

Find the first four terms and the eighth term of the sequence.

1. $\{12 - 3n\}$

$a_1 = 12 - 3(1) = 9$

$a_2 = 12 - 3(2) = 6$

$a_3 = 12 - 3(3) = 3$

$a_4 = 12 - 3(4) = 0$

$a_8 = 12 - 3(8) = -12$

4. $\{(-1)^{n-1} \frac{n+7}{2n}\}$

$a_1 = 4$

$a_2 = -\frac{4}{4}$

$a_3 = \frac{5}{3}$

$a_4 = -\frac{11}{8}$

$a_8 = -\frac{15}{16}$

2. $\{\frac{3n-2}{n^2+1}\}$

$a_1 = \frac{1}{2}$

$a_2 = \frac{4}{5}$

$a_3 = \frac{7}{10}$

$a_4 = \frac{10}{17}$

$a_8 = \frac{22}{65}$

5. $\{1 + (-1)^{n+1}\}$

$a_1 = 2$

$a_2 = 0$

$a_3 = 2$

$a_4 = 0$

$a_8 = 0$

3. {9}

$a_1 = 9$

$a_2 = 9$

$a_3 = 9$

$a_4 = 9$

$a_8 = 9$

6. $\{\frac{2^n}{n^2+2}\}$

$a_1 = \frac{2}{3}$

$a_2 = \frac{2}{3}$

$a_3 = \frac{8}{11}$

$a_4 = \frac{8}{9}$

$a_8 = \frac{128}{33}$

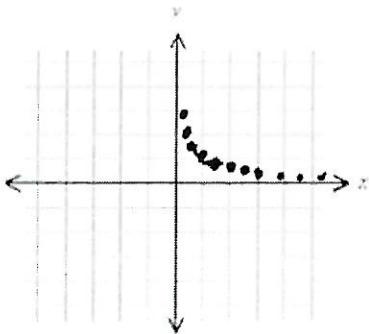
7. a_n is the number of decimal places in $(0.1)^n$.

$$\{0.1, 0.01, 0.001, 0.0001, \dots, 0.00000001\}$$

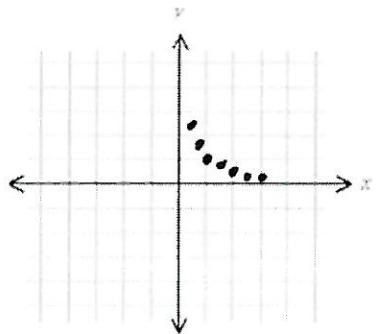
$1, 2, 3, 4, 8$

of decimal places

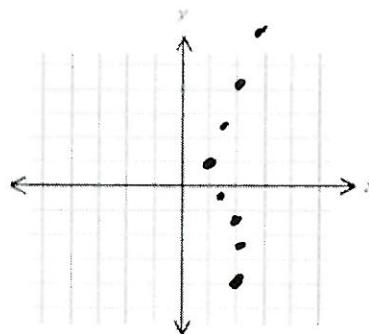
8. $\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\}$



9. $\{\frac{1}{n}\}$



10. $\{(-1)^{n+1} n^2\}$



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots$$

$$1 - 1^2, -1 \cdot 2^2, 1 \cdot 3^2, -1 \cdot 4^2, \dots$$

$$\approx 1, .71, .58, .5, .45, \dots = 1, .5, \bar{.3}, .25, .2, \dots$$

$$(1, 1), (2, .5), (3, \bar{.3}), \dots$$

$$1, -4, 9, -16, \dots$$

$$(1, 1), (2, .71), (3, .58), \dots$$

$$(1, 1), (2, -4), (3, 9), (4, -16), \dots$$

Find the first five terms of the recursively defined infinite sequence.

11. $a_1 = 2, \quad a_{k+1} = 3a_k - 5$

$$\begin{aligned}a_2 &= 3(2) - 5 = 1 \\a_3 &= 3(1) - 5 = -2 \\a_4 &= 3(-2) - 5 = -11 \\a_5 &= 3(-11) - 5 = -38\end{aligned}$$

12. $a_1 = -3, \quad a_{k+1} = a_k^2$

$$\begin{aligned}a_2 &= (-3)^2 = 3^2 \\a_3 &= (3^2)^2 = 3^4 \\a_4 &= (3^4)^2 = 3^8 \\a_5 &= (3^8)^2 = 3^{16}\end{aligned}$$

13. $a_1 = 5, \quad a_{k+1} = ka_k$

$$\begin{aligned}a_2 &= 1(5) = 5 \\a_3 &= 2(5) = 10 \\a_4 &= 3(10) = 30 \\a_5 &= 4(30) = 120\end{aligned}$$

14. $a_1 = 128, \quad a_{k+1} = \frac{1}{4}a_k$

$$\begin{aligned}a_2 &= \frac{1}{4}(128) = 32 \\a_3 &= \frac{1}{4}(32) = 8 \\a_4 &= \frac{1}{4}(8) = 2 \\a_5 &= \frac{1}{4}(2) = \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

15. $a_1 = 3, \quad a_{k+1} = 1/a_k$

$$\begin{aligned}a_2 &= \frac{1}{3} \\a_3 &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}} = 3 \\a_4 &= \frac{1}{3} \\a_5 &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}} = 3\end{aligned}$$

16. $a_1 = 2, \quad a_{k+1} = (a_k)^k$

$$\begin{aligned}a_2 &= (2)^1 = 2 \\a_3 &= (2)^2 = 4 \\a_4 &= (4)^3 = 4^3 \\a_5 &= (4^3)^4 = 4^{12}\end{aligned}$$

17. Find the first four terms of the sequence of partial sums for the given sequence $\{3 + \frac{1}{2}n\}$.

$$S_1 = a_1 = 3 + \frac{1}{2}(1) = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$S_2 = S_1 + a_2 = \frac{7}{2} + \left(3 + \frac{1}{2}(2)\right) = \frac{7}{2} + 4 = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$S_3 = S_2 + a_3 = \frac{15}{2} + \left(3 + \frac{1}{2}(3)\right) = \frac{15}{2} + \frac{9}{2} = 12$$

$$S_4 = S_3 + a_4 = 12 + \left(3 + \frac{1}{2}(4)\right) = 12 + 5 = 17$$

Find the sum.

$$18. \sum_{k=1}^5 (2k - 7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -5 + -3 + -1 + 1 + 3 \\ &= \textcircled{-5} \end{aligned}$$

$$19. \sum_{k=1}^4 (k^2 - 5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (-4) + (-1) + 4 + 11 \\ &= \textcircled{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$20. \sum_{k=3}^6 \frac{k-5}{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (-1) + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + 0 + \frac{1}{5} \\ &= \textcircled{-\frac{17}{15}} \end{aligned}$$

$$21. \sum_{k=1}^5 (-3)^{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 + -3 + 9 + -27 + 81 \\ &= \textcircled{61} \end{aligned}$$

$$22. \sum_{k=1}^{1000} 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1000(5) \\ &= \textcircled{5000} \end{aligned}$$

$$23. \sum_{k=253}^{571} \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (571 - 253 + 1) \frac{1}{3} \\ &= (319) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &= \textcircled{\frac{319}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$24. \sum_{j=1}^7 \frac{1}{2} k^2$$

$$7 \left(\frac{1}{2} k^2\right) = \textcircled{\frac{7}{2} k^2}$$

Note: j , not k , is summation variable

25. The number of bacteria in a certain culture is initially 500, and the culture doubles in size every day.

(a) Find the number of bacteria present after one day, two days, and three days.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{after 1 day, } \textcircled{1000} \\ &\text{2 days, } \textcircled{2000} \\ &\text{3 days, } \textcircled{4000} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find a formula for the number of bacteria present after n days.

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= 500(2)^n \\ &= a_1 r^n \end{aligned}$$

26. The Fibonacci sequence is defined recursively by $a_1 = 1$, $a_2 = 1$, $a_{k+1} = a_k + a_{k-1}$ for $k \geq 2$.

(a) Find the first ten terms of the sequence.

$$1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55$$