

Name: Notes

Sequences: Lesson 1 - Arithmetic Sequences

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Algebra 1 CC

**WARM UP**

In the following examples, determine what should come next.

a. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

b. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

c. 20, 15, 10, 5, 0, -5

**Learning Target**I can... identify and write an **arithmetic sequence**.

Adding pattern

**Arithmetic Sequence:**

A sequence that increases or decreases by the same amount to get to each next term.

**Common Difference:**

$d =$

 $d = a_2 - a_1$  ( $a_2$  = second number) ( $a_1$  = 1<sup>st</sup> number)  
 The number being repeatedly added / subtr. to get to the next term.
**Identifying an Arithmetic Sequence**

Determine whether the sequences are arithmetic sequences. If yes, determine the common difference.

$+4 +4 +4$

1) 1, 5, 9, 13...  Yes  $d = 4$

$+2 +2 +3$

 No

$-2 -2 -2$

2) 8, 6, 4, 2...  Yes  $d = -2$

$-3 -3 -3$

 Yes  $d = -3$ 

$+5 +10 +20$

3) 5, 10, 20, 40...  No

$-1 -1 -1$

 Yes  $d = -1$ **Continuing Arithmetic Sequences**

Given the arithmetic sequence, find the next three terms.

7) 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33

8) 5, 2, -1, -4, -7, -10, -13

9) -8, -2, 4, 10, 16, 22, 28

**Arithmetic Sequence EXPLICIT Formula**

The  $n^{\text{th}}$  of an arithmetic sequence can be found using the formula:

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

↑  
1<sup>st</sup> term      ↑  
common difference

*to find any # in a sequence*      *the term # you're looking for*

10) 7, 13, 19, 25...  
 $+6 +6 +6$

11) 30, 26, 22, 18...

$a_1 = 30$

$d = -4$

$$a_n = 30 - 4(n-1)$$

$$a_{19} = -42$$

$$(2)$$

**Examples...**  
 Write the rule for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term, then find  $a_{19}$ .

$$a_1 = 7$$

$$d = 6$$

$$a_n = 7 + 6(n-1)$$

$$a_{19} = 7 + 6(19-1)$$

$$a_{19} = 115$$