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## MATHEMATICS ADVANCED (INCORPORATING EXTENSION 1) YEAR 12 COURSE

Topic summary and exercises:

(A) (x1) Sequences and series



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#### Symbols used

- () Beware! Heed warning.
- (F) Provided on NESA Reference Sheet
- (M) Facts/formulae to memorise.
- 2 Textbook reference from the legacy Mathematics (2 Unit) course
- (A) Mathematics Advanced content.
- (x1) Mathematics Extension 1 content.
- (L) Literacy: note new word/phrase.
- $\mathbb N \;$  the set of natural numbers
- $\mathbbm{Z}~$  the set of integers
- ${\mathbb Q}$   $% {\mathbb Q}$  the set of rational numbers
- $\mathbbm{R}~$  the set of real numbers
- $\forall \ \, \text{for all} \\$

#### Syllabus outcomes addressed

MA12-4 applies the concepts and techniques of arithmetic and geometric sequences and series in the solution of problems

#### Syllabus subtopics

MA-M1 (1.2, 1.3) Modelling Financial Situations (Arithmetic sequences and series, Geometric sequences and series)

### Gentle reminder

- For a thorough understanding of the topic, *every* question in this handout is to be completed!
- Additional questions from *Cambridge Year 11 3 Unit* (Pender, Sadler, Shea, & Ward, 1999) or *Cambridge Year 11 2 Unit* (Pender, Sadler, Shea, & Ward, 2009) will be completed at the discretion of your teacher.
- Remember to copy the question into your exercise book!

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## Part I

# Terms of sequences

# General sequences

### 1.1 Notation

Important note

The *n*-th term of a sequence is denoted  $T_n$ .

### **Example 1** Find:

(a) the first five terms (b) the formula for the *n*-th term

of the sequence defined by

$$T_1 = 1 \qquad T_n = \frac{n-1}{n}T_{n-1}$$

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for  $n \geq 2$ .

Answer:  $T_n = \frac{1}{n}$ 





# Terms of arithmetic sequences

Definition 1

An arithmetic sequence (or arithmetic progression, AP) is defined by

for  $n \geq 2$ , where d is a constant, known as the *common difference*.

Important note  $T_1$  is given the symbol a.

2.1 Derivation of  $T_n$  formula

- $T_1 = a$ •  $T_2 = T_1 + =$
- $T_3 = T_2 + \ldots = \ldots$
- $T_4 = T_3 + \ldots = \ldots$

Laws/Results

(F) The n-th term of an arithmetic sequence is

 $T_n = \dots$ 

### 2.2 **Proof of arithmetic sequence**

## Important note

Condition for AP:

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### Example 4

Show that the sequence 200, 193, 186, ... is an AP. Then find a formula for the *n*-th term, and find the first negative term. Answer:  $T_{30} = -3$ 



## Show that $\log_5 6$ , $\log_5 12$ , $\log_5 24$ is an AP.

## 2.3 Other examples

## Example 6

The third term of an AP is 16, and the 12th term is 79. Find the 41st term.

Answer: 282



# Terms of geometric sequences

### Definition 2

A geometric sequence (or geometric progression, GP) is defined by

for  $n \ge 2$ , where r is a constant, known as the *common ratio*.

#### Derivation of $T_n$ formula 3.1

- 😑 Steps 1.
- $T_1 = a$
- 2.  $T_2 = T_1 \times ... = ....$ 3.  $T_3 = T_2 \times ... = ....$
- $4. \quad T_4 = T_3 \times \ldots = \ldots$

### Laws/Results

(F) The n-th term of a geometric sequence is

$$T_n = \dots$$

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TERMS OF GEOMETRIC SEQUENCES - OTHER EXAMPLES

### Example 10

[2008 2U] The zoom function in a software package multiplies the dimensions of an image by 1.2. In an image, the height of a building is 50 mm. After the zoom function is applied once, the height of the building in the image is 60 mm. After a second application, its height is 72 mm.

- (i) Calculate the height of the building in the image after the zoom function has been applied eight times. Give your answer to the nearest mm.
- (ii) The height of the building in the image is required to be more than 400 mm. Starting from the original image, what is the least number of times the zoom function must be applied?

(2) Ex 8C/D (Pender et al., 2009)

Further exercises

- Ex 8C: Q2-5, 9-11 last 2 columns, Q6-8, 12-17
- (x1) Ex 6E (Pender et al., 1999)
   Q1-20, last column
- Q6-8, 12-17 Ex 8D: 01-3, 15 last 2 columns
- Ex 8D: Q1-3, 15 last 2 columns, Q4-14

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# Part II

# Series: sums of sequences

# Sums of general sequences

## 4.1 Sigma notation

Definition 3

Sum of terms from ordinal k to ordinal  $\ell$ .

$$\sum_{n=k}^{n=\ell} T_n = T_k + T_{k+1} + T_{k+2} + \dots + T_{\ell-2} + T_{\ell-1} + T_{\ell}$$



Example 11 Evaluate  $\sum_{k=1}^{5} k$ .







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## 4.2 Partial sums

Definition 4

The n-th partial sum of a sequence

$$S_n = T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + \dots + T_n$$

Important note

 $(\mathbf{M})$  To recover the *n*-th term from a sum,

$$S_n = \ldots + \ldots$$

Rearrange to find  $T_n$ 



Given  $S_n = n^2$ , find a formula for the *n*-th term.



- Q3, 4, 7
- Q8 last 2 columns

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• Q8-10

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(2) Ex 8E (Pender et al., 2009)

• Q1-4 last column

# **Arithmetic Series**

- 5.1 **Derivation of**  $S_n$  formula
  - 📰 Steps
  - **1.** Sum to *n* terms:

$$S_n = T_1 + T_2 + \dots + \overbrace{T_n}^{\bullet}$$

**2.** Reverse the sum:

$$S_n = T_n + \dots + T_2 + T_1$$
$$= \dots$$

**3.** Add the two sums:

**4.** Given  $\ell$  is also  $T_n$ :

### Laws/Results

(F) The sum of an arithmetic progression to n terms:

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 $S_n = \dots$ 







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### Example 24

[2000 2U] (6 marks) In the construction of a 5 km expressway a truck delivers materials from a base. After depositing each load, the truck returns to the base to collect the next load. The first load is deposited 200 m from the base, the second 350 m from the base, the third 500 m from the base. Each subsequent load is deposited 150 m from the previous one. Answer: (i) 2 300 m (ii) 33 (iii) 171.6 km

- (i)
- (ii) How many loads are deposited along the total length of the 5 km expressway? (The last load is deposited at the end of the expressway.)
- How many kilometres has the truck travelled in order to make all the deposits (iii) and then return to the base?

How far is the fifteenth load deposited from the base?

### Example 25

[1996 2U] (5 marks) A venetian blind consists of twenty-five slats, each 3 mm thick. When the blind is down, the gap between the top slat and the top of the blind is 27 mm and the gap between adjacent slats is also 27 mm, as shown in the first diagram. Answer: Total: 8775 mm



When the blind is up, all the slats are stacked at the top with no gaps, as shown in the second diagram.

- (i) Show that when the blind is raised, the bottom slat rises 675 mm.
- (ii) How far does the next slat rise?
- (iii) Explain briefly why the distances the slats rise form an arithmetic sequence.
- (iv) Find the sum of all the distances that the slats rise when the blind is raised.

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THE EXPONENTIAL FUNCTION

# Geometric Series

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# Limiting sum

### 7.1 Existence of a limiting sum

Example 34

A frog is about to jump over a river that is 10 m wide. The first jump it can make is 5 m (where there will be an object to help it stay above water), and each subsequent jump it can only jump half as much as the previous jump.

Will the frog get across the river by jumping?



 $(\mathbf{M})$  A geometric series will converge to a limit (known as the *limiting sum*) iff





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### Example 40

[1998 2U] A ball is dropped from a height of 2 metres onto a hard floor and bounces. After each bounce, the maximum height reached by the ball is 75% of the previous maximum height. Thus, after it first hits the floor, it reaches a height of 1.5 metres before falling again, and after the second bounce, it reaches a height of 1.125 metres before falling again.

- (i) What is the maximum height reached after the third bounce?
- (ii) What kind of sequence is formed by the successive maximum heights?
- (iii) What is the total distance travelled by the ball from the time it was first dropped until it eventually comes to rest on the floor?

### Example 41

 $[2003 \ 2U]$ 

(i) Find the limiting sum of the geometric series

$$2 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}+1} + \frac{2}{(\sqrt{2}+1)^2} + \cdots$$

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(ii) Explain why the geometric series

$$2 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2} - 1} + \frac{2}{\left(\sqrt{2} - 1\right)^2} + \frac{2}{\left(\sqrt{2} - 1\right)^2}$$

does NOT have a limiting sum.

### Example 42

**[2005 2U Q9]** The triangle ABC has a right angle at  $B, \angle BAC = \theta$  and AB = 6. The line BD is drawn perpendicular to AC. The line DE is then drawn perpendicular to BC. This process continues indefinitely as shown in the diagram.



- (i) Find the length of the interval BD, and hence show that the length of interval EF is  $6\sin^3\theta$ .
- (ii) Show that the limiting sum

$$BD + EF + GH + \cdots$$

is given by  $6 \sec \theta \tan \theta$ .

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 [ <b>2014</b> of a p	<b>2U HSC</b> ] At the beginning of every 8-hour period, a patient is given 10 mL particular drug.
 Durir	ng each of these 8-hour periods, the patient's body partially breaks down the
 drug.	Only $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total amount of the drug present in the patient's body at the
 (i)	How much of the drug is in the patient's body immediately after the <b>1</b>
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 1	Example 44
 [ <b>2017</b> sum 2	<b>7 2U HSC Q16</b> ] (3 marks) A geometric series has first term $a$ and limiting $2^{a}$
 Find	all possible values for $a$
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### **NESA** Reference Sheet – calculus based courses



#### **Trigonometric Functions**

 $\sin A = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}, \quad \cos A = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}, \quad \tan A = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$  $A = \frac{1}{2}ab\sin C$  $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{45^{\circ}}$  $C^{2} = a^{2} + b^{2} - 2ab\cos C$  $\cos C = \frac{a^{2} + b^{2} - c^{2}}{2ab}$  $l = r\theta$  $A = \frac{1}{2}r^{2}\theta$  $\frac{60^{\circ}}{1}$ 

#### **Trigonometric identities**

$$\sec A = \frac{1}{\cos A}, \ \cos A \neq 0$$
$$\csc A = \frac{1}{\sin A}, \ \sin A \neq 0$$
$$\cot A = \frac{\cos A}{\sin A}, \ \sin A \neq 0$$
$$\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$$

#### **Compound angles**

 $\sin(A + B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$   $\cos(A + B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B$   $\tan(A + B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$ If  $t = \tan \frac{A}{2}$  then  $\sin A = \frac{2t}{1 + t^2}$   $\cos A = \frac{1 - t^2}{1 + t^2}$   $\tan A = \frac{2t}{1 - t^2}$   $\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A - B) + \cos(A + B)]$   $\sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B)]$   $\sin A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(A + B) + \sin(A - B)]$   $\cos A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(A + B) - \sin(A - B)]$   $\sin^2 nx = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2nx)$  $\cos^2 nx = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2nx)$ 

#### **Statistical Analysis**



- approximately 68% of scores have z-scores between -1 and 1
- approximately 95% of scores have z-scores between –2 and 2
- approximately 99.7% of scores have z-scores between -3 and 3

$$E(X) = \mu$$

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$$Var(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E(X^2) - \mu^2$$

#### Probability

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}, P(B) \neq 0$$

Continuous random variables

$$P(X \le x) = \int_{a}^{x} f(x) dx$$
$$P(a < X < b) = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$$

#### **Binomial distribution**

$$P(X = r) = {}^{n}C_{r}p^{r}(1-p)^{n-r}$$

$$X \sim \operatorname{Bin}(n, p)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X = x)$$

$$= {n \choose x}p^{x}(1-p)^{n-x}, x = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

$$E(X) = np$$

$$\operatorname{Var}(X) = np(1-p)$$

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Differential Calculus		Integral Calculus
Function	Derivative	$\int f'(x) [f(x)]^n dx = \frac{1}{1} [f(x)]^{n+1} + c$
$y = f(x)^n$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = nf'(x)[f(x)]^{n-1}$	$\int \int (x)[f(x)] dx = \frac{1}{n+1} [f(x)] + c$ where $n \neq -1$
y = uv	$\frac{dy}{dx} = u\frac{dv}{dx} + v\frac{du}{dx}$	$\int f'(x)\sin f(x)dx = -\cos f(x) + c$
y = g(u) where $u = f(x)$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx}$	$\int f'(x)\cos f(x)dx = \sin f(x) + c$
$y = \frac{u}{v}$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v\frac{du}{dx} - u\frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$	$\int f'(x)\sec^2 f(x)dx = \tan f(x) + c$
$y = \sin f(x)$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x)\cos f(x)$	$\int f'(x)e^{f(x)}dx = e^{f(x)} + c$
$y = \cos f(x)$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = -f'(x)\sin f(x)$	$\int f'(x) = \int f'(x) dx$
$y = \tan f(x)$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x)\sec^2 f(x)$	$\int \frac{f(x)}{f(x)} dx = \ln f(x)  + c$
$y = e^{f(x)}$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x)e^{f(x)}$	$\int f'(x)a^{f(x)}dx = \frac{a^{f(x)}}{\ln a} + c$
$y = \ln f(x)$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}$	$\int \frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{a^2 - [f(x)]^2}} dx = \sin^{-1} \frac{f(x)}{a} + c$
$y = a^{f(x)}$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = (\ln a)f'(x)a^{f(x)}$	$\int \frac{f'(x)}{dx - \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} f(x)} dx = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \frac{f(x)}{dx} + c$
$y = \log_a f(x)$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{f'(x)}{(\ln a)f(x)}$	$\int a^{2} + [f(x)]^{2} a^{2x} - a^{4x} a^{4x} a^{4x} + c^{4x}$
$y = \sin^{-1} f(x)$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{1 - \left[f(x)\right]^2}}$	$\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} dx$
$y = \cos^{-1} f(x)$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{1 - [f(x)]^2}}$	$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$
$y = \tan^{-1} f(x)$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{f'(x)}{1 + [f(x)]^2}$	$\approx \frac{b-a}{2n} \left\{ f(a) + f(b) + 2 \left\lfloor f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{n-1}) \right\rfloor \right\}$ where $a = x_0$ and $b = x_n$
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### Combinatorics

$${}^{n}P_{r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

$$\binom{n}{r} = {}^{n}C_{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$$(x+a)^{n} = x^{n} + \binom{n}{1}x^{n-1}a + \dots + \binom{n}{r}x^{n-r}a^{r} + \dots + a^{n}$$

#### Vectors

$$\begin{split} \left| \begin{array}{c} \underline{u} \right| &= \left| \begin{array}{c} x\underline{i} + y\underline{j} \right| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \\ \underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} &= \left| \begin{array}{c} \underline{u} \right| \right| \underline{v} \left| \cos \theta = x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 \right|, \\ \\ \\ \text{where } \begin{array}{c} \underline{u} &= x_1 \underline{i} + y_1 \underline{j} \\ \\ \\ \\ \text{and } \begin{array}{c} \underline{v} &= x_2 \underline{i} + y_2 \underline{j} \end{array} \end{split}$$

 $\tilde{r} = \tilde{a} + \lambda \tilde{b}$ 

### **Complex Numbers**

 $z = a + ib = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$  $= re^{i\theta}$  $\left[r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)\right]^n = r^n(\cos n\theta + i\sin n\theta)$  $= r^n e^{in\theta}$ 

### Mechanics

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{dv}{dt} = v\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{2}v^2\right)$$
$$x = a\cos(nt + \alpha) + c$$
$$x = a\sin(nt + \alpha) + c$$
$$\ddot{x} = -n^2(x - c)$$

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