

# Arithmetic Sequences & Series

\*  $a = u \dots$  they are interchangeable

① a.  $a_1 = 7$   
 $d = 2.5$   
 $n = 41$   
 $a_{41} = 7 + (41-1)(2.5)$   
 $a_{41} = 107$

b.  $S_n = \frac{n}{2} (2a_1 + (n-1)d)$   
 $S_{101} = \frac{101}{2} (2(7) + (101-1)(2.5))$   
 $S_{101} = 13,332$

②  $a_1 = 5$        $a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$        $a_2 = 5 + (2-1)\frac{35}{3}$   
 $a_4 = 40$        $40 = 5 + (4-1)d$        $a_2 = \frac{50}{3}$   
 $a_2 = ?$        $35 = 3d$   
 $\frac{35}{3} = d$

③  $S_{40} = \frac{40}{2} (a_1 + a_{40})$        $a_{40} = -11 + (40-1)d$   
 $1900 = 20(a_1 + 106)$        $106 = -11 + 39d$   
 $95 = a_1 + 106$        $117 = 39d$   
 $-11 = a_1$  ( $a_1 = u_1$ )       $3 = d$

④ a.  $u_1 = 5 + 2(1) = 7$  } so  $d = 2$   
 $u_2 = 5 + 2(2) = 9$

b. i)  $115 = 7 + (n-1)(2)$       ii)  $S_{55} = \frac{55}{2} (7 + 115)$   
 $108 = 2n - 2$        $= 3355$   
 $110 = 2n$   
 $55 = n$

⑤ a.  $a_1 = -7$ ,  $S_{20} = 620$   
 $S_{20} = \frac{20}{2} (2(-7) + (20-1)d)$       b.  $a_{78} = -7 + (78-1)(4)$   
 $620 = 10(-14 + 19d)$        $a_{78} = 301$   
 $d = 4$       (or  $u_{78} = 301$ )

⑥ Need to know how many terms there are ( $n$ ).

$$417 = 17 + (n-1)(10)$$

$$417 = 17 + 10n - 10$$

$$410 = 10n$$

$$41 = n$$

$$S_{41} = \frac{41}{2} (17 + 417) = \boxed{8897}$$

⑦ a.  $64 = 7 + (20-1)d$

$$64 = 7 + 19d$$

$$57 = 19d$$

$$\boxed{3 = d}$$

b.  $3709 = 7 + (n-1)(3)$

$$3702 = 3n - 3$$

$$3705 = 3n$$

$$\boxed{1235 = n}$$

⑧  $u_1 = 32, u_2 = 16, u_3 = 8$  \* Be sure to use geometric formulas \*

a.  $16 = 32r^{2-1}$

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

b.  $u_6 = 32 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{6-1}$

$$u_6 = 32 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5$$

$$u_6 = 32 \cdot \frac{1}{32} = \boxed{1}$$

c.  $S_{\infty} = \frac{a_1}{1-r} = \frac{32}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = \boxed{64}$

⑨ a.  $\frac{54}{18} = \frac{162}{54} = \frac{486}{162} = 3$  (show they all have same common ratio)

b. i.  $u_n = 18(3)^{n-1}$

ii.  $1062882 = 18(3)^{n-1}$

$$59049 = 3^{n-1}$$

$$3^{n-1} = 59049$$

$$\log_3 59049 = n-1$$

$$10 = n-1$$

$$\boxed{11 = n}$$

$$(10) \quad r = \frac{-\frac{4}{9}}{\frac{2}{3}} = -\frac{2}{3}, \quad S_{\infty} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{1 - \frac{-2}{3}} = \boxed{\frac{2}{5}}$$

$$(11) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} u_1 = 18, u_3 = 8 \\ 8 = 18r^{3-1} \\ \frac{4}{9} = r^2 \\ \pm \frac{2}{3} = r \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{For } r = \frac{2}{3}, \\ S_{\infty} = \frac{18}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} = \boxed{54} \end{array} \left. \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{For } r = -\frac{2}{3}, \\ S_{\infty} = \frac{18}{1 - \frac{-2}{3}} = \boxed{\frac{54}{5}} \end{array}$$

$$(12) \quad a. \quad r = \frac{270}{405} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$b. \quad u_{15} = 405 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{14} = 1.39 \text{ (3 sig figs)}$$

$$c. \quad S_{\infty} = \frac{405}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} = \boxed{1215}$$

$$(13) \quad a. \quad \sum_{r=4}^7 2^r = \boxed{2^4 + 2^5 + 2^6 + 2^7}$$

b.  $2^4 + 2^5 + 2^6 + \dots + 2^{30}$  is a geometric series.  
 $r = 2.$

$$S_{27} = \frac{2^4(1 - 2^{27})}{(1 - 2)} = \boxed{2147483632}$$