

Lesson: Look For Patterns

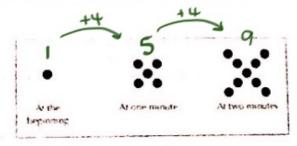
Functions include a wide range of situations and can be represented in multiple ways such as graphs, tables, and rules. A sequence is a list of numbers or objects that follow a certain pattern. Sequences are considered functions. In this investigation, you will explore different sequences and should look for answers to the following questions

How does the definition of a function apply to sequences?

How are sequences represented by graphs, tables, and rules?

How do we write recursive rules for sequences using subset notation?

Think About This Situation



a) Describe the pattern that you see in the sequence of figures above.

Adding 4 every time

Solve the following problems. Your solution should indicate how many dots will be in the pattern at the given time. Be sure to show how you arrived at your solution and how it relates to the picture.

b) Assuming the pattern continues in the same way, how many dots are there at 3 minutes?

c) How many dots are there at 100 minutes?

$$4(100) + 1 = 401$$

d) How many dots are there at t minutes?



Investigation 1: Arithmetic Sequences

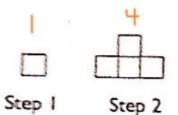
The pattern in the Think About This Situation represents an arithmetic sequence. An arithmetic sequence can be identified by the constant difference between consecutive terms.

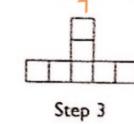
You will be working with other sequences of numbers that may not fit this pattern, but tables, graphs and equations will be useful tools to represent and discuss these sequences.

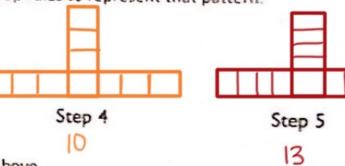
1. Complete each table by looking for a pattern.

Term	1 5 7	2nd	3**	4 th	5**	6th	7 th	80
Value	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	1 as6
	×2	×2	× 2	Z X	2			
Term	1 st	2 nd	3'0	4 th	5**	6th	7 th	8 **
Value	66	50	34	18	a	-14	- 30	- 46
	~11	,	,		,			
Term	111	2 nd	3,0	4th	500	6th	710	Rth.
Term Value	160	2 nd 80	3 rd	20	5°	6 th		1.25
Term Value	1" 160	80	40		10	5	a.5	
	160	80	40		-	-		1.25

Another sequence represented by a visual pattern is given below. Each square represents one tile. We will investigate this pattern to make sense of it and develop rules to represent that pattern.







Draw Step 4 and Step 5 to continue the pattern above.

Add 3



3 The students in Mrs. Holbfield's class were asked to find the number of tiles in a figure by describing how they saw the pattern of tiles changing at each step. Match each student's way of describing the pattern with the appropriate equation below. Note that "s" represents the step number and "n" represents the number of tiles.

Student Descriptions

C Dan explained that the middle "tower" is always the same as the Step number. He also pointed out that the 2 "arms" on each side of the "tower" contain one less block than the Step number

Sally counted the number of tiles at each step and made a table. She explained that the number of tiles in each figure was always 3 times the step number minus 2. Her table is below.

Step Number	1	2	3	4	5	6
Number of Tiles	1	4	7	10	13	16

Nancy focused on the number of blocks in the base compared to the number of blocks above the base. She said the number of base blocks were the odd numbers starting at 1. And the number of tiles above the base followed the pattern 0, 1, 2, 3, 4. She organized her work in the table below.

Step Number	# in Base + # on Top
1	1 + 0
2	3+1
3	5+2
4	7+3
5	9 • 4

Student Equations

a)
$$n = (2s - 1) + (s - 1)$$

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4. Can you describe the pattern in your own way, different than Dan, Sally, and Nancy?

Some sequences, like those represented in the previous problems, can be represented by recursive rules. A recursive rule is used to determine the next term in a sequence using the previous term.

You may have learned to write a recursive rule as something like NEXT = NOW + 2, starting at 8. Now, we will learn a more formal way to write recursive rules using function notation and subset notation. NEXT = NOW + 2, starting at 8 can be written more formally as:

$$f(n) = f(n-1) + 2$$
, $f(0) = 8$ or $a_{n+1} = a_n + 2$, $a_0 = 8$
Next = Previous + 3, $x = 0$ or $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2$, $a_1 = 1$
Starting



To think about how to write formal recursive rules, we need to make sense of the notation. We will use tables, graphs, and function notation to make sense of how to write recursive rules more formally than NOW-NEXT form.

Finish the table of values for the function represented by the recursive rule NEXT = NOW + 2, starting at 8.

n 0	1	2	3	14	15	16	17	8	1 4	IC
fin 8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	126	198

- (A) When f(n) = 12, what is the value of $n \ge 3$
- (A) When f(n) = 20, what is the value of n? $\bigcap = \emptyset$

(B) What is the value of f(n-1)? $f(a-1) = \{0\}$

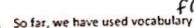
- (B) What is the value of f(n+1)? f(6+1)=f(7)= aa
- (A) When f(n) = 14, what is the value of n? n=3
- (A) When f(n) = 22, what is the value of n? $\square = 7$

(B) What is the value of f(n + 1)? f(3+1)+f(4)=16

- (B) What is the value of f(n-6)? f(7-6)=f(1) = 10
- (A) When f(n) = 10, what is the value of n? n = 1
- (A) When f(n) = 16, what is the value of n? n = 4

(8) What is the value of f(n-1)? f(1-1)

(B) What is the value of f(n + 3)?



6. So far, we have used vocabulary like Now, Next, term, value, and starting value to communicate about sequences and recursive rules. Use this vocabulary to describe what each of the following notations represent:

i.
$$f(n) \rightarrow NOW$$

ii.
$$f(n+1) \rightarrow Next$$

in.
$$f(n-1) \rightarrow \text{Previous}$$

ii.
$$f(n+1) \rightarrow \text{Next}$$

iii. $f(n-1) \rightarrow \text{Previous}$
iv. $f(0) \rightarrow \text{Starting point}$
 $\chi = 0$



Function notation is only one way to formally communicate terms in a recursive rule. Another formal way is subset notation. Below, both rules, in subset notation, represent the same recursive rule we've been working with:

NEXT = NOW + 2, starting at 8

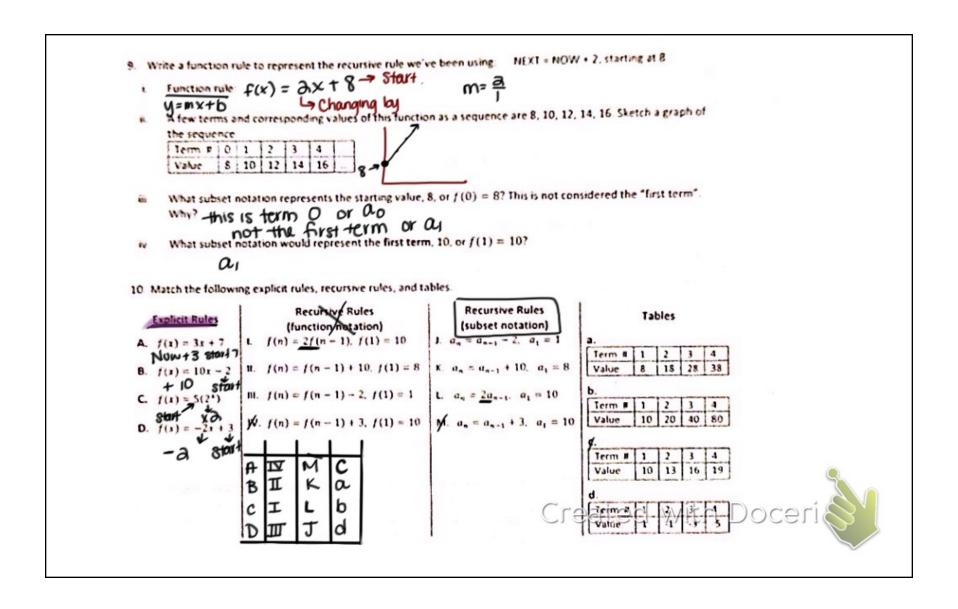
$$a_{n+1} = a_n + 2$$
, $a_0 = 8$
Next Now
 $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2$, $a_1 = 10$
Now Previous 1st term

7. What is different about the two recursive rules in subset notation? What is the same?

Next # compared to Now [Add 2 every first.

S. Thinking about the meaning of the function notation you worked with in #6, what do you think each of the following notations mean?





- 11. One of the above rules is not considered arithmetic, Which one? Explain why you think this y=5(2x) → exponential so not increasing I decreasing by a constant rate.
- 12 Find the next 3 terms in each arithmetic sequence. Identify the constant difference. Write a recursive function in subset notation and an explicit function for each sequence. Circle where you see the common difference in each function (Note: the first number of the sequence is the 1" term, not the 0" term.)

1-2 3, 8, 13, 18, 23, 28, 33, 38

Common difference: +5

Recursive function: $a_1 = a_{1-1} + 5$, $a_1 = 3$

y=mx+bExplicit function: f(x) = 5x - a

0 1 2 3

Common difference. -2

Recursive function: $a_n = a_{n-1} - a_1$, $a_1 = 11$ Explicit function: f(x) = -ax + 13

1114.5 3. 15,0, ·1.5, ·3, -4.5, -6, ·7.5

Common difference: -1.5

Recursive function: an=an-1-1.5, a=3

Explicit function: f(x) = -1.5x + 4.5



13. Below you are given various types of information. Write the recursive rule (in subset notation) and explicit rule for each arithmetic sequence. Finally, graph each sequence, making sure you clearly label your axes.
0.1.2.3.4

1 0 2, 4, 6, 8. ...

70 +2

Recursive: an = an-1+2, a1=2

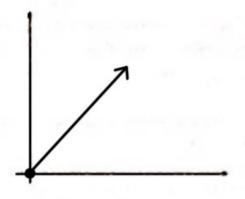
Explicit: $f(x) = \partial_1 x$

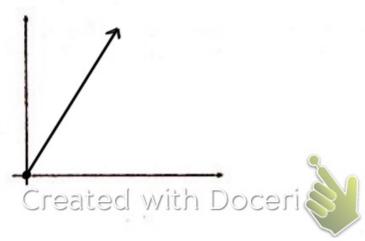
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Time (Days) O	1	2	. 3	4
Number of Cell®	3	6	9	12

Recursive: an = an-1 +3, a1=3

Explicit: f(x) = 3x

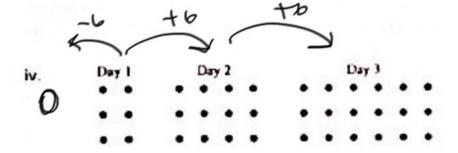




iii. Claire has \$300 in an account. She decides she is going to take out \$25 each month - 25

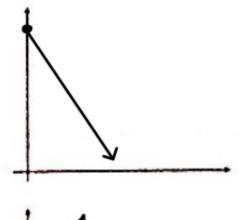
Recursive: an=an-1-25, a=275

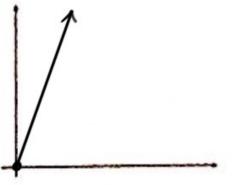
Explicit: f(x)= -25x +300



Recursive an=an-1 +6, a=6

Explicit: $y = \omega x$ $F(x) = \omega x$





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