n-1} \cdot 4$

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