

Unit 3 Worksheet

Write the first five terms of each geometric sequence.

1) $a_1 = 24, r = \frac{1}{3}$
 $\boxed{24, 8, \frac{8}{3}, \frac{8}{9}, \frac{8}{27}}$

2) $a_1 = -\frac{1}{8}, r = -2$
 $-\frac{1}{8}, +\frac{2}{8}, -\frac{4}{8}, +\frac{8}{8}, -\frac{16}{8}$
 $\boxed{-\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{2}, 1, -2}$

Use the formula for the general term of a geometric sequence to find the indicated term of each sequence with the given first term, a_1 , and common ratio, r .

3) Find a_{12} , when $a_1 = 4, r = -2$.
 $a_n = 4(-2)^{n-1}$
 $a_{12} = 4(-2)^{12-1}$
 $\boxed{a_{12} = -8192}$

4) Find a_{30} , when $a_1 = -8000, r = \frac{1}{2}$.
 $a_n = -8000\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$
 $a_{30} = -8000\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{30-1}$
 $\boxed{a_{30} = -\frac{125}{8388608}}$

Write a formula for the general term (the n th term) of each geometric sequence. Then use the formula for a_n to find a_9 , the 9th term of the sequence.

5) $5, -1, \frac{1}{5}, -\frac{1}{25}, \dots$
 $a_n = 5\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)^{n-1}$
 $a_9 = 5\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)^{9-1}$
 $\boxed{a_9 = \frac{1}{78125}}$

6) $0.07, 0.007, 0.0007, 0.00007, \dots$
 $a_n = 0.07(0.1)^{n-1}$
 $a_9 = 0.07(0.1)^8$
 $\boxed{a_9 = 0.0000000007}$

Find the sum of the finite geometric series.

7) Find the sum of the first 12 terms of the geometric sequence:
 $-3, 6, -12, 24, \dots$
 $S_{12} = \frac{-3(1 - (-2)^{12})}{1 - (-2)}$
 $S_{12} = \frac{-3(1 - 4096)}{3} = \boxed{4095}$

Find the sum of the first 11 terms of the geometric sequence:

8) $-\frac{1}{24}, \frac{1}{12}, -\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots$
 $S_{11} = \frac{-\frac{1}{24}(1 - (-2)^{11})}{1 - (-2)}$
 $S_{11} = -\frac{1(2047)}{24(3)} =$
 $\boxed{S_{11} = -\frac{683}{24}}$

Find the sum of the finite geometric series.

$$9) \sum_{i=1}^6 4^i \quad a_1 = 4 \quad r = 4 \quad n = 6$$

$$S_6 = \frac{4(1-4^6)}{1-4}$$

$$S_6 = \frac{4(-4095)}{-3} = \boxed{5460}$$

$$10) \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{i+1} \quad a_1 = \frac{1}{9} \quad r = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{\frac{1}{9}}{1-\frac{1}{3}} =$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{1}{9} \div \frac{2}{3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{6}}$$

Find the sum of the infinite geometric series.

$$11) 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{64} + \dots$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{4}} = 1 \div \frac{3}{4} = \boxed{\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$12) 3 - 1 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{9} + \dots$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{3}{1-(-\frac{1}{3})} = 3 \div \frac{4}{3} = \boxed{\frac{9}{4}}$$

Are the following sequences arithmetic, geometric, or neither? State the sum or difference.

$$13) -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{5}, -\frac{1}{7}, -\frac{1}{9}, \dots$$

neither

$$14) -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{5}{3}, -\frac{8}{3}, -\frac{11}{3}, \dots$$

$$d = -1$$

$$\boxed{\text{arithmetic}}$$

Write a formula for the general term (the nth term) of each arithmetic sequence.

$$15) a_7 = -12, a_{12} = 38 \quad d = \frac{38+12}{12-7} = \frac{50}{5} = 10$$

$$38 = a_1 + (12-1)(10) \quad a_n = -72 + (n-1)(10)$$

$$38 = a_1 + 110$$

$$a_1 = -72$$

$$a_n = -72 + 10n - 10$$

$$\boxed{a_n = 10n - 82}$$

$$16) a_{20} = 38, a_{23} = -10 \quad d = \frac{-10-38}{23-20} = \frac{-48}{3} = -16$$

$$38 = a_1 + (20-1)(-16)$$

$$38 = a_1 - 304$$

$$a_1 = 342$$

$$a_n = 342 + (n-1)(-16)$$

$$\boxed{a_n = -16n + 358}$$

Find the sum.

$$17) \sum_{k=1}^{10} (-3+2k) \quad \text{Arithmetic}$$

$$a_1 = -1 \quad n = 10 \quad a_{10} = 17$$

$$S_{10} = \frac{10}{2}(-1+17)$$

$$\boxed{S_{10} = 80}$$

$$18) \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{1}{3}(-2)^i \quad \text{Geometric}$$

$$a_1 = -\frac{2}{3} \quad r = -2 \quad n = 10$$

$$S_{10} = \frac{-\frac{2}{3}(1-(-2)^{10})}{1-(-2)}$$

$$S_{10} = \frac{-2(-1023)}{3(-3)} =$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{682}{3}}$$

Simplify. Show all necessary work. Answers should contain only positive exponents.

$$19) \left(\frac{x^5}{2x^{-2}}\right)^{-3}$$

$$\left(\frac{x^7}{2}\right)^{-3} =$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{x^7}\right)^3 = \boxed{\frac{8}{x^{21}}}$$

$$20) 4(x^2)^{-5}(2x)^{-4}$$

$$\frac{4(x^{-10})}{(2x)^4} =$$

$$\frac{4}{16x^4x^{10}} =$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{4x^{14}}}$$

$$21) (4x^3)(2x^5)(3x)^2$$

$$(4x^3)(2x^5)(9x^2)$$

$$\boxed{72x^{10}}$$

$$22) \left(\frac{3x^2y^{-4}}{2x^3y}\right)^{-2}$$

$$\left(\frac{2x^3y}{3x^2y^{-4}}\right)^2 =$$

$$\left(\frac{2xy^5}{3}\right)^2 =$$

$$\boxed{\frac{4x^2y^{10}}{9}}$$

$$23) \sqrt[3]{-48x^5y^{10}}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{-48} \cdot \sqrt[3]{x^5} \cdot \sqrt[3]{y^{10}}$$

$$-2\sqrt[3]{6} \cdot x\sqrt[3]{x^2} \cdot y\sqrt[3]{y}$$

$$\boxed{-2xy^3\sqrt[3]{6x^2y}}$$

$$24) \left(3^{\frac{3}{4}}\right)\left(9^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)$$

$$\left(3^{\frac{3}{4}}\right)\left(3^2\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} =$$

$$\left(3^{\frac{3}{4}}\right)\left(3^{\frac{2}{4}}\right) =$$

$$\boxed{3^{\frac{5}{4}}}$$

$$25) \frac{2x^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{6x^{\frac{2}{3}}} =$$

$$\frac{2x^{-3/6}}{6x^{4/6}} =$$

$$\frac{x^{-7/6}}{3} =$$

$$\frac{1}{(3x^{7/6})(x^{5/6})} = \boxed{\frac{x^{5/6}}{3x^2}}$$

$$26) 3x^4 \cdot 4x^{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot 5x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$3x^{8/2} \cdot 4x^{3/2} \cdot 5x^{-1/2} =$$

$$60x^{10/2} =$$

$$\boxed{60x^5}$$

$$27) (8p^9)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$8^{2/3} p^{9(2/3)} =$$

$$\left(\sqrt[3]{8}\right)^2 p^6 =$$

$$\boxed{4p^6}$$

Solve each equation.

$$28) \sqrt{5^{x+1}} = 5^{2x+3}$$

$$5^{1/2(x+1)} = 5^{2x+3}$$

$$2\left(\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}\right) = (2x+3) \cdot 2$$

$$x+1 = 4x+6$$

$$-3x = 5$$

$$\boxed{x = -\frac{5}{3}}$$

$$29) 216^{3x} = 36^{x-2}$$

$$6^{3(3x)} = 6^{2(x-2)}$$

$$9x = 2x - 4$$

$$7x = -4$$

$$\boxed{x = -\frac{4}{7}}$$

$$30) \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^x = 16^{2x+3}$$

$$2^{-3x} = 2^{4(2x+3)}$$

$$-3x = 8x + 12$$

$$-11x = 12$$

$$x = -\frac{12}{11}$$

$$32) 3^{x-2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^{x+1} = 27^x$$

$$3^{x-2} \cdot 3^{-2(x+1)} = 3^{2x}$$

$$3^{(x-2)+(-2x-2)} = 3^{2x}$$

$$x-2-2x-2 = 2x$$

$$-x-4 = 2x$$

$$-4 = 3x$$

$$x = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$31) 4^{-x+1} \cdot 2^{-3x-4} = 8$$

$$2^{2(-x+1)} \cdot 2^{-3x-4} = 2^3$$

$$2^{2(-x+1)+(-3x-4)} = 2^3$$

$$-2x+2-3x-4 = 3$$

$$-5x-2 = 3$$

$$-5x = 5$$

$$x = -1$$

$$33) 7^{2x+3} - 7^{5x} = 0$$

$$7^{2x+3} = 7^{5x}$$

$$2x+3 = 5x$$

$$3 = 3x$$

$$x = 1$$