

**Utilizing the Explicit Formula – Day 3**  
Unit 7: Representations of Exponential Relations

For each of the following find the explicit formula and...

- A. Identify the next three terms
- B. Find the term named in the problem
- C. Find the 8<sup>th</sup> term.

<p>1. 3, -9, 27, -81, ... Find <math>a_{11}</math></p> <p><math>a_5 = 243</math>      <math>a_8 = -6561</math></p> <p><math>a_6 = -729</math>      <math>a_{11} = 177147</math></p> <p><math>a_7 = 2187</math></p>	<p>2. -4, -8, -16, -32, ... Find <math>a_{11}</math></p> <p><math>a_5 = -64</math>      <math>a_8 = -512</math></p> <p><math>a_6 = -128</math>      <math>a_{11} = -4096</math></p> <p><math>a_7 = -256</math></p>
<p>3. -0.75, -3, -12, -48, ... Find <math>a_{10}</math></p> <p><math>a_5 = -192</math>      <math>a_8 = -12288</math></p> <p><math>a_6 = -768</math>      <math>a_{10} = -196608</math></p> <p><math>a_7 = -3072</math></p>	<p>4. 2.5, -5, 10, -20, ... Find <math>a_{11}</math></p> <p><math>a_5 = 40</math>      <math>a_8 = -320</math></p> <p><math>a_6 = -80</math>      <math>a_{11} = 2560</math></p> <p><math>a_7 = 160</math></p>
<p>5. <math>-2, \frac{2}{5}, -\frac{2}{25}, \frac{2}{125}, \dots</math> Find <math>a_9</math></p> <p><math>a_5 = \frac{-2}{625}</math>      <math>a_8 = \frac{2}{78125}</math></p> <p><math>a_6 = \frac{2}{3125}</math>      <math>a_9 = \frac{-2}{390625}</math></p> <p><math>a_7 = \frac{-2}{15625}</math></p>	<p>6. -2, -4, -8, -16, ... Find <math>a_{12}</math></p> <p><math>a_5 = -32</math>      <math>a_8 = -256</math></p> <p><math>a_6 = -64</math>      <math>a_{12} = -4096</math></p> <p><math>a_7 = -128</math></p>
<p>7. -1, 4, -16, 64, ... Find <math>a_{10}</math></p> <p><math>a_5 = -256</math>      <math>a_8 = 16384</math></p> <p><math>a_6 = 1024</math>      <math>a_{10} = 262144</math></p> <p><math>a_7 = -4096</math></p>	<p>8. 1, 3, 9, 27, ... Find <math>a_{11}</math></p> <p><math>a_5 = 81</math>      <math>a_8 = 2187</math></p> <p><math>a_6 = 243</math>      <math>a_{11} = 59049</math></p> <p><math>a_7 = 729</math></p>
<p>9. -1, 2, -4, 8, ... Find <math>a_{12}</math></p> <p><math>a_5 = -16</math>      <math>a_8 = 128</math></p> <p><math>a_6 = 32</math>      <math>a_{12} = 2048</math></p> <p><math>a_7 = -64</math></p>	<p>10. <math>-\frac{7}{4}, \frac{7}{8}, -\frac{7}{16}, \frac{7}{32}, \dots</math> Find <math>a_9</math></p> <p><math>a_5 = \frac{-7}{64}</math>      <math>a_8 = \frac{7}{512}</math></p> <p><math>a_6 = \frac{7}{128}</math>      <math>a_9 = \frac{-7}{1024}</math></p> <p><math>a_7 = \frac{-7}{256}</math></p>

11.  $-4, 12, -36, 108, \dots$

Find  $a_{11}$

$$a_5 = -324$$

$$a_8 = 8748$$

$$a_6 = 972$$

$$a_{11} = -236196$$

$$a_7 = -2916$$

12.  $-3, -9, -27, -81, \dots$

Find  $a_9$

$$a_5 = -243$$

$$a_8 = -6561$$

$$a_6 = -729$$

$$a_9 = -19683$$

$$a_7 = -2187$$

13.  $2, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{9}, -\frac{2}{27}, \dots$

Find  $a_{11}$

$$a_5 = \frac{2}{81}$$

$$a_8 = \frac{-2}{2187}$$

$$a_6 = \frac{-2}{243}$$

$$a_{11} = \frac{2}{59049}$$

$$a_7 = \frac{2}{729}$$

14.  $-2, -8, -32, -128, \dots$

Find  $a_{10}$

$$a_5 = -512$$

$$a_8 = -32768$$

$$a_6 = -2048$$

$$a_{10} = -524288$$

$$a_7 = -8192$$

15.  $4, 16, 64, 256, \dots$

Find  $a_9$

$$a_5 = 1024$$

$$a_8 = 65536$$

$$a_6 = 4096$$

$$a_9 = 262144$$

$$a_7 = 16384$$

16.  $2, -1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4}, \dots$

Find  $a_9$

$$a_5 = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$a_8 = \frac{-1}{64}$$

$$a_6 = \frac{-1}{16}$$

$$a_9 = \frac{1}{128}$$

$$a_7 = \frac{1}{32}$$

17.  $-3, -12, -48, -192, \dots$

Find  $a_{10}$

$$a_5 = -768$$

$$a_8 = -49152$$

$$a_6 = -3072$$

$$a_{10} = -786432$$

$$a_7 = -12288$$

18.  $-4, -12, -36, -108, \dots$

Find  $a_{11}$

$$a_5 = -324$$

$$a_8 = -8748$$

$$a_6 = -972$$

$$a_{11} = -236196$$

$$a_7 = -2916$$

19.  $-1, -3, -9, -27, \dots$

Find  $a_{12}$

$$a_5 = -81$$

$$a_8 = -2187$$

$$a_6 = -243$$

$$a_{12} = -177147$$

$$a_7 = -729$$

20.  $2, -4, 8, -16, \dots$

Find  $a_{12}$

$$a_5 = 32$$

$$a_8 = -256$$

$$a_6 = -64$$

$$a_{12} = -4096$$

$$a_7 = 128$$

① 3, -9, 27, -81, ...

$$r = \frac{-9}{3} = -3$$

Ⓐ  $a_5 = -81 \cdot -3 = \boxed{243}$

$a_6 = 243 \cdot -3 = \boxed{-729}$

$a_7 = -729 \cdot -3 = \boxed{2187}$

Ⓑ Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{11} = 3(-3)^{11-1}$$

$$a_{11} = 3(-3)^{10}$$

$$a_{11} = 3(59049)$$

$$\boxed{a_{11} = 177147}$$

Ⓒ  $a_8 = 2187 \cdot -3$

$$\boxed{a_8 = -6561}$$

② -4, -8, -16, -32, ...

$$r = \frac{-8}{-4} = 2$$

Ⓐ  $a_5 = -32 \cdot 2 = \boxed{-64}$

$a_6 = -64 \cdot 2 = \boxed{-128}$

$a_7 = -128 \cdot 2 = \boxed{-256}$

Ⓑ Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{11} = -4(2)^{11-1}$$

$$a_{11} = -4(2)^{10}$$

$$a_{11} = -4(1024)$$

$$\boxed{a_{11} = -4096}$$

Ⓒ  $a_8 = -256 \cdot 2$

$$\boxed{a_8 = -512}$$

③ -0.75, -3, -12, -48, ...

$$r = \frac{-3}{-0.75} = 4$$

Ⓐ  $a_5 = -48 \cdot 4 = \boxed{-192}$

$a_6 = -192 \cdot 4 = \boxed{-768}$

$a_7 = -768 \cdot 4 = \boxed{-3072}$

Ⓑ Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{10} = -0.75(4)^{10-1}$$

$$a_{10} = -0.75(4)^9$$

$$a_{10} = -0.75(262144)$$

$$\boxed{a_{10} = -196608}$$

Ⓒ  $a_8 = -3072 \cdot 4$

$$\boxed{a_8 = -12288}$$

④  $2.5, -5, 10, -20, \dots$

$$r = \frac{-5}{2.5} = -2$$

Ⓐ  $a_5 = -20 \cdot -2 = \boxed{40}$

$$a_6 = 40 \cdot -2 = \boxed{-80}$$

$$a_7 = -80 \cdot -2 = \boxed{160}$$

Ⓑ Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{11} = 2.5(-2)^{11-1}$$

$$a_{11} = 2.5(-2)^{10}$$

$$a_{11} = 2.5(1024)$$

$$\boxed{a_{11} = 2560}$$

Ⓒ  $a_8 = 160 \cdot -2$

$$\boxed{a_8 = -320}$$

⑤  $-2, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{-2}{25}, \frac{2}{125}, \dots$

$$r = \frac{2/5}{-2} = \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{-1}{2} = \frac{-1}{5}$$

Ⓐ  $a_5 = \frac{2}{125} \cdot \frac{-1}{5} = \boxed{\frac{-2}{625}}$

$$a_6 = \frac{-2}{625} \cdot \frac{-1}{5} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3125}}$$

$$a_7 = \frac{2}{3125} \cdot \frac{-1}{5} = \boxed{\frac{-2}{15625}}$$

Ⓑ Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_9 = -2\left(\frac{-1}{5}\right)^{9-1}$$

$$a_9 = -2\left(\frac{-1}{5}\right)^8$$

$$a_9 = -2\left(\frac{1}{390625}\right)$$

$$\boxed{a_9 = \frac{-2}{390625}}$$

Ⓒ  $a_8 = \frac{-2}{15625} \cdot \frac{-1}{5}$

$$\boxed{a_8 = \frac{2}{78125}}$$

⑥  $-2, -4, -8, -16, \dots$

$$r = \frac{-4}{-2} = 2$$

Ⓐ  $a_5 = -16 \cdot 2 = \boxed{-32}$

$$a_6 = -32 \cdot 2 = \boxed{-64}$$

$$a_7 = -64 \cdot 2 = \boxed{-128}$$

Ⓑ Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{12} = -2(2)^{12-1}$$

$$a_{12} = -2(2)^{11}$$

$$a_{12} = -2(2048)$$

$$\boxed{a_{12} = -4096}$$

Ⓒ  $a_8 = -128 \cdot 2$

$$\boxed{a_8 = -256}$$

⑦  $-1, 4, -16, 64, \dots$

$$r = \frac{4}{-1} = -4$$

Ⓐ  $a_5 = 64 \cdot -4 = \boxed{-256}$

$$a_6 = -256 \cdot -4 = \boxed{1024}$$

$$a_7 = 1024 \cdot -4 = \boxed{-4096}$$

Ⓑ Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{10} = -1(-4)^{10-1}$$

$$a_{10} = -1(-4)^9$$

$$a_{10} = -1(-262144)$$

$$\boxed{a_{10} = 262144}$$

Ⓒ  $a_8 = -4096 \cdot -4$

$$\boxed{a_8 = 16384}$$

⑧  $1, 3, 9, 27, \dots$

$$r = \frac{3}{1} = 3$$

Ⓐ  $a_5 = 27 \cdot 3 = \boxed{81}$

$$a_6 = 81 \cdot 3 = \boxed{243}$$

$$a_7 = 243 \cdot 3 = \boxed{729}$$

Ⓑ Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{11} = 1(3)^{11-1}$$

$$a_{11} = 1(3)^{10}$$

$$a_{11} = 1(59049)$$

$$\boxed{a_{11} = 59049}$$

Ⓒ  $a_8 = 729 \cdot 3$

$$\boxed{a_8 = 2187}$$

⑨  $-1, 2, -4, 8, \dots$

$$r = \frac{2}{-1} = -2$$

Ⓐ  $a_5 = 8 \cdot -2 = \boxed{-16}$

$$a_6 = -16 \cdot -2 = \boxed{32}$$

$$a_7 = 32 \cdot -2 = \boxed{-64}$$

Ⓑ Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{12} = -1(-2)^{12-1}$$

$$a_{12} = -1(-2)^{11}$$

$$a_{12} = -1(-2048)$$

$$\boxed{a_{12} = 2048}$$

Ⓒ  $a_8 = -64 \cdot -2$

$$\boxed{a_8 = 128}$$

⑩  $-\frac{7}{4}, \frac{7}{8}, -\frac{7}{16}, \frac{7}{32}, \dots$

$$r = \frac{7/8}{-7/4} = \frac{7}{8} \cdot \frac{-4}{7} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Ⓐ  $a_5 = \frac{7}{32} \cdot \frac{-1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{-7}{64}}$

$a_6 = \frac{-7}{64} \cdot \frac{-1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{7}{128}}$

$a_7 = \frac{7}{128} \cdot \frac{-1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{-7}{256}}$

Ⓑ Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_9 = -\frac{7}{4} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{9-1}$$

$$a_9 = -\frac{7}{4} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^8$$

$$a_9 = -\frac{7}{4} \left(\frac{1}{256}\right)$$

$$a_9 = \boxed{\frac{-7}{1024}}$$

Ⓒ  $a_8 = \frac{-7}{256} \cdot \frac{-1}{2}$

$$a_8 = \boxed{\frac{7}{512}}$$

⑪  $-4, 12, -36, 108, \dots$

$$r = \frac{12}{-4} = -3$$

Ⓐ  $a_5 = 108 \cdot -3 = \boxed{-324}$

$a_6 = -324 \cdot -3 = \boxed{972}$

$a_7 = 972 \cdot -3 = \boxed{-2916}$

Ⓑ Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{11} = -4(-3)^{11-1}$$

$$a_{11} = -4(-3)^{10}$$

$$a_{11} = -4(59049)$$

$$a_{11} = \boxed{-236196}$$

Ⓒ  $a_8 = -2916 \cdot -3$

$$a_8 = \boxed{8748}$$

⑫  $-3, -9, -27, -81, \dots$

$$r = \frac{-9}{-3} = 3$$

Ⓐ  $a_5 = -81 \cdot 3 = \boxed{-243}$

$a_6 = -243 \cdot 3 = \boxed{-729}$

$a_7 = -729 \cdot 3 = \boxed{-2187}$

Ⓑ Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_9 = -3(3)^{9-1}$$

$$a_9 = -3(3)^8$$

$$a_9 = -3(6561)$$

$$a_9 = \boxed{-19683}$$

Ⓒ  $a_8 = -2187 \cdot 3$

$$a_8 = \boxed{-6561}$$

$$(13) \quad 2, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{9}, -\frac{2}{27}, \dots$$

$$r = \frac{-2/3}{2} = -\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$(A) \quad a_5 = \frac{-2}{27} \cdot -\frac{1}{3} = \boxed{\frac{2}{81}}$$

$$a_6 = \frac{2}{81} \cdot -\frac{1}{3} = \boxed{\frac{-2}{243}}$$

$$a_7 = \frac{-2}{243} \cdot -\frac{1}{3} = \boxed{\frac{2}{729}}$$

(B) Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{11} = 2 \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{11-1}$$

$$a_{11} = 2 \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{10}$$

$$a_{11} = 2 \left(\frac{1}{59049}\right)$$

$$\boxed{a_{11} = \frac{2}{59049}}$$

$$(C) \quad a_8 = \frac{2}{729} \cdot -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\boxed{a_8 = \frac{-2}{2187}}$$

$$(14) \quad -2, -8, -32, -128, \dots$$

$$r = \frac{-8}{-2} = 4$$

$$(A) \quad a_5 = -128 \cdot 4 = \boxed{-512}$$

$$a_6 = -512 \cdot 4 = \boxed{-2048}$$

$$a_7 = -2048 \cdot 4 = \boxed{-8192}$$

(B) Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{10} = -2(4)^{10-1}$$

$$a_{10} = -2(4)^9$$

$$a_{10} = -2(262144)$$

$$\boxed{a_{10} = -524288}$$

$$(C) \quad a_8 = -8192 \cdot 4$$

$$\boxed{a_8 = -32768}$$

$$(15) \quad 4, 16, 64, 256, \dots$$

$$r = \frac{16}{4} = 4$$

$$(A) \quad a_5 = 256 \cdot 4 = \boxed{1024}$$

$$a_6 = 1024 \cdot 4 = \boxed{4096}$$

$$a_7 = 4096 \cdot 4 = \boxed{16384}$$

(B) Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_9 = 4(4)^{9-1}$$

$$a_9 = 4(4)^8$$

$$a_9 = 4(65536)$$

$$\boxed{a_9 = 262144}$$

$$(C) \quad a_8 = 16384 \cdot 4$$

$$\boxed{a_8 = 65536}$$

$$(16) 2, -1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4}, \dots$$

$$r = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$(A) a_5 = -\frac{1}{4} \cdot -\frac{1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{8}}$$

$$a_6 = \frac{1}{8} \cdot -\frac{1}{2} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{16}}$$

$$a_7 = -\frac{1}{16} \cdot -\frac{1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{32}}$$

(B) Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_9 = 2 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{9-1}$$

$$a_9 = 2 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^8$$

$$a_9 = 2 \left(\frac{1}{256}\right)$$

$$\boxed{a_9 = \frac{1}{128}}$$

$$(C) a_8 = \frac{1}{32} \cdot -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\boxed{a_8 = -\frac{1}{64}}$$

$$(17) -3, -12, -48, -192, \dots$$

$$r = \frac{-12}{-3} = 4$$

$$(A) a_5 = -192 \cdot 4 = \boxed{-768}$$

$$a_6 = -768 \cdot 4 = \boxed{-3072}$$

$$a_7 = -3072 \cdot 4 = \boxed{-12288}$$

(B) Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{10} = -3(4)^{10-1}$$

$$a_{10} = -3(4)^9$$

$$a_{10} = -3(262144)$$

$$\boxed{a_{10} = -786432}$$

$$(C) a_8 = -12288 \cdot 4$$

$$\boxed{a_8 = -49152}$$

$$(18) -4, -12, -36, -108, \dots$$

$$r = \frac{-12}{-4} = 3$$

$$(A) a_5 = -108 \cdot 3 = \boxed{-324}$$

$$a_6 = -324 \cdot 3 = \boxed{-972}$$

$$a_7 = -972 \cdot 3 = \boxed{-2916}$$

(B) Explicit Formula

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{11} = -4(3)^{11-1}$$

$$a_{11} = -4(3)^{10}$$

$$a_{11} = -4(59049)$$

$$\boxed{a_{11} = -236196}$$

$$(C) a_8 = -2916 \cdot 3$$

$$\boxed{a_8 = -8748}$$

$$(19) -1, -3, -9, -27, \dots$$

$$r = \frac{-3}{-1} = 3$$

$$(A) a_5 = -27 \cdot 3 = \boxed{-81} \quad (B) \text{ Explicit Formula} \quad (C) a_8 = -729 \cdot 3$$

$$a_6 = -81 \cdot 3 = \boxed{-243}$$

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$\boxed{a_8 = -2187}$$

$$a_7 = -243 \cdot 3 = \boxed{-729}$$

$$a_{12} = -1(3)^{12-1}$$

$$a_{12} = -1(3)^{11}$$

$$a_{12} = -1(177147)$$

$$\boxed{a_{12} = -177147}$$

$$(20) 2, -4, 8, -16, \dots$$

$$r = \frac{-4}{2} = -2$$

$$(A) a_5 = -16 \cdot -2 = \boxed{32} \quad (B) \text{ Explicit Formula} \quad (C) a_8 = 128 \cdot -2$$

$$a_6 = 32 \cdot -2 = \boxed{-64}$$

$$a_n = a_1 (r)^{n-1}$$

$$\boxed{a_8 = -256}$$

$$a_7 = -64 \cdot -2 = \boxed{128}$$

$$a_{12} = 2(-2)^{12-1}$$

$$a_{12} = 2(-2)^{11}$$

$$a_{12} = 2(-2048)$$

$$\boxed{a_{12} = -4096}$$

