

Precalculus Honors

9.3, 9.4 Review Warmups

1. Consider the sequence: 38, 31, 24, 17, ...  
 a) Write a recursive formula for the sequence

$$\boxed{a_1 = 38}$$

$$\boxed{a_n = a_{n-1} - 7 \text{ for } n \geq 1}$$

- b) Write an explicit formula for the sequence

$$\boxed{a_n = 38 + (-7)(n-1)} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{a_n = 45 - 7n}$$

- c) Which term in the sequence would be -396?

$$45 - 7n = -396$$

$$-7n = -441$$

$$n = \boxed{63}$$

2. Does the series  $2 - 2 + 3 - 3 + 4 - 4 + 5 - 5 \dots$  converge or diverge? Justify your answer!

diverges.

$$S_1 = 2$$

$$S_2 = 0$$

$$S_3 = 3$$

$$S_4 = 0$$

$$S_5 = 4$$

$$S_6 = 0 \dots$$

The sequence of partial sums does not converge.

3. Evaluate  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (20) \left(\frac{-1}{4}\right)^k$

$$a_1 = -5$$

$$r = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{-5}{1 - (-1/4)} = \frac{-5}{5/4} = \frac{-20}{5} = \boxed{-4}$$

4. Find  $A_6$  for the following sequence:  $A_1 = 8$   
 $A_n = 20 - 2A_{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 2$

$$A_1 = 8$$

$$A_2 = 20 - 2(8) = 4$$

$$A_3 = 20 - 2(4) = 12$$

$$A_4 = 20 - 2(12) = -4$$

$$A_5 = 20 - 2(-4) = 28$$

$$A_6 = 20 - 2(28) = \boxed{-36}$$

1. How many terms  $-10, -7, -4, \dots$  must be added to give a sum of 200?

$$200 = \frac{n}{2} (2(-10) + 3(n-1))$$

$$200 = \frac{n}{2} (-23 + 3n) \quad 400 = -23n + 3n^2$$

$$3n^2 - 23n - 400 = 0 \text{ (graphed)}$$

$$n = 16$$

2. If  $t_4 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $t_9 = \frac{1}{64}$ , find the sum of the first 12 terms of the geometric series.

$$r^5 = \frac{1}{32} \quad S_{12} = 4 \left( \frac{1 - (0.5)^{12}}{1 - 0.5} \right) = \frac{4095}{512} \approx 7.998$$

$$r = 1/2$$

$$a_1 = 4$$

3. Find  $a_7$ , if  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $n=7$ ,  $S_n = \frac{381}{4}$

$$\frac{381}{4} = a_1 \left( \frac{1 - (0.5)^7}{1 - 0.5} \right)$$

$$\frac{381}{4} = \frac{127}{64} a_1$$

$$a_1 = 48$$

$$a_n = 48 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$a_7 = 48 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^6$$

$$a_7 = 0.75$$

4. Find the sum of the geometric series, using formulas to find what is needed.

$$6561 - 2187 + 729 - 243 + \dots + \frac{1}{729}$$

$$\frac{1}{729} = 6561 \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{4,782,969} = \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$\left( -\frac{1}{3} \right)^{-14} = \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right)^{-n+1}$$

$$-n+1 = -14$$

$$n = 15$$

$$S_{15} = 6561 \left( \frac{1 - (-\frac{1}{3})^{15}}{1 - (-\frac{1}{3})} \right)$$

$$S_{15} = 4920.75$$

5. Find the range of values of  $x$  for which the following geometric series converges:

$$1 + 3(4-x) + 9(4-x)^2 + 27(4-x)^3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{3(4-x)}{1} = r$$

$$r = 3(4-x)$$

$$|r| < 1 \quad \therefore -1 < 3(4-x) < 1$$

$$-1 < 12 - 3x < 1$$

$$-13 < -3x < -11$$

$$\boxed{\frac{13}{3} > x > \frac{11}{3}}$$

Name:

1. Find  $a_{60}$  when  $a_1 = 35$ ,  $d = -3$ .

$$a_{60} = a_1 + d(n-1)$$

$$= 35 + -3(59)$$

$$= \boxed{-142}$$

2. Write the formula for the general term. Then find the 20<sup>th</sup> term.  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 3$ ,  $a_1 = 4$

$$a_{n-1} = 4 - 3 = 1 \quad d = 3$$

$$a_1 = 4$$

$$\boxed{a_n = 1 + 3n}$$

$$a_{20} = 1 + 3(20) = \boxed{61}$$

3.  $\sum_{i=1}^{10} 5 \cdot 2^i$

$$a_1 = 10$$

$$r = 2$$

$$= 10 \left( \frac{1-2^{10}}{1-2} \right) = \boxed{10,230}$$

4.  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 8(-0.3)^{i-1}$

$$a_1 = 8(-0.3)^0 = 8$$

$$\frac{a_1}{1-r} = \frac{8}{1-(-0.3)} = \boxed{\frac{80}{13}}$$

5. Company A pays \$24,000 yearly with raises of \$1600 per year. Company B pays \$28,000 yearly with raises of \$1000 per year. Which company will pay more in year 10? How much more?



Company A:  $d = 1600$

$$a_{10} = 24,000 + 1600(9)$$

$$= \$38,400$$

Company B:  $d = 1000$

$$a_{10} = 28,000 + 1000(9)$$

$$= 37,000$$

Comp. A. will pay \$1400 more in year 10.

6. A professional baseball player signs a contract with a beginning salary of \$3,000,000 for the first year and an annual increase of 4% per year beginning in the second year. What is the athlete's salary for year 7 of the contract? *GEOMETRIC*

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

$$a_7 = 3,000,000 (1.04)^6 = \boxed{\$3,795,957.06}$$



7. A section in a stadium has 20 seats in the first row, 23 seats in the second row, increasing by 3 seats each row for a total of 38 rows. How many seats are in this section of the stadium? *ARITH.*

$$a_1 = 20$$

$$d = 3$$

$$n = 38$$

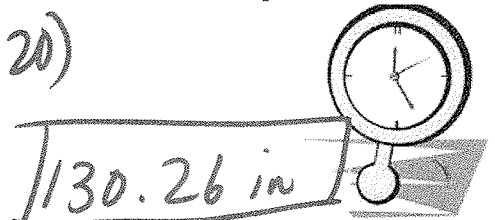
$$\frac{n}{2} (2a_1 + d(n-1))$$

$$\frac{38}{2} [2(20) + 3(37)] = \boxed{2869 \text{ seats}}$$

8. A pendulum swings through an arc of 20 inches. On each successive swing, the length of the arc is 90% of the previous length. After 10 swings, what is the total length of the distance the pendulum has swung?

1st Swing: 20  
 2nd Swing:  $.9(20)$   
 3rd :  $.9^2(20)$

Total:  $\sum_{i=1}^{10} .9^{i-1}(20)$



9. Determine whether the following statement makes sense or not. Explain. "I modeled California's population growth with a geometric sequence, so my model is an exponential function whose domain is the set of natural numbers."

Makes sense  
 exp. growth  $\rightarrow$  geom.

Practice!!!! Converge or Diverge (if it converges, please give limit!)

3. 20, 15, 10, 5, ..... **Diverge**

4.  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{2n-1}$  **converge to 0**

5.  $a_n = n \overset{-1}{\cos} \pi$  **Diverge**

6.  $\frac{3n}{n+1}$  **Converge to 3**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n}{n+1} = \frac{3}{1} = 3$$

7.  $\frac{5n^2}{n^3+1} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5}{n} = \text{Converge to 0}$

8.  $\frac{n^3+2}{n^2+n} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{1} = \infty$   
**Diverges**