

Exam Review Part 4 - Discrete Functions

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SOLUTIONS

1) Find the formula for the general term t_n and then use it to calculate t_{12} for each of the following sequences:

a) $9, 15, 21, \dots$

b) $-1, 2, -4, 8, \dots$

$a=9$
 $d=6$
 $t_n = 9 + (n-1)(6)$

$a=-1$
 $r=-2$
 $t_n = -1(-2)^{n-1}$

$t_{12} = 9 + (12-1)(6)$

$t_{12} = -1(-2)^{12-1}$

$t_{12} = 75$

$t_{12} = 2048$

2) Determine the general term for each of these sequences. Are they arithmetic, geometric or neither?

a) $1, 4, 7, 10, 13$ arithmetic

b) $2187, 729, 243, 81, 27$ geometric

$a=1$
 $d=3$
 $t_n = 1 + (n-1)(3)$

$a=2187$
 $r=\frac{1}{3}$
 $t_n = 2187 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1}$

3) For those sequences which are arithmetic or geometric in question 2:

i) determine the value of the 10th term, t_{10}

a) $t_{10} = 1 + (10-1)(3)$

$t_{10} = 28$

b) $t_{10} = 2187 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{10-1}$

$t_{10} = \frac{1}{9}$

ii) determine the sum of the series up to the 12th term, S_{12} .

a) $S_{12} = \frac{12}{2} [2(1) + (12-1)(3)]$

$= 6(35)$

$= 210$

b) $S_{12} = \frac{2187 \left[\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{12} - 1 \right]}{\frac{1}{3} - 1}$

$= \frac{\left(\frac{-531440}{243}\right)}{\left(\frac{-2}{3}\right)} = \frac{265720}{81}$

4) In an arithmetic series of 50 terms, the 17th term is 53 and the 28th term is 86. Determine, a , d and S_{50} .

$$t_{17} = 53$$

$$t_{28} = 86$$

$$S_{50} = \frac{50}{2} [2(5) + (50-1)(3)]$$

$$53 = a + 16d$$

$$86 = a + 27d$$

$$= 25(157)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 86 = a + 27d \\ 53 = a + 16d \end{array} -$$

$$86 = a + 27(3)$$

$$= 3925$$

$$33 = 11d$$

$$86 = a + 81$$

$$d = 3$$

$$a = 5$$

5) In an arithmetic series, the 12th term is 15 and the sum of the first 15 terms is 105. Determine the sum of the first three terms in the series.

$$t_{12} = 15$$

$$S_{15} = 105$$

$$S_3 = \frac{3}{2} [2(-7) + (3-1)(2)]$$

$$15 = a + 11d$$

$$105 = \frac{15}{2} [2a + 14d]$$

$$S_3 = -15$$

$$105 = 15(a + 7d)$$

$$7 = a + 7d$$

$$15 = a + 11d$$

$$7 = a + 7d \quad -$$

$$7 = a + 7(2)$$

$$8 = 4d$$

$$7 = a + 14$$

$$d = 2$$

$$a = -7$$

6) The fifth term of a geometric series is 405 and the sixth term is 1215. Find the sum of the first nine terms.

$$t_5 = 405$$

$$t_6 = 1215$$

$$a = \frac{405}{r^4}$$

$$S_9 = \frac{5 [(3)^9 - 1]}{3 - 1}$$

$$\textcircled{1} 405 = a(r)^4$$

$$\textcircled{2} 1215 = a(r)^5$$

$$a = \frac{405}{3^4}$$

$$S_9 = 49205$$

$$a = \frac{405}{r^4}$$

sub 'a' from ① into ②

$$1215 = \frac{405}{r^4} (r)^5$$

$$a = 5$$

$$1215 = 405 r$$

$$r = 3$$

7) Find the sum of each of the following series:

a) $251 + 243 + 235 + \dots - 205$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 251 & t_n &= 251 + (n-1)(-8) \\ d &= -8 & -205 &= 251 + (n-1)(-8) \\ & & -456 &= (n-1)(-8) \\ & & 57 &= n-1 \\ & & n &= 58 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{58} &= \frac{58}{2} (251 - 205) \\ &= 1334 \end{aligned}$$

c) $21 + 23 + 25 + \dots + 43$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 21 & t_n &= 21 + (n-1)(2) \\ d &= 2 & 43 &= 21 + (n-1)(2) \\ & & 22 &= (n-1)(2) \\ & & 11 &= n-1 \\ & & n &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$S_{12} = \frac{12}{2} (21 + 43)$$

$$S_{12} = 384$$

b) $-4 - 12 - 36 - \dots - 8748$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= -4 & t_n &= -4(3)^{n-1} \\ r &= 3 & -8748 &= -4(3)^{n-1} \\ & & 2187 &= 3^{n-1} \\ & & 3^7 &= 3^{n-1} \\ & & 7 &= n-1 \\ & & n &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\log 2187}{\log 3} = 7$$

$$S_8 = \frac{-4(3^8 - 1)}{3 - 1}$$

$$S_8 = -13120$$

d) $1280 - 640 + 320 - \dots + 5$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 1280 & t_n &= 1280 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \\ r &= -\frac{1}{2} & 5 &= 1280 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \\ & & \frac{1}{256} &= \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \\ & & \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 &= \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \\ & & 8 &= n-1 \\ & & n &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$S_9 = \frac{1280 \left[\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^9 - 1 \right]}{-\frac{1}{2} - 1}$$

$$S_9 = 855$$

8) Write the first 4 term of each of the following sequences:

a) $t_1 = -6; t_n = t_{n-1} + 5$

$$t_1 = -6$$

$$t_2 = -6 + 5 = -1$$

$$t_3 = -1 + 5 = 4$$

$$t_4 = 4 + 5 = 9$$

$$\boxed{-6, -1, 4, 9}$$

b) $t_1 = -2; t_2 = -1; t_n = t_{n-1} \times t_{n-2}$

$$t_1 = -2$$

$$t_2 = -1$$

$$t_3 = (-1)(-2) = 2$$

$$t_4 = 2(-1) = -2$$

$$\boxed{-2, -1, 2, -2}$$

9) Determine the recursive formula of each of these sequences. Are they arithmetic, geometric or neither?

a) 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, ...

$$t_n = t_{n-1} + t_{n-2}$$

b) 3, 8, 13, 18, 23, 28, 33, 38

$$t_n = t_{n-1} + 5$$

10) In an arithmetic sequence, the 3rd term is 25 and the 9th term is 43. How many terms are less than 100?

$$t_3 = 25$$

$$t_9 = 43$$

$$25 = a + 2d$$

$$43 = a + 8d$$

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$$18 = 6d$$

$$d = 3$$

$$43 = a + 8(3)$$

$$a = 19$$

$$t_n = 19 + (n-1)(3)$$

$$100 = 19 + (n-1)(3)$$

$$81 = (n-1)(3)$$

$$27 = n-1$$

$$n = 28$$

∴ 27 terms are < 100 .

11) The sum of the first 6 terms is 297 and the sum of the first 8 terms is 500. Determine the 5th term if the sequence is arithmetic.

$$S_6 = 297$$

$$297 = \frac{6}{2} [2a + (6-1)d]$$

$$297 = 3(2a + 5d)$$

$$99 = 2a + 5d$$

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$$125 = 2a + 7d \quad -$$

$$-26 = -2d$$

$$d = 13$$

$$S_8 = 500$$

$$500 = \frac{8}{2} [2a + (8-1)d]$$

$$500 = 4(2a + 7d)$$

$$125 = 2a + 7d$$

$$125 = 2a + 7(13)$$

$$34 = 2a$$

$$a = 17$$

$$t_n = 17 + (n-1)(13)$$

$$t_5 = 17 + (5-1)(13)$$

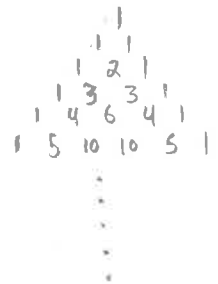
$$t_5 = 69$$

12) For $(1-x)^{11}$: use row 11 of Pascal's triangle.

a) find t_3

$$= 55(1)^9(-x)^2$$

$$= 55x^2$$



1 11 55 165 330 462 462 330 165 55 11 1

b) how many terms are in the expansion?

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c) explain where the numerical coefficients of the expansion are coming from

Row 11 of Pascal's Triangle.

13) Expand $(x^2 - 2y)^4$ using binomial theorem; take the coefficients from Pascal triangle $n = 4$

$$= 1(x^2)^4(-2y)^0 + 4(x^2)^3(-2y)^1 + 6(x^2)^2(-2y)^2 + 4(x^2)^1(-2y)^3 + 1(x^2)^0(-2y)^4$$

$$= x^8 - 8x^6y + 24x^4y^2 - 32x^2y^3 + 16y^4$$

14) Expand $(4x + 2x^3)^3$ using binomial theorem.

$$\begin{array}{c} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \quad = 1(4x)^3(2x^3)^0 + 3(4x)^2(2x^3)^1 + 3(4x)^1(2x^3)^2 + 1(4x)^0(2x^3)^3$$
$$= 64x^3 + 96x^5 + 48x^7 + 8x^9$$

Answers

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2) a) arithmetic; $t_n = 1 + (n - 1)3$ b) geometric; $t_n = 2187 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1}$

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7) a) $S_{58} = 1334$ b) $S_8 = -13120$ c) $S_{12} = 384$ d) $S_9 = 2056855$

8) a) -6, -1, 4, 9 b) -2, -1, 2, -2

9) a) $t_n = t_{n-1} + t_{n-2}$ b) $t_n = t_{n-1} + 5$

10) 27

11) $t_5 = 69$

12) a) $55x^2$ b) 12 c) 11th row of Pascal's triangle

13) $x^8 - 8x^6y + 24x^4y^2 - 32x^2y^3 + 16y^4$

14) $64x^3 + 96x^5 + 48x^7 + 8x^9$