8. Sequences and Series

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10. In a geometric series the common ratio is r and sum to n terms is S_n

Given

$$S_\infty = \frac{8}{7} \times S_6$$

show that $r = \pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$, where k is an integer to be found.

(4)

(Total for Question 10 is 4 marks)

4. (i) Show that $\sum_{r=1}^{16}\left(3+5r+2^{r}\right)=131\,798$

(4)

(ii) A sequence $u_1, u_2, u_3, \ldots$ is defined by

$$u_{n+1}=\frac{1}{u_n}, \quad u_1=\frac{2}{3}$$

Find the exact value of $\sum_{r=1}^{100}u_r$

(3)

11. A competitor is running a 20 kilometre race.

She runs each of the first 4 kilometres at a steady pace of 6 minutes per kilometre.
After the first 4 kilometres, she begins to slow down.

In order to estimate her finishing time, the time that she will take to complete each subsequent kilometre is modelled to be 5% greater than the time that she took to complete the previous kilometre.

Using the model,

(a) show that her time to run the first 6 kilometres is estimated to be 36 minutes 55 seconds,

(2)

(b) show that her estimated time, in minutes, to run the rth kilometre, for $5 \leqslant r \leqslant 20$, is

$$6 \times 1.05^{r-4}$$

(1)

(c) estimate the total time, in minutes and seconds, that she will take to complete the race.

(4)

Question 11 continued

8. (i) Find the value of

$$\sum_{r=4}^{\infty} 20 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^r$$

(3)

(ii) Show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{48} \log_5\left(\frac{n+2}{n+1}\right) = 2$$

(3)

Question 8 continued

5. A car has six forward gears.

The fastest speed of the car

- in 1st gear is 28 km h^{-1}
- in 6th gear is 115 km h^{-1}

Given that the fastest speed of the car in successive gears is modelled by an **arithmetic sequence**,

(a) find the fastest speed of the car in 3rd gear.

(3)

Given that the fastest speed of the car in successive gears is modelled by a **geometric sequence**,

(b) find the fastest speed of the car in 5th gear.

(3)

13. A sequence of numbers $a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots$ is defined by

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{k(a_n + 2)}{a_n} \qquad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

where k is a constant.

Given that

- the sequence is a periodic sequence of order 3
- $a_1 = 2$

(a) show that

$$k^2 + k - 2 = 0$$

(3)

(b) For this sequence explain why $k \neq 1$

(1)

(c) Find the value of

$$\sum_{r=1}^{80} a_r$$

(3)

Question 13 continued

15. **In this question you must show all stages of your working.**

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

A geometric series has common ratio r and first term a.

Given $r \neq 1$ and $a \neq 0$

(a) prove that

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

(4)

Given also that S_{10} is four times S_5

(b) find the exact value of r.

(4)

Question 15 continued

3. The sequence $u_1, u_2, u_3, \ldots$ is defined by

$$u_{n+1} = k - \frac{24}{u_n} \qquad u_1 = 2$$

where k is an integer.

Given that $u_1 + 2u_2 + u_3 = 0$

(a) show that

$$3k^2 - 58k + 240 = 0$$

(3)

(b) Find the value of k, giving a reason for your answer.

(2)

(c) Find the value of u_3

(1)

Question 3 continued

(Total for Question 3 is 6 marks)

5. **In this question you should show all stages of your working.**

Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.

A company made a profit of £20 000 in its first year of trading, Year 1

A model for future trading predicts that the yearly profit will increase by 8% each year, so that the yearly profits will form a geometric sequence.

According to the model,

(a) show that the profit for Year 3 will be £23 328

(1)

(b) find the first year when the yearly profit will exceed £65 000

(3)

(c) find the total profit for the first 20 years of trading, giving your answer to the nearest £1000

(2)

Question 5 continued

(Total for Question 5 is 6 marks)

1. In an arithmetic series

- the first term is 16
- the 21st term is 24

(a) Find the common difference of the series.

(2)

(b) Hence find the sum of the first 500 terms of the series.

(2)

9. Show that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n \cos(180n)^\circ = \frac{9}{28}$$

(3)

13. (i) In an arithmetic series, the first term is a and the common difference is d.

Show that

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

(3)

(ii) James saves money over a number of weeks to buy a printer that costs £64

He saves £10 in week 1, £9.20 in week 2, £8.40 in week 3 and so on, so that the weekly amounts he saves form an arithmetic sequence.

Given that James takes n weeks to save exactly £64

(a) show that

$$n^2 - 26n + 160 = 0$$

(2)

(b) Solve the equation

$$n^2 - 26n + 160 = 0$$

(1)

(c) Hence state the number of weeks James takes to save enough money to buy the printer, giving a brief reason for your answer.

(1)

Question 13 continued

3. A sequence of terms $a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots$ is defined by

$$a_1 = 3$$
$$a_{n+1} = 8 - a_n$$

(a) (i) Show that this sequence is periodic.

(ii) State the order of this periodic sequence.

(2)

(b) Find the value of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{85} a_n$$

(2)

15. **In this question you must show all stages of your working.**

Solutions relying on calculator technology are not acceptable.

Given that the first three terms of a geometric series are

$$12\cos\theta \qquad 5 + 2\sin\theta \qquad \text{and} \qquad 6\tan\theta$$

(a) show that

$$4\sin^2\theta - 52\sin\theta + 25 = 0$$

(3)

Given that θ is an obtuse angle measured in radians,

(b) solve the equation in part (a) to find the exact value of θ

(2)

(c) show that the sum to infinity of the series can be expressed in the form

$$k\left(1 - \sqrt{3}\right)$$

where k is a constant to be found.

(5)

Question 15 continued

9. The first three terms of a geometric sequence are

$$3k + 4 \qquad 12 - 3k \qquad k + 16$$

where k is a constant.

(a) Show that k satisfies the equation

$$3k^2 - 62k + 40 = 0$$

(2)

Given that the sequence converges,

(b) (i) find the value of k, giving a reason for your answer,

(ii) find the value of S_∞

(5)

Question 9 continued

(Total for Question 9 is 7 marks)

2. A sequence $u_1, u_2, u_3 \ldots$ is defined by

$$u_1 = 35$$

$$u_{n+1} = u_n + 7\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) - 5(-1)^n$$

(a) (i) Show that $u_2 = 40$

(ii) Find the value of u_3 and the value of u_4

(3)

Given that the sequence is periodic with order 4

(b) (i) write down the value of u_5

(ii) find the value of $\sum_{r=1}^{25} u_r$

(3)

9. The first 3 terms of a geometric sequence are

$$3^{4k-5} \qquad 9^{7-2k} \qquad 3^{2(k-1)}$$

where k is a constant.

(a) Using algebra and making your reasoning clear, prove that $k = \frac{5}{2}$

(3)

(b) Hence find the sum to infinity of the geometric sequence.

(3)

2. Jamie takes out an interest-free loan of £8100

Jamie makes a payment every month to pay back the loan.

Jamie repays £400 in month 1, £390 in month 2, £380 in month 3, and so on, so that the amounts repaid each month form an arithmetic sequence.

(a) Show that Jamie repays £290 in month 12

(1)

After Jamie's Nth payment, the loan is completely paid back.

(b) Show that $N^2 - 81N + 1620 = 0$

(2)

(c) Hence find the value of N.

(2)

4. A sequence $u_1, u_2, u_3, \ldots$ is defined by

$$u_{n+1} = ku_n - 5$$
$$u_1 = 6$$

where k is a positive constant.

Given that $u_3 = -1$

(a) show that

$$6k^2 - 5k - 4 = 0$$

(2)

(b) Hence

(i) find the value of k,

(ii) find the value of $\sum_{r=1}^{3} u_r$

(3)