

Arithmetic Sequences: Explicit Formula

D	n	0	1	2	3	4	$d = 3$
	a_n	7	10	13	16	19	$\uparrow \text{slope (m)}$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$a_n = dn + a_0$$

D	$\underline{30, 34, 38, 42\dots}$	$a_1 - d$
		$30 - 4 = 26$

Explicit Formula? $a_n = 4n + 26$

52nd term?
 $n=52$

$$a_{52} = 4(52) + 26$$

$$208 + 26 = \boxed{234}$$

D	$\underline{-2, -12, -22, -32\dots}$	$a_1 - d$
		$-2 - -10$ $-2 + 10$

Explicit Formula? $a_n = -10n + 8$

52nd term? $a_{52} = -10(52) + 8 = -512$

D	$\underline{40, 240, 440, 640\dots}$
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Explicit Formula? $a_n = 200n - 160$

10th term? $a_{10} = 200(10) - 160 = 1840$

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Arithmetic Sequences ; Explicit Formulas

Determine if the sequence is arithmetic. If it is, find the common difference.

1) $35, 32, 29, 26, \dots$
 $\begin{array}{cccc} -3 & -3 & -3 & \end{array}$ Yes, $d = -3$

2) $-3, -23, -43, -63, \dots$

3) $-34, -64, -94, -124, \dots$

4) $-30, -40, -50, -60, \dots$

5) $-7, -9, -11, -13, \dots$

6) $9, 14, 19, 24, \dots$

Given the explicit formula for an arithmetic sequence find the first five terms and the term named in the problem.

7) $a_n = -11 + 7n$
 $\begin{array}{ccccc} -4 & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} & \text{---} \end{array}$
 Find a_{34}

8) $a_n = 65 - 100n$
 Find a_{39}

9) $a_n = -7.1 - 2.1n$
 Find a_{27}

10) $a_n = \frac{11}{8} + \frac{1}{2}n$
 Find a_{23}

Given the first term and the common difference of an arithmetic sequence find the first five terms and the explicit formula.

11) $a_1 = 28, d = 10$

12) $a_1 = -38, d = -100$

13) $a_1 = -34, d = -10$

14) $a_1 = 35, d = 4$

~~Given a term in an arithmetic sequence and the common difference find the first five terms and the explicit formula.~~

15) $a_{38} = -53.2, d = -1.1$

16) $a_{40} = -1191, d = -30$

17) $a_{37} = 249, d = 8$

18) $a_{36} = -276, d = -7$

~~Given the first term and the common difference of an arithmetic sequence find the recursive formula and the three terms in the sequence after the last one given.~~

19) $a_1 = \frac{3}{5}, d = -\frac{1}{3}$

20) $a_1 = 39, d = -5$

21) $a_1 = -26, d = 200$

22) $a_1 = -9.2, d = 0.9$

~~Given a term in an arithmetic sequence and the common difference find the recursive formula and the three terms in the sequence after the last one given.~~

23) $a_{21} = -1.4, d = 0.6$

24) $a_{22} = -44, d = -2$

25) $a_{18} = 27.4, d = 1.1$

26) $a_{12} = 28.6, d = 1.8$

~~Given two terms in an arithmetic sequence find the recursive formula.~~

27) $a_{18} = 3362$ and $a_{38} = 7362$

28) $a_{18} = 44.3$ and $a_{33} = 84.8$