

# Revision seq & series

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Tom's parents decide to pay him an allowance each month beginning on his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. The allowance is to be £40 for each of the first three months, £42 for each of the next three months and so on, increasing by £2 per month after each three month period.

- a Find the total amount that Tom will receive in allowances before his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. (4)
- ✓ Show that the total amount, in pounds, that Tom will receive in allowances in the  $n$  years after his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday, where  $n$  is a positive integer, is given by  $12n(4n + 39)$ . (4)

a)  $1^{st} yr := 516 \quad (40 \times 3 + 42 \times 3 + 44 \times 3 + 46 \times 3)$   
 $2^{nd} yr := 612 \quad (48 \times 3 + 50 \times 3 + 52 \times 3 + 54 \times 3)$   
 $3^{rd} yr := 708 \quad (56 \times 3 + 58 \times 3 + 60 \times 3 + 62 \times 3)$

$a = 516, \quad d = 612 - 516 = 708 - 612 = 96$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} [2 \times 516 + (n-1)96]$$

$$= n [516 + (n-1)48]$$

$$= n [516 + 48n - 48]$$

$$= n [468 + 48n]$$

$$= 12n [4n + 39]$$

b)  $f(x) = \frac{(x-2)}{(1+2x)}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad a < x < b$

$$f(x) = (x-2)(1+2x)^{-1}$$

$$= (x-2)(1-2x+4x^2-8x^3)$$

$$= x - 2x^2 + 4x^3 - 8x^4 - 2 + 4x - 8x^2 + 16x^3$$

$$= -2 + 5x - 4x^2 + 20x^3 - 8x^4$$

$$(1+2x)^{-1} = {}^{-1}C_0 (1)^{-1} (2x)^0 + {}^{-1}C_1 (1)^{-2} (2x)^1 + {}^{-1}C_2 (1)^{-3} (2x)^2 + {}^{-1}C_3 (1)^{-4} (2x)^3 + \dots$$

$${}^{-1}C_1 = \frac{-1!}{1! \times (-2)!} = \frac{-1 \times -2!}{1 \times (-2)!} = 1$$

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$\frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = -1$

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$$-1c_3 = \frac{-1!}{3!x-4!} = \frac{-1 \times \cancel{2} \times \cancel{3} \times \cancel{4}}{3! \times \cancel{4}} = -1$$

$$-1c_4 = 1, \quad -1c_5 = -1$$

$$r = -2x = \frac{-10x^2}{5x}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r}, \quad |r| < 1$$

$$f(x) = -2 + 5x - 10x^2 + 20x^3 + \dots$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x-2}{1+2x} = \frac{x-2}{1-(-2x)} = \frac{a}{1-r} = S_{\infty}$$

$$r = -2x$$

$$|-2x| < 1$$

$$|2x| < 1$$

$$|x| < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= 2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots$$

$$\text{G.P.}, \quad r = 2$$

$$1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2^0} + \frac{1}{2^1} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots$$

$$\text{G.P.}, \quad r = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2$$

The series expansion of  $(1+ax)^b$  up to and including the term in  $x^2$  is given by  $1 - \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{3}{8}x^2$ .

Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ . Explain why the substitution  $x=-2$  may not be suitable in estimating the value of  $5^{\frac{7}{4}}$  using the above series.

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$$(1+ax)^b = 1 + b(ax) + \frac{b!}{2!(b-2)!} (ax)^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + abx + \frac{b(b-1) \times \cancel{(b-2)!}}{2 \cdot \cancel{(b-2)!}} a^2 x^2$$

$$= 1 + abx + \frac{b(b-1)}{2} a^2 x^2 = 1 - \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{3}{8}x^2$$

$$ab = -\frac{3}{2} \quad \& \quad \frac{b(b-1)}{2} a^2 = -\frac{3}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^2 b^2 - a^2 b}{2} = -\frac{3}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow (ab)^2 - a(ab) = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{9}{4} + \frac{3a}{2} = -\frac{3}{4}$$



$$b = \frac{3}{4}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{3a}{2} = -\frac{3}{4} - \frac{9}{4} = -\frac{12}{4} = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -2$$

$$[1 + (-2)x]^{3/4} = 1 - \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{3}{8}x^2$$

$$x = -2$$

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$$[1 + (-2)(-2)]^{3/4} = [1 + 4]^{3/4} \\ = [5]^{3/4}$$

$$5^{3/4}$$

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$$a_7 = 192, \quad S_2 = -3$$

$$\text{GP}, \quad S_6 = ?$$

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

$$a_7 = a_1 r^{7-1} = a_1 r^6$$

$$192 = a_1 r^6$$

$$192 = \frac{-3}{1+r} \cdot r^6$$

$$192(1+r) = -3r^6$$

$$-64 - 64r = r^6$$

$$r^6 + 64r + 64 = 0$$

$$r = -2$$

$$r = \pm 1, \pm 2$$

$$(-2)^6 - 128 + 64$$

$$64 - 128 + 64 = 0$$

$$a_1 + a_1 r = -3$$

$$a_1(1+r) = -3$$

$$a_1 = \frac{-3}{1+r}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{-3}{1-2}$$

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

$$a_1 = 3$$

$$S_6 = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

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- c. Hence also, determine the number of rows of a pyramid with a bottom that is made up of 325 cans. [2]

Q 1, 3, 6, 10, 15, + - - . Triangular series

$$u_n = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 10 \\ 15 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} a_1 = 1 \\ a_2 = 3 \end{array}$

$$\begin{array}{l} n=1 \quad 1 = 1 \\ n=2 \quad 3 = 1 + 2 \\ n=3 \quad 6 = 1 + 2 + 3 \\ n=4 \quad 10 = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 \\ n=5 \quad 15 = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

so for  $n^{\text{th}}$  term  $u_n = (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + \dots + n)$

$$= \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n$$

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$$= \frac{n}{2} [2(1) + (n-1)1]$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} [2 + n - 1] = \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right) *$$