

period

6.3 Geometric sequences
in Recursive Form

Name

Date

Write the recursive definition for each geometric sequence.

1) $4, 12, 36, 108$

Recursive formula
 $A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot r$

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$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot 3 \quad A(1) = 4$$

2) $6, 9, 13.5, 20.25$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot 1.5 \quad A(1) = 6$$

3) $0.1, 0.5, 2.5, 12.5$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot r$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot 5 \quad A(1) = 0.1$$

4) $40, 10, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{8}$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot r$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \quad A(1) = 40$$

5) $1, -4, 16, -64$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot r$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot (-4) \quad A(1) = 1$$

$$6) \quad 25, 50, 100, 200$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot r$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot (2) \quad A(1) = 25$$

Find the common ratio for each geometric sequence.

$$7) \quad 1, 6, 36, 216$$

$$\boxed{6}$$

$$8) \quad 10, 100, 1000, 10,000$$

$$\boxed{10}$$

$$9) \quad -2, 4, -8, 16$$

$$\boxed{-2}$$

$$10) \quad 9, 27, 81, 243$$

$$\boxed{3}$$

$$11) \quad 128, 64, 32, 16$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$12) -3, \overset{\times 2}{-6}, \overset{\times 2}{-12}, \overset{\times 2}{-24}$$

$$\boxed{2}$$

$$13) 2, \overset{\times -3}{-6}, \overset{\times -3}{18}, -54$$

$$\boxed{-3}$$

$$14) 7, \overset{\times 8}{56}, \overset{\times 8}{448}, 3,584$$

$$\boxed{8}$$

Write the recursive definition for each geometric sequence.

$$15) 5, 15, 45, 135$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot r$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot 3 \quad A(1) = 5$$

$$16) -2, \overset{\times 6}{-12}, \overset{\times 6}{-72}, \overset{\times 6}{-432}$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot r$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot 6 \quad A(1) = -2$$

$$17) 500, \overset{\times \frac{1}{5}}{100}, \overset{\times \frac{1}{5}}{20}, 4$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot r$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot \frac{1}{5} \quad A(1) = 500$$

$$18) 75, 15, 3, \frac{3}{5}$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot r$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot \frac{1}{5} \quad A(0) = 75$$

$$19) \overset{\times 2}{45}, \overset{\times 2}{90}, \overset{\times 2}{180}, 360$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot r$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot 2 \quad A(1) = 45$$

$$20) 2, 2, 2, 2$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot r$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot 1 \quad A(1) = 2$$

Find the indicated term of the geometric sequence.

$$21) A(n) = -4 \cdot A(n-1); \text{ where } A(1) = 5; A(6)$$

$$A(n) = A(n-1)(-4)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cancel{5} & \cancel{+1} & \cancel{-3} & \cancel{+7} & \cancel{-11} & \cancel{+15} & \\ x^{-4} & & & & & & \\ 5 & -20 & 80 & -320 & 1280 & -5120 & \checkmark \end{array}$$

26) $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}$

No

27) $3, -3, 3, -3$ $A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot r$

yes $A(1) = 3$ $A(n) = A(n-1)(-1)$

28) $25, 50, 100, 200$

yes

$A(1) = 25$

$A(n) = A(n-1) \cdot 2$

$A(n) = A(n-1)(2)$

Identify each sequence as arithmetic, geometric or neither.

29) $5, 6, 8, 11$ neither

30) $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}$ geometric

31) $1, 4, 7, 10$ arithmetic

32) $-5, 30, -180, 1080$ geometric

