

Recursive Worksheet

Determine the 3rd, 4th, and 5th terms of the sequence described by the recursive definition.

1) $a_1 = 9; a_n = \frac{1}{3}a_{n-1}$

2) $a_1 = 4; a_n = (a_{n-1})^2 - 10$

3) $a_1 = \frac{1}{2}; a_n = \frac{n}{n+1}(a_{n-1} + 1)$

4) $a_1 = 2; a_2 = 4; a_n = a_{n-1} \cdot a_{n-2}$

5) $a_1 = 7; a_2 = 3; a_n = a_{n-1} - 2a_{n-2}$

Give a recursive definition for the sequence.

6) 81, 27, 9, 3, ...

7) 1, 3, 7, 13, 21, 31, ...

8) 1, 2, 6, 24, 120, 720, ...

9) a) Give the first eight terms of the sequence defined recursively by $a_1 = 4, a_2 = 8; a_n = \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_{n-2}}$.

b) Observing the pattern you get in part (a), tell what the 100th term of the sequence will be.

10) The sum of the first n terms of a series is $S_n = n^2 + 4n$. Find a_1, a_2, a_3 .

Hint: You're looking for terms.

The formula gives you S_1, S_2, S_3 .

11) The sum of the first n terms of a series is $S_n = 2n^2$.

a. Find a_1, a_2, a_3 .

b. Write a rule for $S_n - S_{n-1}$.

12) Determine the sum of all positive 3-digit numbers divisible by 6.

13) Determine the sum of all positive odd numbers less than 400 that are divisible by 5.