

Arithmetic Sequences - Practise

Finding terms and differences

① Consider the arithmetic sequence that starts 5, 16, 27, 38

a) What is the common difference for this sequence? _____

b) What would be the next three terms? _____

c) What would be the 20th, 50th and 100th term of this sequence $U_{20} =$

$U_{50} =$

$U_{100} =$

② **Generating terms of a sequence**

The following sequences are defined by their general terms. Work out the value of the terms requested

General Term	a)	b)	c)
a) $U_n = 3 + 6(n - 1)$	$U_3 =$	$U_8 =$	$U_{20} =$
skip $U_n = 23 + 2(n - 1)$	$U_2 =$	$U_{10} =$	$U_{63} =$
skip $U_n = 10 - 3(n - 1)$	$U_1 =$	$U_8 =$	$U_{13} =$
b) $U_n = -105 + 11(n - 1)$	$U_5 =$	$U_{10} =$	$U_{15} =$
d) $U_n = 5 + \frac{1}{2}(n - 1)$	$U_2 =$	$U_7 =$	$U_{100} =$

③ **General term of Arithmetic Sequences**

Work out the general term (U_n) of the following arithmetic sequences

Terms	General term \leftarrow N th term
a) 7, 15, 23	$U_n = 7 + 8(n-1)$
b) -6, -2, 2	
c) 3, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
d) 8, 5.25, 2.5	

Be on the look out for
the word "sum" or
its equivalent

Summing Arithmetic Sequences

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Find the sum of the following arithmetic sequences to the number of terms given

Use explicit
formula

- a) 3, 9, 15 to 10 terms (S_{10})
- b) 6, 8, 10 to 30 terms (S_{30})
- c) $U_n = 3 + 6(n - 1)$ to 100 terms (S_{100})
- d) $U_n = -5 + 7(n - 1)$ to 25 terms (S_{25})

Problem Solving

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An arithmetic sequence has $U_1 = 20$ and $U_7 = 44$. What is the common difference (d) for this sequence, the general term (U_n) and the sum of the first 7 terms (S_7)

a)

b)

An arithmetic sequence has $U_3 = 2$ and $U_8 = 47$. Find the common difference (d), the first term (U_1) the general term (U_n) and the sum of the first 20 terms (S_{20})

c)

The sum of an arithmetic sequence to the first 10 terms (S_{10}) = 240, the first term $U_1 = 6$, what is the general term (U_n) of the sequence.

Investigate! - What other sequences have the sum of their first 10 terms = 240?

IB Style Questions

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Number and Algebra – Arithmetic sequences

A man deposits \$50 into his daughter's savings account on her first birthday. On her second birthday he deposits \$75, \$100 on her third birthday and so on.

- (a) How much money would he deposit on her 16th birthday?
- (b) How much would he have deposited in total after her 16th Birthday?

Answers

(a) _____

(b) _____

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IB Style Questions

7) *Number and Algebra – Arithmetic Sequences*

The first 5 terms of an arithmetic sequence are shown below

3, 8, 13, 18, 23

- (a) Write down the 6th number in the sequence
- (b) Calculate the 150th term in the sequence
- (c) Calculate the sum of the first 70 terms of the sequence

Answers

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

Question reference NAP1AS2