

Facts and Reminders

Simple Sequences

A *sequence* is a set of numbers which follows a mathematical rule and a specific order. This is a simple sequence:

(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, . . .)

Odd numbers create a sequence following a specific arrangement:

(1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, . . .)

Sequences can be used with all four operations and with combinations of operations.

Multiplication Sequences

Here is a multiplication sequence called the *doubling sequence*.

(1, 2, 4, 8, 16, . . .)

Multiplication sequences are also called *geometric progressions*. The multiplication sequence below involves square numbers. It is the square of each of the counting numbers.

(1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, . . .)

Declining Sequences

Sequences with subtraction and division decline from higher to lower numbers.

(28, 25, 22, 19, 16, 13, . . .)

The rule is: $(n - 3)$.

(88, 44, 22, 11, . . .)

The rule is: $(n \div 2)$.

Harder Sequences

Some sequences use two operations like this one.

(5, 11, 23, 47, 95, . . .)

The operations are multiply by 2 and add 1.

The rule can be written this way: $(n \times 2) + 1$

This sequence also employs two operations.

(5, 9, 17, 33, 65, . . .)

The operations are multiply by 2 and subtract 1.

The rule can be written this way: $(n \times 2) - 1$

Fibonacci Sequences

The most famous sequence is called the *Fibonacci sequence*. The first two numbers are 1. Every number after that is the sum of the preceding two numbers. Sequences can be designed to follow this Fibonacci pattern.

(1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89)

Secret Sequences

Simple Sequences

A *sequence* is a set of numbers which follows a mathematical rule and a specific order.

Sample

(3, 6, 12, 24, 48, . . .)

Each term after the first is multiplied by 2.

Directions: Study the Facts and Reminders page for this unit. Complete these sequences by filling in the blanks. Write the rule which the sequence follows. The first problem has been partially done for you.

1. (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: add 2 or $n + 2$
2. (1, 2, 3, _____, _____, 6, 7, _____, _____) Rule: _____
3. (9, 13, 17, _____, _____, 29, 33, _____, _____) Rule: _____
4. (6, 14, 22, 30, _____, _____, 54, 62, _____, _____) Rule: _____
5. (5, 10, 15, _____, _____, _____, 35, 40, _____) Rule: _____
6. (7, 10, 13, _____, _____, 22, 25, _____, _____) Rule: _____
7. (40, 38, 36, 34, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
8. (132, 121, 110, 99, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
9. (98, 93, 88, _____, _____, 73, 68, _____, _____) Rule: _____
10. (4, 10, 16, _____, _____, 34, _____, 46, _____) Rule: _____
11. (1, 2, 4, 8, _____, _____, _____, 128, _____) Rule: _____
12. (1, 3, 9, 27, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
13. (3, 6, 12, _____, 48, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
14. (1, 4, 16, 64, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
15. (5, 15, 45, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
16. (1, 5, 25, _____, 625, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
17. Can you find the rule and complete this sequence?
(2048, _____, 512, _____, 128, _____, 32, _____) Rule: _____

Secret Sequences

Harder Sequences

Some sequences involve squared numbers or cubed numbers like the example below.

(1, 4, 9, 16, 25)

Rule: counting numbers squared

Some sequences use two operations like the example below.

(1, 4, 13, 40, 121)

The two operations are multiply by 3 and add 1.

The rule can be written this way: $(n \times 3) + 1$

Directions: Study the Facts and Reminders page for this unit. Complete these sequences by filling in the blanks. Write the rule which the sequence follows.

1. (2, 5, 11, 23, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
2. (3, 10, 31, _____, _____, 850, _____, _____) Rule: _____
3. (1, 6, 26, 106, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
4. (1, 2, 7, 32, 157, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
5. (1, 4, 9, _____, _____, 36, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
6. (1, 8, 36, 148, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
7. (4, 11, 32, 95, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
8. (1, 5, 33, 229, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
9. (5, 13, 29, 61, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
10. (7, 15, 31, _____, 127, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
11. (-10, -8, -5, -1, +4, +10, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
12. (27, 26, 24, 21, 17, _____, _____, -1, -9, -18, _____) Rule: _____
13. (100, 90, 81, 73, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
14. (2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
15. (1, 8, 27, 64, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
16. (-10, -5, +1, +8, +16, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
17. (-30, -20, -11, -3, +4, +10, _____, _____, _____, _____) Rule: _____
18. (2, 5, 10, 17, 26, _____, _____, 65, _____, _____) Rule: _____

Answer Key

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- Prime numbers: 101, 103, 107, 109, 113, 127, 131, 137, 139, 149, 151, 157, 163, 167, 173, 179, 181, 191, 193, 197, 199
- 211
- 1013
- 997
- $17 \times 17 = 289$
- $19 \times 19 = 361$
- $23 \times 23 = 529$

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- (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18)
 $n + 2$
- (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
 $n + 1$
- (9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33, 37, 41)
 $n + 4$
- (6, 14, 22, 30, 38, 46, 54, 62, 70, 78)
 $n + 8$
- (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45)
 $n + 5$
- (7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31)
 $n + 3$
- (40, 38, 36, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26)
 $n - 2$
- (132, 121, 110, 99, 88, 77, 66, 55)
 $n - 11$
- (98, 93, 88, 83, 78, 73, 68, 63, 58)
 $n - 5$
- (4, 10, 16, 22, 28, 34, 40, 46, 52)
 $n + 6$
- (1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256)
 $n \times 2$
- (1, 3, 9, 27, 81, 243, 729, 2187)
 $n \times 3$
- (3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96, 192, 384)
 $n \times 2$

- (1, 4, 16, 64, 256, 1024, 4096, 16384)
 $n \times 4$
- (5, 15, 45, 135, 405, 1215, 3645)
 $n \times 3$
- (1, 5, 25, 125, 625, 3125, 15625, 78125)
 $n \times 5$
- (2048, 1024, 512, 256, 128, 64, 32, 16)
 $n \div 2$

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- (2, 5, 11, 23, 47, 95, 191, 383)
 $(n \times 2) + 1$
- (3, 10, 31, 94, 283, 850, 2551, 7654)
 $(n \times 3) + 1$
- (1, 6, 26, 106, 426, 1706, 6826, 27306)
 $(n \times 4) + 2$
- (1, 2, 7, 32, 157, 782, 3907, 19532, 97657)
 $(n \times 5) - 3$
- (1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81)
(counting numbers squared)
- (1, 8, 36, 148, 596, 2388, 9556, 38228)
 $(n \times 4) + 4$
- (4, 11, 32, 95, 284, 851, 2552, 7655)
 $(n \times 3) - 1$
- (1, 5, 33, 229, 1601, 11205, 78433, 549029)
 $(n \times 7) - 2$
- (5, 13, 29, 61, 125, 253, 509, 1021)
 $(n \times 2) + 3$
- (7, 15, 31, 63, 127, 255, 511, 1023, 2047)
 $(n \times 2) + 1$
- (-10, -8, -5, -1, +4, +10, +17, +25, +34, +44)
(add +2, +3, +4, etc.)
- (27, 26, 24, 21, 17, 12, 6, -1, -9, -18, -28)
(subtract 1, 2, 3, etc.)

- (100, 90, 81, 73, 66, 60, 55, 51)
(subtract 10, 9, 8, etc.)
- (2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29) (prime numbers)
- (1, 8, 27, 64, 125, 216, 343, 512)
(counting numbers cubed)
- (-10, -5, +1, +8, +16, +25, +35, +46, +58)
(add +5, +6, +7, etc.)
- (-30, -20, -11, -3, +4, +10, +15, +19, +22, +24)
(add +10, +9, +8, etc.)
- (2, 5, 10, 17, 26, 37, 50, 65, 82, 101)
(counting numbers squared +1)

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- (89, 144, 233, 377, 610, 987, 1597, 2584, 4181, 6765)
- 143
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- (24, 39, 63, 102, 165)
Sum: 429
Product: $11 \times 39 = 429$
- (56, 91, 147, 238, 385)
Sum: 1001
Product: $11 \times 91 = 1001$
- (80, 130, 210, 340, 550)
Sum: 1430
Product: $11 \times 130 = 1430$
- (45, 73, 118, 191, 309)
Sum: 803
Product: $11 \times 73 = 803$

- (40, 65, 105, 170, 275)
Sum: 715
Product: $11 \times 65 = 715$
- Answers will vary.

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- 1, 2, 7, 14
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12
- 1, 2, 5, 10
- 1, 2, 4, 8, 16
- 1, 3, 5, 15
- 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20
- 1, 5, 25
- 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32
- 1, 3, 7, 21
- 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20, 40
- 1, 2, 4, 11, 22, 44
- 1, 2, 4, 7, 14, 28
- Factors of 22: 1, 2, 11, 22
Factors of 27: 1, 3, 9, 27
Common Factors: 1
- Factors of 36: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 36
Factors of 48: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24, 48
Common Factors: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12
- Factors of 56: 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 14, 28, 56
Factors of 42: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 14, 21, 42
Common Factors: 1, 2, 7, 14
- Factors of 60: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, 60
Factors of 80: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 16, 20, 40, 80
Common Factors: 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20

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- Factors of 20: 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20
Factors of 25: 1, 5, 25