

## **ACTIVITIES:**

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**\*establish recursive or explicit equation**

# Infinite Hallway Puzzle

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

# Rabbit Breeding Problem

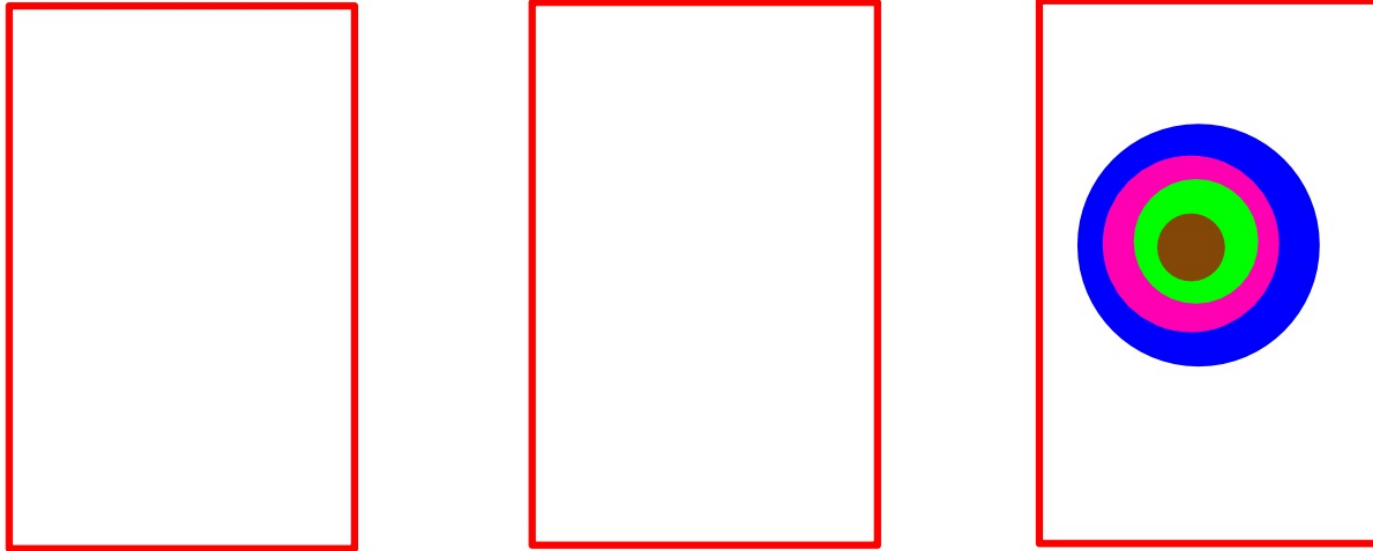
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# Fibonacci Sequence

Starting with "0" and "1", add previous two numbers for next number in sequence

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144, . . .

# "Tower of Hanoi" Logic Puzzle



**Goal:** Move the entire tower to a different "mat" in the minimum number of moves.

**Rule 1:** Move **ONLY** the top piece from a mat.

**Rule 2:** Do not place any piece on top of a smaller piece.

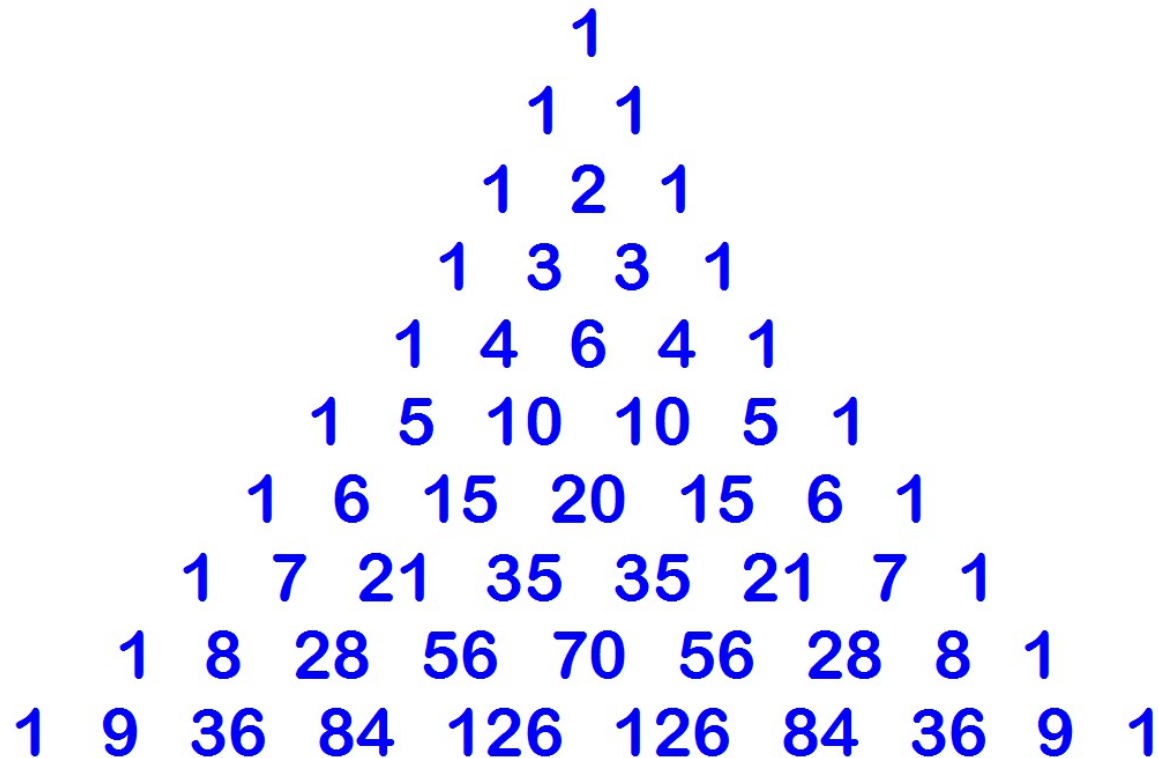
# Tower of Hanoi Solution Function

Levels	Moves
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
10	

Equation?

# Pascal's Triangle

A triangle (pyramid) starting with "1" where each level below starts and ends with "1", and middle numbers are sums of the two numbers **DIRECTLY** above it.



# Binomial Expansion using Pascal's Triangle

Expanding Binomials:

- 1) coefficients match Pascal's Triangle.
- 2) Power of 1st variable decreases.
- 3) Power of 2nd variable increases.
- 4) When subtracting, alternate positive and negative terms.

Row		Power
1	1	0
2	1 1	1
3	1 2 1	2
4	1 3 3 1	3
5	1 4 6 4 1	4
6	1 5 10 10 5 1	5
7	1 6 15 20 15 6 1	6

**Examples:**

$$(x - y)^4 = x^4 - 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 - 4xy^3 + y^4$$

$$(x + y)^6 = x^6 + 6x^5y + 15x^4y^2 + 20x^3y^3 + 15x^2y^4 + 6xy^5 + y^6$$



# Binomial Expansion Practice

1.  $(r + 3)^5$

2.  $(3a - b)^4$

3.  $(x - 5)^4$

4.  $(3x + 2y)^4$

## **Jack 'n' Arnie**

**Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus play golf together. After each hole, the loser owes the winner money according to the following rules:**

- 1) One cent for first hole.**
- 2) Amount doubles each hole.**

**Jack wins the first 17 holes;  
Arnold wins 18th hole.**

**How much does each golfer win from the other?  
Who owes who money and how much?**

# Sequence Formulas

**Arithmetic Sequence:**

$$a_n = a_1 + d(n - 1)$$

**Geometric Sequence:**

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

**n = sequence number**

**$a_n$  = nth number**

**$a_1$  = initial (first) number**

**d = common difference**

**r = common ratio**

**If you know 3, you can find the 4th.**

## Formulas for Sums of a Series:

**Arithmetic Sum (finite):**

$$S_n = n(a_1 + a_n)/2$$

**Geometric Sum (finite):**

$$S_n = a_1(1 - r^n) / (1 - r) \quad \text{OR}$$

$$S_n = a_1(r^n - 1) / (r - 1)$$

**Geometric Sum (infinite);  $|r| < 1$ :**

$$S_\infty = a_1 / (1 - r)$$

# Sequence/Series Vocabulary:

**Sequence:**

**A list of numbers in a pattern**

**Series:**

**The sum of a sequence**

**Converge:**

**To come together**

**Diverge:**

**To go apart**

**Fixed point:**

**a point where that a sequence converges to**

**Closed Form:**

**The explicit form**

# Arithmetic Sequence Practice

## **Problem 1:**

The first term of an arithmetic sequence is equal to 6 and the common difference is equal to 3. Find a formula for the  $n$ th term and the value of the 50th term

## **Problem 2:**

The first term of an arithmetic sequence is equal to 200 and the common difference is equal to  $-10$ . Find the value of the 20th term

## **Problem 3:**

An arithmetic sequence has a common difference equal to 10 and its 6th term is equal to 52. Find its 15th term.

## **Problem 4:**

An arithmetic sequence has its 5th term equal to 22 and its 15th term equal to 62. Find its 100th term

## **Problem 5:**

Find the sum of all the integers from 1 to 1000.

## **Problem 6:**

Find the sum of the first 50 even positive integers.

# Arithmetic Sequence Practice

*Find the next four terms in each arithmetic sequence.*

1.  $-1.1, 0.6, 2.3, \dots$       2.  $16, 13, 10, \dots$       3.  $p, p + 2, p + 4, \dots$

*For exercises 4–12, assume that each sequence or series is arithmetic.*

4. Find the 24th term in the sequence for which  $a_1 = -27$  and  $d = 3$ .
5. Find  $n$  for the sequence for which  $a_n = 27$ ,  $a_1 = -12$ , and  $d = 3$ .
6. Find  $d$  for the sequence for which  $a_1 = -12$  and  $a_{23} = 32$ .
7. What is the first term in the sequence for which  $d = -3$  and  $a_6 = 5$ ?
8. What is the first term in the sequence for which  $d = -\frac{1}{3}$  and  $a_7 = -3$ ?

9. Find the 6th term in the sequence  $-3 + \sqrt{2}, 0, 3 - \sqrt{2}, \dots$ .
10. Find the 45th term in the sequence  $-17, -11, -5, \dots$ .
11. Write a sequence that has three arithmetic means between 35 and 45.
12. Write a sequence that has two arithmetic means between  $-7$  and  $2.75$ .
13. Find the sum of the first 13 terms in the series  $-5 + 1 + 7 + \dots + 67$ .
14. Find the sum of the first 62 terms in the series  $-23 - 21.5 - 20 - \dots$ .
15. **Auditorium Design** Wakefield Auditorium has 26 rows, and the first row has 22 seats. The number of seats in each row increases by 4 as you move toward the back of the auditorium. What is the seating capacity of this auditorium?



# Geometric Sequence Practice

*Determine the common ratio and find the next three terms of each geometric sequence.*

1.  $-1, 2, -4, \dots$

2.  $-4, -3, -\frac{9}{4}, \dots$

3.  $12, -18, 27, \dots$

*For exercises 4–9, assume that each sequence or series is geometric.*

4. Find the fifth term of the sequence  $20, 0.2, 0.002, \dots$

5. Find the ninth term of the sequence  $\sqrt{3}, -3, 3\sqrt{3}, \dots$

6. If  $r = 2$  and  $a_4 = 28$ , find the first term of the sequence.

7. Find the first three terms of the sequence for which  $a_4 = 8.4$  and  $r = 4$ .

8. Find the first three terms of the sequence for which  $a_6 = \frac{1}{32}$  and  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ .
9. Write a sequence that has two geometric means between 2 and 0.25.
10. Write a sequence that has three geometric means between  $-32$  and  $-2$ .
11. Find the sum of the first eight terms of the series  $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{9}{20} + \frac{27}{100} + \cdots$ .
12. Find the sum of the first 10 terms of the series  $-3 + 12 - 48 + \cdots$ .
13. **Population Growth** A city of 100,000 people is growing at a rate of 5.2% per year. Assuming this growth rate remains constant, estimate the population of the city 5 years from now.

# Infinite Series Practice

Write each repeating decimal as a fraction.

7.  $0.\overline{75}$

8.  $0.\overline{592}$

Find the sum of each infinite series, or state that the sum does not exist and explain your reasoning.

9.  $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{6}{25} + \frac{18}{125} + \dots$

10.  $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{15}{8} + \frac{75}{16} + \dots$

11. **Physics** A tennis ball is dropped from a height of 55 feet and bounces  $\frac{3}{5}$  of the distance after each fall.
- Find the first seven terms of the infinite series representing the vertical distances traveled by the ball.
  - What is the total vertical distance the ball travels before coming to rest?

# The Bouncing Basketball

**A basketball drops from a height of 10 feet. Each time it hits the floor, it rebounds  $\frac{2}{3}$  of its previous height.**

**1) Write a sequence to show the height of the first 5 bounces.**

**2) What total vertical distance will the ball travel before it comes to rest?**

# The Handshake Problem

**In a room, everyone shakes hand with everyone else ONE time.**

**1) How many handshakes are there if there are 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 people in the room?**

**2) What recursive or explicit equations will model this problem?**

# Sum of 100 Numbers

**Without counting or straight adding, find the sum of all 100 numbers**

**1) Once you have the answer, look for other methods to get the answer**

**2) Can you write an equation that will find the answer quicker?**

# Iteration and Iterates

**Iteration:** to compose a function with itself  
 $x_0$  = the initial (start) value;  $x_1$  = the first iterate

## Example 1:

$$f(x) = 3x + 4; x_0 = 2$$

$$x_1 = 3(2) + 4 = 10$$

$$x_2 = 3(10) + 4 = 34$$

$$x_3 = 3(34) + 4 = 106$$

## Example 2:

$$f(z) = 2z + 2i; z_0 = 1 - i$$

$$z_1 = 2(1 - i) + 2i = 2$$

$$z_2 = 2(2) + 2i = 4 + 2i$$

$$z_3 = 2(4 + 2i) + 2i = 8 + 6i$$

# Iteration Practice

*Find the first four iterates of each function using the given initial value. If necessary, round your answers to the nearest hundredth.*

1.  $f(x) = x^2 + 4; x_0 = 1$

2.  $f(x) = 3x + 5; x_0 = -1$

3.  $f(x) = x^2 - 2; x_0 = -2$

4.  $f(x) = x(2.5 - x); x_0 = 3$

*Find the first three iterates of the function  $f(z) = 2z - (3 + i)$  for each initial value.*

5.  $z_0 = i$

6.  $z_0 = 3 - i$

7.  $z_0 = 0.5 + i$

8.  $z_0 = -2 - 5i$



# Sigma Notation

*maximum value of n*  $\rightarrow$   $k$   
*starting value of n*  $\rightarrow$   $\sum_{n=1}^k a_n \leftarrow$  *expression for general term*  
 $\uparrow$   
*index of summation*

**Example 1** Write each expression in expanded form and then find the sum.

a.  $\sum_{n=1}^5 (n + 2)$

First, write the expression in expanded form.

$$\sum_{n=1}^5 (n + 2) = (1 + 2) + (2 + 2) + (3 + 2) + (4 + 2) + (5 + 2)$$

Then, find the sum by simplifying the expanded form.  $3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 = 25$

b.  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^m$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^m &= 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^1 + 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{32} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

This is an infinite series. Use the formula  $S = \frac{a_1}{1-r}$ .

$$S = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} \quad a_1 = \frac{1}{2}, r = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$S = \frac{2}{3}$$

**Example 2** Express the series  $26 + 37 + 50 + 65 + \dots + 170$  using sigma notation.

Notice that each term is one more than a perfect square. Thus, the  $n$ th term of the series is  $n^2 + 1$ . Since  $5^2 + 1 = 26$  and  $13^2 + 1 = 170$ , the index of summation goes from  $n = 5$  to  $n = 13$ .

Therefore,  $26 + 37 + 50 + 65 + \dots + 170 = \sum_{n=5}^{13} (n^2 + 1)$ .

# Sigma Notation Practice

Write each expression in expanded form and then find the sum.

1.  $\sum_{n=3}^5 (n^2 - 2^n)$

2.  $\sum_{q=1}^4 \frac{2}{q}$

3.  $\sum_{t=1}^5 t(t-1)$

4.  $\sum_{t=0}^3 (2t-3)$

5.  $\sum_{c=2}^5 (c-2)^2$

6.  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 10\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i$

Express each series using sigma notation.

7.  $3 + 6 + 9 + 12 + 15$

8.  $6 + 24 + 120 + \cdots + 40,320$

9.  $\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \cdots + \frac{1}{100}$

10.  $24 + 19 + 14 + \cdots + (-1)$

## Inductive Proof

A **proof by induction** is just like an ordinary **proof** in which every step must be justified. However it employs a neat trick which allows you to prove a statement about an arbitrary number  $n$  by first proving it is true when  $n$  is 1 and then assuming it is true for  $n=k$  and showing it is true for  $n=k+1$ .

# Mathematical Induction

A method of proof called **mathematical induction** can be used to prove certain conjectures and formulas. The following example demonstrates the steps used in proving a summation formula by mathematical induction.

Prove that the sum of the first  $n$  positive even integers is  $n(n + 1)$ .

Here  $S_n$  is defined as  $2 + 4 + 6 + \cdots + 2n = n(n + 1)$ .

1. First, verify that  $S_n$  is valid for the first possible case,  $n = 1$ . Since the first positive even integer is 2 and  $1(1 + 1) = 2$ , the formula is valid for  $n = 1$ .
2. Then, assume that  $S_n$  is valid for  $n = k$ .

$$S_k \Rightarrow 2 + 4 + 6 + \cdots + 2k = k(k + 1). \quad \text{Replace } n \text{ with } k.$$

Next, prove that  $S_n$  is also valid for  $n = k + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} S_{k+1} &\Rightarrow 2 + 4 + 6 + \cdots + 2k + 2(k + 1) \\ &= k(k + 1) + 2(k + 1) \quad \text{Add } 2(k + 1) \text{ to both sides.} \end{aligned}$$

We can simplify the right side by adding  $k(k + 1) + 2(k + 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} S_{k+1} &\Rightarrow 2 + 4 + 6 + \cdots + 2k + 2(k + 1) \\ &= (k + 1)(k + 2) \quad (k + 1) \text{ is a common factor.} \end{aligned}$$

If  $k + 1$  is substituted into the original formula ( $n(n + 1)$ ), the same result is obtained.

$$(k + 1)[(k + 1) + 1] \text{ or } (k + 1)(k + 2)$$

Thus, if the formula is valid for  $n = k$ , it is also valid for  $n = k + 1$ . Since  $S_n$  is valid for  $n = 1$ , it is also valid for  $n = 2$ ,  $n = 3$ , and so on. That is, the formula for the sum of the first  $n$  positive even integers holds.