

FORMULAS FOR SEQUENCES AND SERIES

	DESCRIPTION OF FORMULA	FORMULA
	Recursive Formula Arithmetic Sequence	$a_n = a_{(n-1)} + d$ Where d is the common difference.
	Recursive Formula Geometric Sequence	$a_n = r \cdot a_{(n-1)}$ Where r is the common ratio.
	nth term of an Arithmetic Sequence	$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$ Where n is any natural number.
	GENERAL Sum of an Arithmetic Series	$S_n = n \left[\frac{a_1 + a_n}{2} \right]$
	ALTERNATE Sum of an Arithmetic Series	$S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2a_1 + (n-1)d]$
	Sigma Notation Sum of an Arithmetic Series	$\sum_{k=1}^n f(k)$ Where $k=1$ is the first value of k , n is the last value k , and $f(k)$ is the formula for the terms of the series.
	nth term of a Geometric Sequence	$a_n = a_1 \cdot r^{(n-1)}$ Where n is any natural number.
	Sum of a Geometric Series (Use when given a_1 and n.)	$S_n = \frac{a_1 - a_1 r^n}{1 - r}$, and $r \neq 1$
	Sum of a Geometric Series (Use when given a_1 and a_n.)	$S_n = \frac{a_1 - a_n r}{1 - r}$, and $r \neq 1$
	Sum of a Geometric Series (Use when given a_1 and a_n.)	$S_n = \frac{a_1(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$, and $r \neq 1$
	Sigma Notation Sum of a Geometric Series	$\sum_{k=1}^n a_1(b)^{(k-1)}$ Where k is the first value of k , n is the last value of k , a_1 is the first term, and b is the base.
	Sum of an Infinite Geometric Series	$S = \frac{a_1}{1 - r}$, with $-1 < r < 1$ If $ r \geq 1$, the series has no sum.
	Sigma Notation Sum of an Infinite Geometric Series	$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_1(b)^{(k-1)}$ Where k is the first value of k , the last value of k is infinite, a_1 is the first term, and b is the base.
	Binomial Theorem $(a+b)^n =$ ${}_n C_0 a^n b^0 + {}_n C_1 a^{(n-1)} b^1 + {}_n C_2 a^{(n-2)} b^2 + {}_n C_3 a^{(n-3)} b^3 + \dots + {}_n C_n a^0 b^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \cdot a^{n-k} b^k$	