

**LESSON** **Practice B**  
**12-3** **Arithmetic Sequences and Series**

Determine whether each sequence could be arithmetic. If so, find the common difference and the next term.

1. 41, 24, 7, -10, -27, ...  

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & \underbrace{\phantom{41, 24, 7, -10, -27, \dots}}_{-17} & & \\ & \underbrace{\phantom{41, 24, 7, -10, -27, \dots}}_{-17} & & \\ & \underbrace{\phantom{41, 24, 7, -10, -27, \dots}}_{-17} & & \\ & \underbrace{\phantom{41, 24, 7, -10, -27, \dots}}_{-17} & & \end{array}$$

$$d = -17, -44$$

2. 6, -6, 6, -6, 6, -6, 6, -6, ...  

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & \underbrace{\phantom{6, -6, 6, -6, 6, -6, 6, -6, \dots}}_{-12} & & \\ & \underbrace{\phantom{6, -6, 6, -6, 6, -6, 6, -6, \dots}}_{+12} & & \\ & \underbrace{\phantom{6, -6, 6, -6, 6, -6, 6, -6, \dots}}_{-12} & & \end{array}$$

$$\text{Not Arithmetic}$$

3.  $\frac{4}{5}, \frac{13}{10}, \frac{9}{5}, \frac{23}{10}, \frac{14}{5}, \dots$   

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & \underbrace{\phantom{\frac{4}{5}, \frac{13}{10}, \frac{9}{5}, \frac{23}{10}, \frac{14}{5}, \dots}}_{0.5} & & \\ & \underbrace{\phantom{\frac{4}{5}, \frac{13}{10}, \frac{9}{5}, \frac{23}{10}, \frac{14}{5}, \dots}}_{0.5} & & \\ & \underbrace{\phantom{\frac{4}{5}, \frac{13}{10}, \frac{9}{5}, \frac{23}{10}, \frac{14}{5}, \dots}}_{0.5} & & \end{array}$$

$$d = \frac{1}{2}, 3.3$$

4. 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, ...  

$$\begin{array}{cccc} & \underbrace{\phantom{2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, \dots}}_{+2} & & \\ & \underbrace{\phantom{2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, \dots}}_{+4} & & \\ & \underbrace{\phantom{2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, \dots}}_{+8} & & \\ & \underbrace{\phantom{2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, \dots}}_{+16} & & \end{array}$$

$$\text{Not Arithmetic}$$

Find the 12th term of each arithmetic sequence.

5. 21, 32, 43, 54, 65, ...  

$$a_{12} = 21 + (12-1)11 = 142$$

6. 3.7, 3.3, 2.9, 2.5, 2.1, ...  

$$a_{12} = 3.7 + (12-1)(-0.4) = -0.7$$

7. 1.8, -1.1, -4, -6.9, -9.8, ...  

$$a_{12} = 1.8 + (12-1)(-2.9) = -30.1$$

8. -8, -2.75, 2.5, 7.75, 13, ...  

$$a_{12} = -8 + (12-1)(5.25) = 49.75$$

Find the missing terms in each arithmetic sequence.

9. 3, 17, 31, 45, 59, ...  

$$59 = 3 + (5-1)d \quad d = 14$$

10. -4, 5, 14, 23, ...  

$$23 = -4 + (4-1)d \quad d = 9$$

11. 7, 18, 29, 40, 51, 62, ...  

$$62 = 7 + (6-1)d \quad d = 11$$

12. 35, 29, 23, 17, 11, 5, -1, -7, ...  

$$-7 = 35 + (8-1)d \quad d = -6$$

Find the 10th term of each arithmetic sequence.

13.  $a_4 = 12$  and  $a_7 = 20.4$   

$$\text{See Attached}$$

14.  $a_3 = 37$  and  $a_{17} = -12$   

$$\text{See Attached}$$

15.  $a_{13} = -5$  and  $a_{18} = -51$   

$$\text{See Attached}$$

16.  $a_{25} = 18$  and  $a_{41} = 62$   

$$\text{See Attached}$$

Solve.

17. A banquet hall uses tables that seat 4, one person on each side. For a large party, the tables are positioned end to end in a long row. Two tables will seat 6, three tables will seat 8, and four tables will seat 10. How many tables should be set end to end to seat 40?  

$$40 = 4 + (n-1)2$$

$$36 = (n-1)2$$

$$18 = n-1$$

$$19 \text{ tables}$$

## Practice B Worksheet

$$13. a_7 = a_4 + (7-4)d$$

$$20.4 = 12 + 3d$$

$$d = 2.8$$

$$a_{10} = a_7 + (10-7)2.8$$

$$a_{10} = 20.4 + 8.4$$

$$a_{10} = 28.8$$

$$14. a_{17} = a_3 + (17-3)d$$

$$-12 = 37 + 14d$$

$$-49 = 14d$$

$$d = -3.5$$

$$a_{10} = a_3 + (10-3)-3.5$$

$$a_{10} = 37 + -24.5$$

$$a_{10} = 12.5$$

$$15. a_{18} = a_{13} + (18-13)d$$

$$-51 = -5 + 5d$$

$$d = -9.2$$

$$a_{10} = a_{13} + (10-13)-9.2$$

$$a_{10} = -5 + 27.6$$

$$a_{10} = 22.6$$

$$16. a_{41} = a_{25} + (41-25)d$$

$$62 = 18 + 16d$$

$$d = 2.75$$

$$a_{10} = a_{25} + (10-25)2.75$$

$$a_{10} = 18 - 41.25$$

$$a_{10} = -23.25$$

**LESSON**  
**12-4**

**Practice B**  
**Geometric Sequences and Series**

Determine whether each sequence could be geometric or arithmetic.  
If possible, find the common ratio or difference.

1. 1.1, -3.3, 9.9, -29.7, 89.1, ...

Geometric  $r = -3$

2. -18, -7, 4, 15, 26, ...

Arithmetic  $d = 11$

3. 1, 2, 6, 24, 120, 720, ...

Neither

4. 3125, 2500, 2000, 1600, 1280, ...

Geometric  $r = 0.8$

Find the 10th term of each geometric sequence.

5. 1600, 800, 400, 200, ...

$a_{10} = 1600 \cdot (1/2)^{10-1}$   
 $a_{10} = 3.125$

6. 0.0000001, 0.00001, 0.001, 0.1, ...

$a_{10} = 0.0000001 \cdot (100)^{10-1}$   
 $a_{10} = 1 \times 10^{11}$  or 100,000,000,000

7. -64, 96, -144, 216, ...

$a_{10} = -64 \cdot (1.5)^{10-1}$   
 $a_{10} = 2460.375$

8. 2, -6, 18, -54, ...

$a_{10} = 2 \cdot (-3)^{10-1}$   
 $a_{10} = -39,366$

Find the 8th term of each geometric sequence with the given terms.

9.  $a_3 = 12$  and  $a_6 = 96$

$a_8 = a_6 \cdot (2)^{8-6}$   
 $= 96 \cdot 4$

$a_6 = a_3 \cdot r^{6-3}$   
 $96 = 12 \cdot r^3$   
 $r = 2$

$a_8 = 384$

10.  $a_{15} = 100$  and  $a_{17} = 25$

$a_8 = a_{15} \cdot (1/2)^{8-15}$

$a_{17} = a_{15} \cdot r^{17-15}$   
 $25 = 100 \cdot r^2$   
 $r = \pm 1/2$

$a_8 = 100 \cdot 128$

$a_8 = \pm 12,800$

11.  $a_{11} = -4$  and  $a_{13} = -36$

See Attached

12.  $a_3 = -4$  and  $a_5 = -36$

See Attached

Find the indicated sum for each geometric series.

13.  $S_{25}$  for  $-1 + 2 - 4 + 8 - 16 + 32 - 64 + \dots$

See Attached

14.  $S_9$  for  $2500 + 1500 + 900 + 540 + \dots$

See Attached

15.  $\sum_{k=1}^{10} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-5}$   
 $S_{10} = 16 \cdot \left(\frac{1 - (1/2)^{10}}{1 - 1/2}\right)$

$a_1 = 16$

$S_{10} = 31.97$

16.  $\sum_{k=1}^6 9\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{k-3}$   
 $S_6 = 16 \cdot \left(\frac{1 - (3/4)^6}{1 - 3/4}\right)$

$a_1 = 16$

$S_6 = 52.61$

17.  $\sum_{k=1}^7 5(0.1)^{k-4}$   
 $S_7 = 5000 \cdot \left(\frac{1 - (0.1)^7}{1 - 0.1}\right)$

$a_1 = 5,000$

$S_7 = 5,555.6$

16.  $S_7$  for 14, 42, 126, 378, ...

17.  $\sum_{k=1}^8 (-4)^{k-1}$

Solve.

18. Deanna received an e-mail asking her to forward it to 10 other people.

Assume that no one breaks the chain and that there are no duplicate recipients.  
How many e-mails will have been sent after 8 generations, including Deanna's?

## Practice B Worksheet

$$11. a_{13} = a_{11} \cdot r^{13-11}$$

$$-36 = -4 \cdot r^2$$

$$r = \pm 3$$

$$12. a_5 = a_3 \cdot r^{5-3}$$

$$-36 = -4 \cdot r^2$$

$$r = \pm 3$$

$$a_8 = a_{11} \cdot (3)^{8-11}$$

$$a_8 = -4 \cdot 1/27$$

$$a_8 = \pm 4/27$$

$$a_8 = a_5 \cdot (3)^{8-5}$$

$$a_8 = -36 \cdot 27$$

$$a_8 = \pm 972$$

$$13. S_{25} = -1 \cdot \left( \frac{1 - (-2)^{25}}{1 - (-2)} \right)$$

$$S_{25} = -11,184,811$$

$$14. S_9 = 2500 \cdot \left( \frac{1 - (0.6)^9}{1 - (0.6)} \right)$$

$$S_9 = 6187.01$$