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## **Logical Series,Coding & Decoding**



# What is a SEQUENCE?



- In mathematics, a **sequence** is an ordered list. Like a set, it contains members (also called *elements*, or *terms*). The number of ordered elements (possibly infinite) is called the *length* of the sequence. Unlike a set, order matters, and exactly the same elements can appear multiple times at different positions in the sequence. Most precisely, a sequence can be defined as a function whose domain is a countable totally ordered set, such as the natural numbers.

Source: Wikipedia:<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sequence>



# INFINITE SEQUENCE



- An infinite sequence is a function with domain the set of natural numbers  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots \dots \dots\}$ .
- For example, consider the function "a" defined by

$$a(n) = n^2 \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \dots)$$

Instead of the usual functional notation  $a(n)$ , for sequences we usually write

$$a_n = n^2$$

That is, a letter with a subscript, such as  $a_n$ , is used to represent numbers in the range of a sequence. For the sequence defined by  $a_n = n^2$ ,

$$a_1 = 1^2 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 2^2 = 4$$

$$a_3 = 3^2 = 9$$

$$a_4 = 4^2 = 16$$



# General or nth Term



- A sequence is frequently defined by giving its range. The sequence on the given example can be written as

$$1, 4, 9, 16, \dots, n^2, \dots$$

Each number in the range of a sequence is a **term** of the sequence, with  $a_n$  the **nth term** or **general term** of the sequence. The formula for the nth term generates the terms of a sequence by repeated substitution of counting numbers for  $n$ .



# FINITE SEQUENCE



- A finite sequence with  $m$  terms is a function with domain the set of natural numbers  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$
- For example,  $2, 4, 6, 8, 10$  is a finite sequence with 5 terms where  $a_n = 2n$ , for  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ . In contrast,  $2, 4, 6, 8, 10, \dots$  is an infinite sequence where  $a_n = 2n$ , for  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$



# Sample Problems



1. Write the first five terms of the infinite sequence with general term  $a_n = 2n - 1$ .

Answer:

$$a_1 = 2(1) - 1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 2(2) - 1 = 3$$

$$a_3 = 2(3) - 1 = 5$$

$$a_4 = 2(4) - 1 = 7$$

$$a_5 = 2(5) - 1 = 9$$

Thus, the first five terms are 1,3,5,7,9 and the sequence is

$$1, 3, 5, 7, 9, \dots \dots 2n - 1, \dots \dots$$



2. A finite sequence has four terms, and the formula for the  $n$ th term is  $x_n = (-1)^n \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$ . What is the sequence?

Answer:

$$x_1 = (-1)^1 \frac{1}{2^{1-1}} = -1$$

$$x_2 = (-1)^2 \frac{1}{2^{2-1}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_3 = (-1)^3 \frac{1}{2^{3-1}} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$x_4 = (-1)^4 \frac{1}{2^{4-1}} = \frac{1}{8}$$

Thus the sequence is



3. Find a formula for  $a_n$  given the first few terms of the sequence.

a.) 2, 3, 4, 5, ...

Answer: Each term is one larger than the corresponding natural number. Thus, we have,

$$a_1 = 2 = 1 + 1$$

$$a_2 = 3 = 2 + 1$$

$$a_3 = 4 = 3 + 1$$

$$a_4 = 5 = 4 + 1$$

Hence,

$$\boxed{a_n = n + 1}$$





b.) 3, 6, 9, 12, .....

Answer:

$$a_1 = 3 = 3 \cdot 1$$

$$a_2 = 6 = 3 \cdot 2$$

$$a_3 = 9 = 3 \cdot 3$$

$$a_4 = 12 = 3 \cdot 4$$

Thus,





# SERIES



- Associated with every sequence, is a **SERIES**, the indicated sum of the sequence.
- For example, associated with the sequence 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, is the series  $2+4+6+8+10$  and associated with the sequence  $-1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}$ , is the series  $(-1)+(\frac{1}{2})+(-\frac{1}{4})+(\frac{1}{8})$ .



# Sigma Summation Notation



- The Greek letter  $\Sigma$  (sigma) is often used as a summation symbol to abbreviate a series.
- The series  $2 + 4 + 6 + 8 + 10$  which has a general term  $x_n = 2n$ , can be written as

$$\sum_{n=1}^5 x_n \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{n=1}^5 2n$$

and is read as “the sum of the terms  $x_n$  or  $2n$  as  $n$  varies from 1 to 5”. The letter  $n$  is the index on the summation while 1 and 5 are the lower and upper limits of summation, respectively.



- In general, if  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \dots, x_n$  is a sequence associated with a series of

$$\sum_{k=1}^n x_k = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + \dots + x_n$$



# Sample Problem

1. Write out the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^5 (k^2 + 1)$$

without using the sigma summation notation.

Answer:

$$x_1 = (1)^2 + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$x_2 = (2)^2 + 1 = 4 + 1 = 5$$

$$x_3 = (3)^2 + 1 = 9 + 1 = 10$$

$$x_4 = (4)^2 + 1 = 16 + 1 = 17$$

$$x_5 = (5)^2 + 1 = 25 + 1 = 26$$

Thus,

$$\sum_{k=1}^5 (k^2 + 1) = \boxed{2 + 5 + 10 + 17 + 26} = 60$$



2. Express and write the series

$$\sum_{k=2}^4 (-1)^k \sqrt{k+1}$$

without using sigma notation.

Answer:

$$x_2 = (-1)^2 \sqrt{2+1} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$x_3 = (-1)^3 \sqrt{3+1} = -2$$

$$x_4 = (-1)^4 \sqrt{4+1} = \sqrt{5}$$

Thus,

$$\sum_{k=2}^4 (-1)^k \sqrt{k+1} \boxed{\phantom{\sqrt{3} - 2 + \sqrt{5}}}$$



# Break a leg!

1. Find the first four terms and the seventh term ( $n = 1, 2, 3, 4 \text{ \& } 7$ ) if the general term of the sequence is  $x_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ .
2. Find a formula for  $a_n$  given the few terms of the sequence.  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \dots$

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**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!**





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# Sequences and Series

1, 4, 9, 16...

1, 1, 2, 3, 5...

1, 3, 6, 10...

- A sequence is a list of numbers in an specific order.
- A series is the sum of the numbers in a sequence.
- In this presentation, we will see two types of sequences and series, arithmetic and geometric.

$5, 8, 11, 14, 17, \dots$   
+3 +3 +3 +3

Sequence A



# Sequences

- A sequence of numbers is a list of numbers arranged in a specific order. Consider the list of numbers given below, which is a sequence.
- 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, ...
- Each number is called a **term** of the sequence. The first term of the sequence is 5. we indicate this by writing  $a_1=5$ . Since the second term is 10,  $a_2$ .



- The three dots, called an **ellipsis**, indicate that the sequence continues indefinitely and is an **infinite sequence**.
- An **infinite sequence** is a function whose domain is the set of natural numbers.
- Note that the terms of the sequence 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, ... are found by multiplying each natural number by 5. The **general term of the sequence**,  $a_n$  which defines the sequence is  $a_n = 5n$ .



- A **finite sequence** is a function whose domain includes only the first  $n$  natural numbers. A finite sequence has only a finite numbers of terms.
- Example of Finite Sequence:
  - 5, 10, 15, 20
  - 2, 4, 8, 16, 20
- There exists another distinction between sequences, *increasing*, *decreasing* and *alternate*.
- **Increasing** sequences are the ones that each term is greater than the preceding term, while the **decreasing** sequences each term is less than the preceding term.
- In an **alternate** sequence, the terms alternate signs.



# Series

- A **series** is the expressed sum of the terms of a sequence.
- It may be finite or infinite, depending on whether the sequence it is based on, is finite or infinite.

- Examples

- **Finite sequences**

- $A_1, A_2, A_3$

- **Finite series**

- $A_1 + A_2 + A_3$

- **Infinite sequences**

- $A_1, A_2, A_3...$

- **Infinite series**

- $A_1 + A_2 + A_3...$



# Find Partial Sums and Summation Notation $\Sigma$

- For an infinite sequence with the terms  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots$ , a **partial sum** is the sum of a finite number of consecutive terms of the sequence, beginning with the first term.
- $s_1 = a_1$
- $s_2 = a_1 + a_2$
- $s_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3$
- $\vdots$
- $S_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$



- The sum of the first  $n$  terms of the sequence whose  $n$ th term is  $a_n$  is represented by

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n$$

- Where  $i$  is called the **index of summation** or simply the **index**,  $n$  is the **upper limit of summation**, and 1 is the **lower limit of summation**.