10-Min Sprint: Sequences

Write the general term of each of the following sequences. Then write the next three terms:

- 1. 1, 3, 5, 7 ...
- 2. $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8} \dots$
- 3. $\frac{1}{1}$, $\frac{2}{2}$, $\frac{3}{6}$, $\frac{4}{24}$...
- 4. 2, -4, 8, -16 ...

What is the value of each of the following sums?

- 5. $\sum_{n=0}^{4} (2n+1)$
- 6. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3(\frac{1}{2})^n$
- 7. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n}$

Write the following explicit sequences as recursive sequences, including the a_0 term:

8.
$$a_n = 2n + 5$$

9.
$$a_n = 3(\frac{1}{2})^n$$

10.
$$a_n = \frac{2^n}{6}$$

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KEY

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2.
$$1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8} \dots \frac{1}{2^n}; \frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{32}, \frac{1}{64}$$

3.
$$\frac{1}{1}, \frac{2}{2}, \frac{3}{6}, \frac{4}{24} \dots \frac{n}{n!}; \frac{5}{120}, \frac{6}{720}, \frac{7}{5040}$$

4.
$$2, -4, 8, -16 \dots -1 \cdot (-2)^n$$
; 32, -64, 128

What is the value of each of the following sums?

5.
$$\sum_{n=0}^{4} (2n+1)$$

= 1+3+5+7+9=25

6.
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3(\frac{1}{2})^n$$

= $\frac{3}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3}{\frac{1}{2}} = 3 \cdot 2 = 6$

7.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Write the following explicit sequences as recursive sequences, including the a_0 term:

8.
$$a_n = 2n + 5$$

 $a_{0=}5, a_n = a_{n-1} + 2$

9.
$$a_n = 3(\frac{1}{2})^n$$

$$a_{0}=3$$
, $a_n=\frac{1}{2}a_{n-1}$

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$$a_n = \frac{2^n}{6}$$
 $a_{0=\frac{1}{6}}, a_n = 2 \cdot a_{n-1}$