Objective: Find the terms of a sequence given an explicit or recursive formula Recap:

Sequence - list of ordered terms

Series - the sum of a sequence

Explicit Formula - gives you the nth term

**Recursive Formula**- one or more previous terms are used to generate the next term

## **Practice with Formulas**

1) Write the first 6 terms of the sequence defined by the explicit formula:  $t_n = -2n + 3$ 



2) Write the first 6 terms of the sequence defined by the recursive formula:  $t_1 = 4$  and  $t_n = 3t_{n-1} + 5$ 

$$t_n = 3t_{n-1} + 5$$

$$t_1 = 4$$

$$t_2 = 3t_1 + 5 =$$

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## Introduction to Sequences

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Find the next three terms in each sequence.

1) 1, -3, 9, -27, 81, ...

2) 9, 109, 209, 309, 409, ...

3) 0, 3, 8, 15, 24, ...

4)  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{5}{32}$ , ...

5) 4, 16, 36, 64, 100, ...

6) 14, 34, 54, 74, 94, ...

7) 5,  $\frac{5}{2}$ ,  $\frac{5}{4}$ ,  $\frac{5}{8}$ ,  $\frac{5}{16}$ , ...

8) -9, 101, -999, 10001, -99999, ...

Find the tenth term in each sequence.

21) 
$$a_n = \frac{2n+1}{n^3}$$

22) 
$$a_n = 4^{n-1}$$

23) 
$$a_n = (2n)^2$$

24) 
$$a_n = (2n-1)^2$$

Find the first four terms in each sequence.

25) 
$$a_n = a_{n-1} + 10$$
  
 $a_1 = 29$ 

26) 
$$a_n = a_{n-1} \cdot 2$$
  
 $a_1 = -1$ 

27) 
$$a_n = a_{n-1} + n$$
  
 $a_1 = -4$ 

28) 
$$a_n = \frac{2 + a_{n-1}}{2}$$
  
 $a_1 = 10$