

1 For each sequence:

i state whether the sequence is increasing, decreasing, or periodic.

ii If the sequence is periodic, write down its order.

a 2, 5, 8, 11, 14

b  $3, 1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{27}$

c 5, 9, 15, 23, 33

d 3, -3, 3, -3, 3

2 For each sequence:

i write down the first 5 terms of the sequence

ii state whether the sequence is increasing, decreasing, or periodic.

iii If the sequence is periodic, write down its order.

a  $u_n = 20 - 3n$

b  $u_n = 2^{n-1}$

c  $u_n = \cos(180n^\circ)$

d  $u_n = (-1)^n$

e  $u_{n+1} = u_n - 5, u_1 = 20$

f  $u_{n+1} = 5 - u_n, u_1 = 20$

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

3 The sequence of numbers  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots$  is given by  $u_{n+1} = ku_n, u_1 = 5$ .

Find the range of values of  $k$  for which the sequence is strictly decreasing.

**E/P** 4 The sequence with recurrence relation  $u_{k+1} = pu_k + q, u_1 = 5$ , where  $p$  is a constant and  $q = 13$ , is periodic with order 2.

Find the value of  $p$ .

**(5 marks)**

**E/P** 5 A sequence has  $n$ th term  $a_n = \cos(90n^\circ), n \geq 1$ .

a Find the order of the sequence.

**(1 mark)**

b Find  $\sum_{r=1}^{444} a_r$

**(2 marks)**

- 1**   **a**   **i**   increasing  
       **b**   **i**   decreasing  
       **c**   **i**   increasing  
       **d**   **i**   periodic                      **ii**   2
- 2**   **a**   **i**   17, 14, 11, 8, 5                      **ii**   decreasing  
       **b**   **i**   1, 2, 4, 8, 16                      **ii**   increasing  
       **c**   **i**   -1, 1, -1, 1, -1                      **ii**   periodic  
       **iii**   2  
       **d**   **i**   -1, 1, -1, 1, -1                      **ii**   periodic  
       **iii**   2  
       **e**   **i**   20, 15, 10, 5, 0                      **ii**   decreasing  
       **f**   **i**   20, -15, 20, -15, 20                      **ii**   periodic  
       **iii**   2  
       **g**   **i**    $k, \frac{2k}{3}, \frac{4k}{9}, \frac{8k}{27}, \frac{16k}{81}$   
       **ii**   dependent on value of  $k$
- 3**    $0 < k < 1$                       **4**    $p = -1$
- 5**   **a**   4                                      **b**   0

- E/P** 10 An arithmetic sequence has first term  $k^2$  and common difference  $k$ , where  $k > 0$ . The fifth term of the sequence is 41. Find the value of  $k$ , giving your answer in the form  $p + q\sqrt{5}$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers to be found. **(4 marks)**

**Problem-solving**

You will need to make use of the condition  $k > 0$  in your answer.

**Challenge**

The  $n$ th term of an arithmetic sequence is  $u_n = \ln a + (n - 1) \ln b$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers.  $u_3 = \ln 16$  and  $u_7 = \ln 256$ . Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

- E/P** 6 A sequence is given by
- $$x_1 = 2$$
- $$x_{n+1} = x_n(p - 3x_n)$$
- where  $p$  is an integer.
- a** Show that  $x_3 = -10p^2 + 132p - 432$ . **(2 marks)**
- b** Given that  $x_3 = -288$  find the value of  $p$ . **(1 mark)**
- c** Hence find the value of  $x_4$ . **(1 mark)**
- E/P** 7 A sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  is defined by
- $$a_1 = k$$
- $$a_{n+1} = 4a_n + 5$$
- a** Find  $a_3$  in terms of  $k$ . **(2 marks)**
- b** Show that  $\sum_{r=1}^4 a_r$  is a multiple of 5. **(3 marks)**

10  $-2 + 3\sqrt{5}$

**Challenge**

$a = 4, b = 2$

6 a  $x_2 = x_1(p - 3x_1) = 2(p - 3(2)) = 2p - 12$   
 $x_3 = (2p - 12)(p - 3(2p - 12)) = (2p - 12)(-5p + 36)$   
 $= -10p^2 + 132p - 432$

b 12                      c -252288

7 a  $16k + 25$

b  $a_4 = 4(16k + 25) + 5 = 64k + 105$

$$\sum_{r=1}^4 a_r = k + 4k + 5 + 16k + 25 + 64k + 105$$
$$= 85k + 135 = 5(17k + 27)$$