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Unit 6: Sequences
Notes: Recursive Formulas

Explicit Formulas – *****most commonly used*****

- Used to find any term in either type of sequence
- Need to know a_1 , d (common difference for arithmetic) or r (common ratio for geometric)
- Arithmetic Formula:
 - $a_n = a_1 + d(n - 1)$
- Geometric Formula:
 - $a_n = a_1(r)^{n-1}$

Recursive Formulas

- Allows you to find the n^{th} term in a sequence if you know the value of the $(n - 1)^{th}$ term of the sequence
- Need to know a_1 , a_{n-1} , d (common difference for arithmetic) or r (common ratio for geometric)
- Arithmetic Formula:
 - $a_n = a_{n-1} + d$
- Geometric Formula:
 - $a_n = (r)a_{n-1}$

Practice (Arithmetic Sequences): Write the recursive rule for each sequence.

1. 7, 13, 19, 25, ...

2. 30, 26, 22, 18, ...

3. -5, -8, -11, -14, ...

4. -2, 0, 2, 4, ...

5. 8, 6, 4, 2, ...

Practice (Geometric Sequences): Write the recursive rule for each sequence.

6. 3, 9, 27, ...

7. 1, 5, 25, ...

8. 6, -12, 24, ...

9. 5, -15, 45, -135, ...

10. 729, -243, 81, ...