

# SOLUTIONS

**Honors Pre-calculus**
**Test Review 9.1-9.3**
**Mr. Chancellor**

Work each of the problems on your own paper. This will be DUE the next class period.

1. Find a formula for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the sequence  $17, 7, -3, \dots$ , then find  $a_{1000}$ .

Arithmetic  $d = -10$

$$a_n = 17 - 10(n-1) = \boxed{27 - 10n}$$

$$a_{1000} = 17 - 10(999) \\ = \boxed{-9973}$$

2. Find  $a_{365}$  of the arithmetic sequence if  $a_{10} = 41$  and  $a_{15} = 61$ .

$$61 = 41 + d(15-10) \therefore d = 4$$

$$a_{365} = 61 + 4(365-15) \\ = \boxed{1461}$$

3. Insert four arithmetic means between 11 and 35.

$$11, \dots, 35 \\ 35 = 11 + d(6-1) \therefore d = \frac{24}{5} \\ \boxed{15.8, 20.6, 25.4, 30.2}$$

4. How many terms are in the sequence  $44, 36, 28, \dots, -380$ ?

$$-380 = 44 - 8(n-1) \\ -424 = -8(n-1) \\ 53 = n-1 \\ \boxed{n = 54}$$

5. How many multiples of 3 are there between 100 and 100,000?  $\rightarrow$  divisible by 3

$$102, 105, 108, \dots, 99,999 \\ 99,999 = 102 + 3(n-1) \\ 33299 = n-1 \\ \boxed{n = 33,300}$$

6. Find  $a_{10}$  for the sequence  $-5, 4, \cancel{-\frac{4}{5}}, \cancel{-\frac{16}{25}}, \dots$

Geometric:  $r = -\frac{4}{5}$

$$a_{10} = -5 \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)^9 \\ = -5 \left(\frac{-262144}{1953125}\right) \\ = +\frac{262144}{390625} \approx \boxed{0.671}$$

7. Find  $a_7$  of the geometric sequence if  $a_2 = -\frac{2}{3}$

$$\text{and } a_5 = \frac{16}{81}. \quad \rightarrow a_7 = \left(\frac{16}{81}\right) \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \\ \frac{16}{81} = -\frac{2}{3} r^3 \\ r^3 = \frac{16}{81} \cdot \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = -\frac{8}{27} \\ \therefore r = -\frac{2}{3}$$

8. Insert four geometric means between 1 and 2.

$$1, \dots, 2$$

$$2 = 1 \cdot r^5$$

$$r = \sqrt[5]{2}$$

$$\boxed{\sqrt[5]{2}, \sqrt[5]{4}, \sqrt[5]{8}, \sqrt[5]{16}}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{2^{\frac{1}{5}}, 2^{\frac{2}{5}}, 2^{\frac{3}{5}}, 2^{\frac{4}{5}}}$$

9. A pile of bricks has 85 bricks in the bottom row, 79 in the second row, 73 in the third row, etc. until there is only 1 brick in the last row. How many bricks are in the 12<sup>th</sup> row and how many total rows are there?

$85, 79, 73, \dots$  Arithmetic,  $d = -6$

$$a_{12} = 85 - 6(11) = 19$$

$$1 = 85 - 6(n-1)$$

$$-84 = -6(n-1)$$

$$14 = n-1 \quad \therefore 15 \text{ rows}$$

11. As all SPA music students well know, there are 12 steps in the chromatic scale from the A below middle C to the next higher A. The frequency of the A below middle C is 220 Hz (1 Hz = 1 cycle/sec). The frequency of the next higher A is, therefore, 440 Hz. Given that the notes in between these two As form a geometric sequence, find the common ratio.

$$440 = 220 \cdot r^{12} \quad (12 \text{ steps} \rightarrow 13 \text{ terms})$$

$$2 = r^{12}$$

$$\therefore r = \sqrt[12]{2} = 2^{\frac{1}{12}} \approx 1.0595$$

12. Express the finite series  $2+4+6+\dots+1000$  in sigma notation. Do not evaluate the series.

Arithmetic,  $d=2$ ;  $a_n = 2 + 2(n-1)$

$$a_n = 2n$$

$$1000 = 2 + 2(n-1) \quad \therefore n = 500$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{500} 2n$$

14. Find the 100<sup>th</sup> partial sum of the series  $100+98+96+\dots$

Arithmetic,  $d=-2$

$$a_{100} = 100 - 2(99) = -98$$

$$S_{100} = \frac{100(100 + (-98))}{2}$$

$$= 100$$

10. A new car worth \$32,500 new decreases in value by 25% per year. How much is it worth after 7 years?

$$32500, 32500(0.75), 32500(0.75)^2, \dots$$

$$a_7 = 32500(0.75)^7 \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{number} \\ \text{of depreciations} \\ \text{that have} \\ \text{occurred} \\ \text{after 7 years} \end{array}$$

$$\approx \$4338.23$$

13. Express the infinite series  $1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots$  in sigma notation. Do not evaluate the series.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{2n-1}$$

- 15-16: Find  $S_{10}$  if the series  $24+12+\dots$  is:

15. Arithmetic :  $d = -12$

$$a_{10} = 24 - 12(9) = -84$$

$$S_{10} = \frac{10(24 + (-84))}{2} = -300$$

16. Geometric :  $r = \frac{1}{2}$

$$S_{10} = \frac{24(1 - (\frac{1}{2})^{10})}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 48(\frac{1023}{1024})$$

$$= 3069$$

$$64$$

17. Evaluate  $\sum_{k=0}^{12} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^k$  Geometric  
13 terms  
 $r = -\frac{1}{2}$   
 $a_1 = 1$

$$S_{13} = \frac{1(1 - (-\frac{1}{2})^{13})}{1 - (-\frac{1}{2})} = \frac{2}{3}(1 + \frac{1}{8192})$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{8193}{8192}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{2731}{4096}}$$

19. On the first day of each year you invest \$1000 in an account that pays 6% interest compounded quarterly. How much is your account worth at the end of 20 years?

$1000 \underbrace{(1 + \frac{0.06}{4})^1}_{\text{LAST DEPOSIT}} + 1000 \underbrace{(1 + \frac{0.06}{4})^2}_{\text{FIRST TERM}} + \dots + \underbrace{1000 (1 + \frac{0.06}{4})^{80}}_{\text{FIRST DEPOSIT}}$

$$\therefore A = \frac{1000(1.015)(1 - 1.015^{80})}{1 - 1.015} \approx \boxed{155001.52}$$

21. Express  $1.\overline{045}$  as a simplified fraction using the method of infinite series.

$$1 + \underbrace{0.045 + 0.00045 + \dots}_{r=0.001}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{0.045}{1 - 0.001}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{45}{999}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{5}{111} = \boxed{\frac{116}{111}}$$

23-24: A pile driver pounds a steel column into the earth. On its first drive, the column went down 1.5 m. On each successive drive the column moves 92% of its previous amount.

23. How far does it move on its 60<sup>th</sup> drive? Geo. w/  $r = 0.92$

$$a_{60} = 1.5(0.92)^{60} = \boxed{0.01 \text{ m}}$$

$$(1 \text{ cm})$$

24. What total distance has the column traveled after 60 drives?

$$S_{60} = \frac{1.5(1 - 0.92^{60})}{1 - 0.92} = \boxed{18.62 \text{ m}}$$

18. Find the sum of the positive three digit odd integers.

$$101, 103, 105, \dots, 999$$

$$999 = 101 + 2(n-1) \Rightarrow n = 450$$

$$S_{450} = \frac{450(101 + 999)}{2} = \boxed{247,500}$$

20. Evaluate  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^n$   $|r| < 1 \therefore$  the sum exists

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} = \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{3} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\left( S_{\infty} = \frac{a_1}{1-r} \right)$$

22. Find the sum of the series  $1000 - 500 + 250 - \dots + 7.8125$  (FINITE)

Geometric  $r = -\frac{1}{2}$

$$7.8125 = 1000 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$0.0078125 = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$n-1$  must be even  $\therefore$  drop the negative on  $r$ .

$$0.0078125 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \Rightarrow n-1 = \frac{\log 0.0078125}{\log \frac{1}{2}}$$

$n=8$

$$S_8 = \frac{1000(1 - (-\frac{1}{2})^8)}{1 - (-\frac{1}{2})}$$

$$= 1000 \cdot \frac{2}{3} \frac{(255)}{(256)}$$

$$= \boxed{10625}$$

$$16$$