


## 9SG Arithmetic and Geometric Sequences and Applications Study Guide

Targets	Sample Question	Ugh	Okay	Got it	Assn
Interpret and model Arithmetic Story Problems.	 Draw a representation for 3 and 4 minutes if the pattern continues.				9A, 9B
Identify & write Arithmetic Recursive Equations	Given the sequence 12, 6, 4, 2, find the recursive equation in proper function notation.				
Identify & write Arithmetic Explicit Equations	Given the sequence 3, 6, 9, 12, find the explicit equation in proper function notation.				
Identify, and create Geometric Graphs & tables	Graph the Above questions				
Identify & write Geometric Recursive Equations	Write the recursive equation (in proper function notation) given a table				
Identify & write Geometric Explicit Equation	Write the explicit equation (in proper function notation) given a table.				
Recognize that simple interest is an example of a linear arithmetic sequence.	For a \$1000 loan, Katie could not make any payments for 10 years, but she would have to pay 15% interest on the \$1000 for each year of the loan. Graph				
Identify compound interest as geometric sequences/ exponential growth on a graph & table	For a \$1000 loan, Katie could not make any payments for 10 years, and had to pay 10% interest on the \$1000 for but the interest is compounded monthly. Create a table and graph the sequence.				
Compound Interest with an equation	Above—Write an equation to calculate much she would pay over the 10 years.				
Growth and Decay	A tarantula farm starts with 2 tarantulas that love each other very much. How many will he have after 2 years if they have 200 babies every 6 months.				
Recognize that elements of a compound interest equation.	Given the equation $f(x) = 5(1.35)^x$ , find the initial investment, the growth/decay rate, and the amount of the loan after 5 years.				

While there are other kinds of sequences, this unit only covers Arithmetic and Geometric Sequences.

### Vocabulary

Sequence: Set of numbers increasing or decreasing at a Common diff or Common Ratio.

Term: Any number in a sequence.

Arithmetic Sequence: Sequence that is increasing or decreasing at a Common difference.

Geometric Sequence: Sequence that multiplied by a common ratio.

Common Difference: Amt that is added or subtracted in an arithmetic sequence

Common Ratio: Value multiplied to terms in a geometric sequence each time.

Recursive Equation: Arithmetic:  $f(n) = f(n-1) + d$ ; Geometric:  $f(n) = f(n-1) \cdot r$

Explicit Equation: Arithmetic:  $f(n) = f(0) + dn$ ; Geometric:  $f(n) = f(n-1) \cdot r^n$

Exponential: Equation or growth/decay that inc/dec by a multiplier.

Growth:  $1 + R$ , 1 plus the Rate, Geometric Common Ratio

Decay:  $1 - R$ , 1 minus the Rate, Geometric Common Ratio

Simple Interest: Dollar amt of the Simple Interest Rate of the Initial amt.

Compound Interest: Amt of interest in an account based off the Rate (%)

**Arithmetic Sequence**

Arithmetic sequences come from linear equations and tables. The graph of an Arithmetic Sequence is a line. An Arithmetic Sequence has a common difference ( $d$ ) that increases or decreases at a constant rate by addition or subtraction from consecutive terms. An arithmetic sequence is "proportional" if there is no vertical shift or y-intercept other than (0, 0).

Two kinds of formulas are written from a sequence: the recursive formula and the explicit formula. The recursive formula reveals how much the values change from one step to the next with a common difference.

X	f(x)
1	7
2	9
3	11
4	13
5	15

The table to the right shows a common increase (difference— $d$ ) of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Recursive Formula**

In function notation, sometime  $n$  is used instead of  $x$ . So  $f(n)$  is the output when  $x = n$ . The term before  $n$  is one step before  $n$  or  $(n - 1)$ . The output for this term is  $f(n - 1)$ . An Arithmetic sequence changes from  $f(n - 1)$  to  $f(n)$  by adding or subtracting a common difference ( $d$ ).

The table above adds 2 for every consecutive change in  $x$ . So the recursive function of this table when  $x = n$  is  $f(n) = f(n - 1) + 2$ . Some think of it as "What it is = what it was + the difference." To find what a step "is", 2 is added to the previous steps output.

**Explicit Formula** ( $y = mx + b$ )

An explicit formula gives the outcome for any input  $n$ . The y-intercept (where  $x = 0$ ) can be written as  $f(0)$ . In an Arithmetic Sequence,  $d$  is the common difference, so an explicit equation ( $y = mx + b$ ) can be written as  $f(n) = dn + f(0)$ . For the table above, what is the value of  $f(0)$ ? 5 What is the value of  $d$ ? 2.

If the first figure is  $f(1)$ , what would be  $f(0)$ ? \_\_\_\_\_

What would be  $d$ ? \_\_\_\_\_

Write the explicit equation for the pattern. \_\_\_\_\_ Write the recursive equation. \_\_\_\_\_



To write an equation from a sequence, you need to know which stage the number represents. For the sequence, 5, 8, 11, 14, ...  $f(2) = 5$  means that the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage is 5. The common difference is 3, so the explicit equation would be  $y = 3x - 1$  because  $f(0) = -1$ .

**Geometric Sequence**

A geometric sequence has a common ratio " $r$ ". Multiply or divide to find the next term.

**Recursive Formula**

X	Y
1	4
2	8
3	16
4	32
5	64

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Note that the output values double in this table. (The y-values have a common ratio of 2.)

The recursive equation for a geometric sequence can be written as  $f(x) = f(x - 1)(r)$ .  $F(x - 1)$  is the prior term, and  $r$  is the common ratio. Above, the recursive equation in function notation would be,  $f(n) = f(n - 1)(2)$  or  $f(n) = 2f(n - 1)$ .

**Explicit Formula**

The common ratio ( $r$ ) is the number used to multiply an output to get the next output. This ratio is written with an exponent to show the number of times or steps ( $x$  or  $n$ ) is base is multiplied. The step before  $x$  is  $(x - 1)$ . Geometric equations often multiply the first term rather than the 0<sup>th</sup> term. The explicit equation for a geometric sequence can be written as  $f(n) = f(1)r^{(n-1)}$  where  $f(n)$  is the  $n$ th term where  $f(1)$  is the first term and  $r$  is the

common ratio. An explicit equation could also be written using the y-intercept as  $f(n) = f(0)r^{(n)}$  or from step 2 as in  $f(n) = f(2)r^{(n-2)}$ . The equation depends on which step the sequence begins.

X	Pattern	Y	Short Hand
1	3	3	$3 \times 2^0$
2	$3 \times 2$	6	$3 \times 2^1$
3	$3 \times 2 \times 2$	12	$3 \times 2^2$
4	$3 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$	24	$3 \times 2^3$
5	$3 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$	48	$3 \times 2^4$
n	?	$f(n)$	$3 \times 2^{n-1}$

The common ratio (or multiplier  $r$ ) can be seen in the 4-column table to the left. Notice the repeating multiplier is the same as the multiplier in the pattern's short hand. Note that for the nth value, the **exponent is  $(n - 1)$  because the table starts on step 1.**

In the short hand, note the relationship between the x (input) value and the exponent. The exponent depends on which the first input in the table. How would you write the exponent if the table started on step 2?  $n-2$

Circle whether the following tables are **arithmetic or geometric**. Give the **common difference or ratio** and write the **recursive and explicit equations**.

X	1	2	3	4
Y	6	12	24	48

x	1	2	3	4
f(x)	9	27	81	243

x	1	2	3	4
f(x)	9	18	27	36

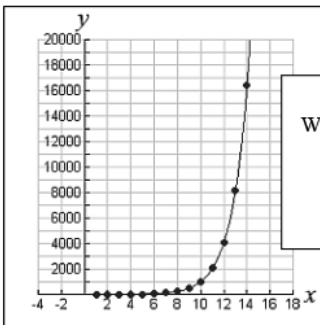
Arithmetic or Geometric?  
 Difference/Ratio: 2  
 Recursive:  $f(x) = f(x-1) \cdot 2$   
 Explicit:  $f(x) = 6(2)^{x-1}$

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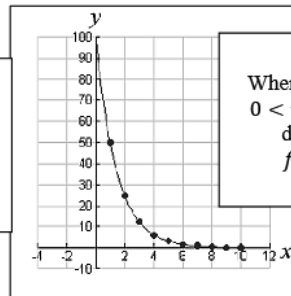
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### Exponential Growth and Decay (Geometric Sequence)

Exponential growth and decay, occurs by a fixed percent or ratio (geometric growth or decay). For exponential growth, the rate of change increased with time – it grows faster and faster. For exponential decay, the rate of change decreased with time – the amount of decay slows down.



**Growth:**  
 When the common ratio is  $r > 1$  the function is increasing (growth)  
 $f(x) = 1(2)^x$



**Decay:**  
 When the common ratio is  $0 < r < 1$  the function is decreasing (decay)  
 $f(x) = 100(0.5)^x$

In order for a value to grow, a multiplier must be larger than 1. Multiplying by 1 (or 100%) would make a number or any value stay the same. The number above 1 (or 100%) indicates the percentage of the growth.

Multiply  $4(1) = \underline{4}$      $4(1.2) = \underline{4.8}$  (20% growth)     $4(1.75) = \underline{7}$  (75% growth)     $4(2.5) = \underline{10}$  (150% growth)

The explicit equation for exponential **growth** is often written  $f(x) = a(1 + r)^t$  or  $f(x) = f(0)(1 + r)^t$ .  $f(x)$  is the total amount,  $a$  or  $f(0)$  is the amount of money at the start or step zero, and  $t$  is the number of compounding periods. The common ratio is  $r$  (percent of change expressed as a decimal).

A number or value will decrease if multiplied by a number less than 1. For exponential **decay**, we use the formula:  
 $f(x) = a(1 - r)^t$ .

Multiply  $4(1) = \underline{4}$      $4(.8) = \underline{3.2}$  (20% decay)     $4(.25) = \underline{1}$  (75% decay)     $4(.05) = \underline{0.2}$  (95% decay)

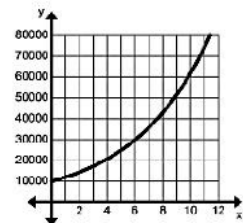
Example of explicit formulas for growth and decay would be

$f(n) = 4(1.2)^t$  would have a 20% growth       $f(n) = 4(1.75)^t$  would have a 75% growth  
 $f(n) = 4(0.8)^t$  would have a 20% decay       $f(n) = 4(0.75)^t$  would have a 25% decay.

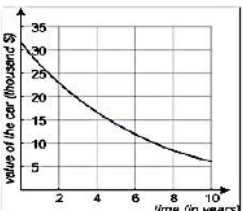
Notice that for growth we use  $(1 + R)$  and for decay we use  $(1 - R)$ . Why? Growth 100% of the value plus the % of the value. Decay is 100% of the value minus the % of the value.

Look at **GROWTH** and **DECAY** in the following situations using a graph, table, and an equation.

A business had a \$10,000 profit in 2000. Then the profit increased by 20% per year for the next 10 years.

Graph	Complete the Table:	Equations														
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Note the change in <math>n</math>.</div> $r = 1 + .2 = 1.2$	<p><b>Explicit:</b></p> $f(t) = 10,000(1.20)^t$ <p><b>Recursive: (write it)</b></p> $f(t) = f(t-1)(1.2)$														
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**Geometric Growth (Compound Interest):**

You purchase a car for \$15,000 and the loan has an interest rate of 5% compounding each year.

Make a table:

$t$	Pattern	$f(t)$	S.H.
0		\$15,000	
1		\$15,750	
2			

Write an **equation** for the amount of the money you owe after " $t$ " years. \_\_\_\_\_

If you make NO payments, what is the total amount due after eight years? \_\_\_\_\_

**Geometric Decay (Compounded Loss):**

Your friend purchases a car for \$15,000 and knows that his car will depreciate 5% each year in value.

Make a table:

$t$	Pattern	$f(t)$	S.H.
0		\$15,000	
1		\$14,250	
2			

Write an **equation** to represent the value of the car after " $t$ " years. \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate the value of the car after eight years. \_\_\_\_\_

**Simple Interest (Arithmetic Sequence)**

Not all growth is exponential. **Simple interest adds or subtracts the same value at every period.** The equation that shows that a quantity grows by the same amount at every step (or constant rate) is linear. The equation starts with the initial value (y-intercept). The amount added every period is the common difference or rate of change.

To calculate how much a value will change at each step, the initial amount will be multiplied by the percent.

For example: An investment of \$3,000 is made at an annual simple interest rate of 5%. This means that \$3000 is invested and it will grow 5% for every time period.

The amount of growth (or common difference/rate of change) comes from  $3000 \times .05 = 150$  per step.

**Make a table:**

t	Pattern	f(t)	S.H.
0	3000	\$3,000	$3000 + 150(0)$
1	\$3,000 + \$150	\$3,150	$3000 + 150(1)$
2	$3000 + 150 + 150$	\$3,300	$3000 + 150(2)$
5	$3000 + 150 + 150 + 150 + 150 + 150$	\$3,750	$3000 + 150(5)$

What is the y-intercept? (0, 3000)

What is the slope? 150

Write the equation:  $f(t) = 3000 + 150t$

Find how much money you would have after 8 years.

$f(8) =$  4200

This would be an example of a(n) arithmetic sequence and the graph would be linear

Simple interest is written in the form  $y = mx + b$  where y is Total Amt, m is the Interest (\$) difference, x is the number of periods, and b is INITIAL AMT

\*\*Note that Simple Interest is calculated using  $y = mx + b$ . Define the variables of this equation used to calculate simple interest.

Y = \_\_\_\_\_  
M = \_\_\_\_\_

X = \_\_\_\_\_  
B = \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMON ERRORS:**

When writing equations for simple interest, students confuse rate of change with percent growth.

In the example above, with an investment of \$3,000 is made at an annual simple interest rate of 5%. This means that \$3000 is invested and it will grow 5% for every time period. Students often write the equation as  $f(x) = 3000 + 1.05x$ .

A table reveals that instead of earning \$150 per time period, the money only increases by \$ 1.05 per period.

t	Pattern	f(t)	S.H.
0	3,000	\$3,000	$3000 + 1.05(0)$
1	$3,000 + 1.05$	\$3001.05	$3000 + 1.05(1)$
2	$3,000 + 1.05 + 1.05$	\$3002.10	$3000 + 1.05(2)$

**WRONG!!**

Calculate the amount of change from the percentage **first and then add/subtract.**

Sometimes students calculate the rate of change correctly, but think they have to add a 1. This is only for geometric growth where the original amount is included in the multiplier.

