Maths Knowledge Organiser

Sequences

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| Linear Sequence | A number pattern with a common difference. | 2, 5, 8, 11 is a linear sequence |
| Term | Each value in a sequence is called a term. | In the sequence 2, 5, 8, 11, 8 is the third term of |
| | | the sequence. |
| Term-to-term rule | A rule which allows you to find the next term in a sequence | First term is 2. Term-to-term rule is 'add 3' |
| | if you know the previous term. | |
| | | Sequence is: 2, 5, 8, 11 |
| nth term | A rule which allows you to calculate the term that is in the | nth term is $3n-1$ |
| | nth position of the sequence. | |
| | | The 100th term is $3 \times 100 - 1 = 299$ |
| | Also known as the 'position-to-term' rule. | |
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| | n refers to the position of a term in a sequence. | |
| Finding the nth term | 1. Find the difference. | Find the nth term of: 3, 7, 11, 15 |
| of a linear sequence | 2. Multiply that by n. | |
| | 3. Substitute $n = 1$ to find out what number you need to | 1. Difference is +4 |
| | add or subtract to get the first number in the | 2. Start with 4n |
| | sequence. | 3. $4 \times 1 = 4$, so we need to subtract 1 to get 3. |
| | | nth term = 4n - 1 |
| Fibonacci type | A sequence where the next number is found by adding up | The Fibonacci sequence is: |
| sequences | the previous two terms | 1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34 |
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| | | An example of a Fibonacci-type sequence is: |
| | | 4, 7, 11, 18, 29 |
| Geometric Sequence | A sequence of numbers where each term is found by | An example of a geometric sequence is: |
| | multiplying the previous one by a number called the | 2, 10, 50, 250 |
| | common ratio, r. | The common ratio is 5 |
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| | | Another example of a geometric sequence is: |
| | | 81, -27, 9, -3, 1 |
| | | The common ratio is $-\frac{1}{2}$ |
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| Quadratic Sequence | A sequence of numbers where the second difference is | |
| | constant. | +4 +6 +8 +10 +12 |
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| | A quadratic sequence will have a n^2 term. | +2 +2 +2 +2 |
| Triangular numbers | The sequence which comes from a pattern of dots that form | 1 3 6 10 |
| | a triangle. | 1 3 6 10 |
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| | 1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21 | |
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