

# SEQUENCES AND SERIES

- A **sequence** is an ordered list of numbers where each term is obtained according to a fixed rule.

e.g. 1, 4, 9, 16, .....

- A **series** is written as  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots$ , the terms of which form a sequence

e.g.  $1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + \dots$

- The ***n*th term** of a sequence or series is denoted by  $u_n$

- A sequence or series can be defined by a recurrence relation where  $u_{n+1}$  is given as a function of lower terms.

eg  $u_{n+1} = 3u_n$  and  $u_1 = 2$ .  
then  $u_2 = 3u_1 = 6$   $u_3 = 3u_2 = 18$  etc.

- A first-order recurrence relation is where  $u_{n+1} = f(u_n)$ , recall Higher

$$u_{n+1} = 0.8u_n + 15$$

↑  
plain  $u_n$ .

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Examples

1) Find the first 3 terms of each sequence. Is it increasing, decreasing or neither?

(a)  $U_n = -2n$

(b)  $U_n = 2n + 3$

(c)  $U_n = 1 + (-1)^n$

(a)  $u_1 = -2 \times 1 = -2$   
 $u_2 = -2 \times 2 = -4$   
 $u_3 = -2 \times 3 = -6$  decreasing

(b)  $u_1 = 2 \times 1 + 3 = 5$   
 $u_2 = 2 \times 2 + 3 = 7$   
 $u_3 = 2 \times 3 + 3 = 9$  increasing

(c)  $u_1 = 1 + (-1)^1 = 1 - 1 = 0$   
 $u_2 = 1 + (-1)^2 = 1 + 1 = 2$   
 $u_3 = 1 + (-1)^3 = 1 - 1 = 0$  neither.

2) Write the following series in expanded form and evaluate .

(a)  $\sum_{r=1}^6 3r$

(b)  $\sum_{r=1}^5 (-1)^r \left(\frac{3}{r}\right)$

(a)  $\sum_{r=1}^6 3r = 3 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 + 3 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + 3 \times 5 + 3 \times 6$   
 $= 3 + 6 + 9 + 12 + 15 + 18$   
 $= 63$

(b)  $\sum_{r=1}^5 (-1)^r \left(\frac{3}{r}\right) = (-1)^1 \left(\frac{3}{1}\right) + (-1)^2 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + (-1)^3 \left(\frac{3}{3}\right) + (-1)^4 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + (-1)^5 \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)$   
 $= -3 + \frac{3}{2} - 3 + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{5}$   
 $= -\frac{87}{20}$

## Arithmetic Sequences and Series

use to test if terms form an arithmetic sequence

An **arithmetic sequence** or series is one in which

$$u_{n+1} - u_n = u_n - u_{n-1} \quad \text{for all values of } n$$

i.e. there is a common difference,  $d$ , between neighbouring terms in the sequence.

(you add or subtract the same number to get the next term)

This is the defining property of an arithmetic sequence.

e.g. for the sequence 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, ..... the common difference is 3 and the sequence is defined as **the arithmetic sequence with first term 1 and common difference 3**.

For an **Arithmetic Sequence or Series** with first term  $a$  and common difference  $d$ , the  $n$ th term is given by

$$u_n = a + (n-1)d$$

\* learn.

$$\frac{u_1}{a} \quad \frac{u_2}{a+d} \quad \frac{u_3}{a+2d} \quad \text{etc} \quad \frac{u_n}{a+(n-1)d}$$

### Examples

- 1) Find an expression for  $u_n$  and evaluate  $u_{11}$  for the sequence 3, 7, 11, 15, .....

$$\text{Here } d = 4 \quad a = 3$$

$$u_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$u_n = 3 + (n-1)d$$

$$u_n = 4n - 1$$

$$\text{So } u_{11} = 4 \times 11 - 1 \\ = 43.$$

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- 2) In an arithmetic sequence  $u_5 = 23$  and  $u_{12} = 37$ . Find an expression for the  $n$ th term of this sequence.

$$u_5 = 23$$

$$\uparrow$$
  

$$n=5$$

$$u_{12} = 37$$

$$\uparrow$$
  

$$n=12$$

Solve simultaneously

$$\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1}$$

$$14 = 7d$$
  

$$d = 2$$

$$\ln \textcircled{1}$$

$$23 = a + 8$$
  

$$a = 15$$

$n$ th term

$$u_n = a + (n-1)d$$
  

$$= 15 + (n-1)2 = 13 + 2n$$

$$u_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$23 = a + 6d \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$u_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$u_{12} = a + 11d$$

$$37 = a + 11d \dots \textcircled{2}$$

- 3) Given the arithmetic sequence 5, 11, 17, 23, ..... find the value of  $n$  for which  $u_n = 113$

Here  $a = 5$ ,  $d = 6$  and  $u_n = 113$ .

$$u_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$113 = 5 + (n-1)6$$

$$6(n-1) = 108$$

$$n-1 = 18$$

$$n = 19$$

## Sum to $n$ terms of an Arithmetic Sequence or Series

For the general arithmetic series with first term  $a$  and common difference  $d$ , the sum to  $n$  terms, partial sum, is given by

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

\*  
\* learn.

Proof of above

$$S_n = a + (a+d) + (a+2d) + \dots + (a+(n-2)d) + (a+(n-1)d)$$

Reverse order.  $\downarrow + \quad \downarrow + \quad \quad \quad \downarrow + \quad \swarrow +$

$$S_n = (a+(n-1)d) + (a+(n-2)d) + \dots + (a+d) + a.$$

Add.

$$2S_n = (2a+(n-1)d) + (2a+(n-1)d) + \dots + (2a+(n-1)d) + (2a+(n-1)d)$$

$\leftarrow \dots n \text{ lots of } (2a+(n-1)d) \dots \rightarrow$

$$2S_n = n(2a+(n-1)d)$$

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

Another form of the formula.

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= \frac{n}{2}(2a+(n-1)d) \\ &= \frac{n}{2}(a + a + (n-1)d) \end{aligned}$$

$\nwarrow$  last term  $u_n$ .

$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a+l)$  where  $l = \text{last term}$

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Examples

1) For the arithmetic series  $3 + 7 + 11 + 15 + \dots$ , find an expression for  $S_n$ , the sum to  $n$  terms and hence evaluate  $S_{20}$

$$\text{Here } a = 3 \quad d = 4$$

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

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} (6 + (n-1) \times 4)$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} (4n + 2)$$

$$S_n = 2n^2 + n$$

$$\text{When } n = 20$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{20} &= 2 \times 20^2 + 20 \\ &= 820 \end{aligned}$$

2) Find the sum of the arithmetic series  $17 + 19 + 21 + \dots + 231$ Here  $a = 17$ ,  $d = 2$   $u_n = 231$ ,  $n = ?$ Find  $n$  first.

$$u_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$231 = 17 + (n-1)2$$

$$231 = 15 + 2n$$

$$2n = 216$$

$$n = 108.$$

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

$$S_{108} = \frac{108}{2} (34 + (108-1) \cdot 2)$$
$$= 13392.$$

or Using  $S_n = \frac{n}{2} (a + l)$

$$= \frac{108}{2} (17 + 231)$$
$$= 13392.$$

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3) In an arithmetic progression (general term)  $u_{10} = 3$  and  $S_6 = 76.5$ . Find the smallest value of  $n$  such that  $S_n < 0$ .

$$u_{10} = 3 \Rightarrow u_{10} = a + (10-1)d$$

$$3 = a + 9d \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$S_6 = 76.5 \Rightarrow S_n = \frac{n}{2} (2a + (n-1)d)$$

$$76.5 = \frac{6}{2} (2a + 5d)$$

$$2a + 5d = 25.5 \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \times 2$$

$$2a + 18d = 6$$

$$\textcircled{2}$$

$$2a + 5d = 25.5$$

Subtract

$$13d = -19.5$$

$$d = -1.5 \Rightarrow a = 16.5$$

$$S_n < 0$$

$$\frac{n}{2} (2a + (n-1)d) < 0$$

$$\frac{n}{2} (33 + (n-1)(-3)) < 0$$

$$(\times 4) \quad 2n (33 - \frac{3}{2}(n-1)) < 0$$

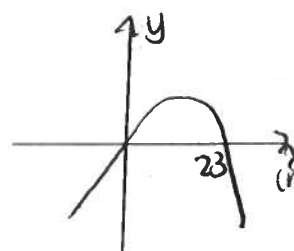
$$66n - 3n^2 + 3n < 0$$

$$69n - 3n^2 < 0$$

$$23n - n^2 < 0$$

$$n(23 - n) < 0$$

quadratic inequality  
→ graph.



From graph

$$n < 0 \text{ or } n > 23$$

↑  
not possible.

Smallest value of  $n$  so  
that  $S_n < 0$  is  $n = 24$



## Geometric Sequences

A geometric sequence or series is one in which there is a **common ratio,  $r$** , between neighbouring terms i.e.

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{u_n}{u_{n-1}} \quad \text{for all values of } n$$

Use to check if terms form a geometric series.

for example  $2, 6, 18, 54, \dots$  is a geometric sequence with **first term 2** and **common ratio 3**

$$a, ar, ar^2, ar^3, \dots$$

In general for a Geometric Sequence or Series, with first term  $a$  and common ratio  $r$

$$u_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$\alpha$   
 $\alpha$   $\alpha$

### Examples

1. Show that  $2\sin x$ ,  $\sin 2x$  and  $\sin 2x \cos x$  could be the first three terms of a geometric sequence.

$$u_1 = 2\sin x$$

$$u_2 = \sin 2x$$

$$u_3 = \sin 2x \cos x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u_2}{u_1} &= \frac{\sin 2x}{2\sin x} \\ &= \frac{2\sin x \cos x}{2\sin x} \\ &= \cos x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u_3}{u_2} &= \frac{\sin 2x \cos x}{\sin 2x} \\ &= \cos x \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{u_2}{u_1} = \frac{u_3}{u_2} = \cos x$$

so these terms could form a geometric sequence with  $r = \cos x$

2. Find the geometric sequence whose third term is 18 and whose eighth term is 4374.

$$u_3 = 18$$

$$u_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$18 = ar^2 \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$u_8 = 4374 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 4374 = ar^7 \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$\textcircled{1}$  gives  $a = \frac{18}{r^2}$ .

In  $\textcircled{2}$   $4374 = \frac{18}{r^2} \cdot r^7$

$$r^5 = 243$$

$$r = 3$$

In  $\textcircled{1}$   $a \times 3^2 = 18$

$$a = 2$$

sequence 2, 6, 18, 54, ...

3. Given the geometric sequence 3, 6, 12, 24, find  $n$  such that  $u_n = 196608$

$$a = 3 \quad r = 2 \quad u_n = 196608$$

$$u_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$196608 = 3 \times 2^{n-1}$$

$$2^{n-1} = 65536$$

Change to logs.

$$n-1 = \log_2 65536$$

$$n-1 = 16$$

$$n = 17$$

## **Sum to $n$ terms of a Geometric Sequence or Series**

The sum of the terms in a geometric sequence is called a geometric series.

For the general geometric progression with first term  $a$  and common ratio  $r$ , the sum to  $n$  terms, (partial sum or finite sum) is given by

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

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from

$$S_n = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1}$$

$$rS_n = ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} + ar^n$$

$$S_n - rS_n = a - ar^n$$

$$(1-r)S_n = a(1-r^n)$$

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

**Examples**

1) Find the 12<sup>th</sup> term and  $S_6$  of the geometric sequence 1, 3, 9, 27, .....

$$a=1 \quad r=3$$

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

$$S_6 = \frac{1(1-3^6)}{1-3}$$

$$= \frac{729-1}{2}$$

$$S_6 = 364$$

12th term

$$u_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$u_{12} = 1 \times 3^{11}$$

$$= 177147$$

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2) What is the smallest number of terms that will give a total greater than 6000000 for the sequence 8, 24, 72,.....?

Here  $a=8$   
 $r=3$

$$\text{We want } S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} > 6\,000\,000$$

$$\frac{8(1-3^n)}{1-3} > 6\,000\,000$$

$$4(3^n - 1) > 6\,000\,000$$

$$3^n - 1 > 1\,500\,000$$

$$3^n > 1\,500\,001$$

$$\text{For } 3^n = 1\,500\,001$$

$$n = \log_3 1\,500\,001$$

$$n = 12.94$$

$$\text{so } n = \underline{\underline{13}}$$

3) Find two possible geometric series such that  $S_2 = 15$  and  $S_4 = 255$ 

$$S_2 = 15$$

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

$$\frac{a(1-r^2)}{1-r} = 15 \quad (\text{X})(\text{X})$$

$$\frac{a(1-r)(1+r)}{1-r} = 15$$

$$a(1+r) = 15$$

$$a = \frac{15}{1+r} \quad \dots (\text{X})$$

$$S_4 = 255$$

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

$$\frac{a(1-r^4)}{1-r} = 255$$

$$\frac{a(1-r^2)(1+r^2)}{1-r} = 255$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From } (\text{X})(\text{X}) \quad 15(1+r^2) &= 255 \\ 1+r^2 &= 17 \\ r^2 &= 16 \\ r &= \pm 4 \end{aligned}$$

In (X)

$$\text{When } r = 4 \quad a = \frac{15}{5} = 3$$

sequence 3, 12, 48, 192, ...

$$\text{When } r = -4 \quad a = \frac{15}{-3} = -5$$

sequence -5, 20, -80, 320, ...

## Sum To Infinity

If the partial sum  $S_n$  tends towards a limit as  $n$  tends to infinity, then the limit is called the sum to infinity of the series.

### Arithmetic Series

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

can be written as

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

and so as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   $S_n \rightarrow n^2 \frac{d}{2}$

and so as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   $S_n \rightarrow \pm\infty$  depending on value of  $d$

$$na + \frac{n}{2}(nd - d)$$

$$= na + \frac{n^2 d}{2} - \frac{n}{2}d$$

$$= \frac{n^2 d}{2} + na - \frac{n}{2}d$$

$$= \frac{n^2 d}{2} + n(a - \frac{1}{2}d)$$

$$= n^2 \left( \frac{d}{2} + \frac{a - \frac{1}{2}d}{n} \right)$$

↑  
as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   
this  $\rightarrow 0$

The sum to infinity for an arithmetic series is undefined.

**Geometric Series**

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

If  $|r| > 1$  then  $r^n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  so  $S_n$  undefined

If  $|r| < 1$  then  $r^n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  so  $S_n \rightarrow \frac{a}{1-r}$

If  $r = 1$  then  $S_n = na \rightarrow \pm\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  depending on  $a$  sequence  $a, a, a, a, \dots$

If  $r = -1$  then  $S_n = 0$  for even  $n$  and  $S_n = a$  for odd  $n$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  sequence  $a, -a, a, -a, \dots$

Hence

The **Sum to Infinity of a Geometric Series** is only defined when  $|r| < 1$  and is given by

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r} \quad -1 < r < 1$$

~~x~~  
~~x~~



**Examples**

1) Express  $0.\dot{0}7$  as a fraction

$$0.\dot{0}7 = 0.07 + 0.007 + 0.0007 + 0.00007 + \dots$$

Geometric series  $a = 0.07$   
 $r = 0.1$

Since  $|r| < 1$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

$$= \frac{0.07}{1-0.1}$$

$$= \frac{0.07}{0.9}$$

$$= \frac{7}{90}$$

↓ multiply top and bottom by 100 to get rid of decimals.

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2) Find the sum to infinity of the geometric series  $18 + 12 + 8 + \dots$

$$a = 18$$

$$r = \frac{12}{18}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}$$

$S_{\infty}$  exists since  $|r| < 1$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

$$= \frac{18}{1 - \frac{2}{3}}$$

$$= 18 \div \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= 18 \times 3$$

$$S_{\infty} = 54$$

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- 3) Given that 18 and 6 are two adjacent terms in an infinite geometric series with sum to infinity of 81, find the first term.

$$u_n = 18$$

$$u_{n+1} = 6$$

$$r = \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n}$$

$$= \frac{6}{18}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

$$81 = \frac{a}{1 - \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$81 = a \div \frac{2}{3}$$

$$a = 81 \times \frac{2}{3}$$

$$a = 54$$

## **Summary of Formula to Learn for NAB and Exam**

### **Arithmetic Sequence**

$$u_{n+1} - u_n = u_n - u_{n-1}$$

$$u_n = a + (n-1)d$$

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

### **Geometric Sequence**

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{u_n}{u_{n-1}}$$

$$u_n = ar^{n-1}$$

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

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r} \quad \text{for } |r| < 1$$

## Power Series

We can use polynomials to approximate some functions.

Any series of the form

$$a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots$$

is called a **POWER SERIES**.

## MacLaurins Theorem

$$f(x) = f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!}x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

### Examples

- Find a power series for  $f(x) = \cos x$
- Hence find a power series for  $\cos 2x$ .

(a)	$f(x) = \cos x$	$f(0) = 1$
	$f'(x) = -\sin x$	$f'(0) = 0$
	$f''(x) = -\cos x$	$f''(0) = -1$
	$f'''(x) = \sin x$	$f'''(0) = 0$
	$f^{(4)}(x) = \cos x$	$f^{(4)}(0) = 1$

By MacLaurins theorem

$$f(x) = f(0) + x f'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!} f''(0) + \dots$$

$$\text{so } \cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \quad (*)$$

Note  $x$  must be in radians (since using calculus)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) In } (*) \quad \cos 2x &= 1 - \frac{(2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2x)^4}{4!} - \frac{(2x)^6}{6!} + \dots \\ &= 1 - 2x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x^4 - \dots \end{aligned}$$

2(a) Find the first four terms in MacLaurins series for  $f(x) = e^{2x}$ (b) Hence find an expression for  $e^{2x+3}$ 

$$f(x) = e^{2x}$$

$$f(0) = e^0 = 1$$

$$f'(x) = 2e^{2x}$$

$$f'(0) = 2$$

$$f''(x) = 4e^{2x}$$

$$f''(0) = 4$$

$$f'''(x) = 8e^{2x}$$

$$f'''(0) = 8$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!} x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!} x^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1 + \frac{2}{1!} x + \frac{4}{2!} x^2 + \frac{8}{3!} x^3 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{2x} = 1 + 2x + 2x^2 + \frac{4}{3} x^3 + \dots$$

3 Find the term in  $x^4$  in the expansion of  $e^x(1+2x)$ .

↑ expand using MacLaurin

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= e^x & f(0) &= 1 \\
 f'(x) &= e^x & f'(0) &= 1 \\
 f''(x) &= e^x & f''(0) &= 1 \quad \text{etc.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{1}{1!} x + \frac{1}{2!} x^2 + \frac{1}{3!} x^3 + \frac{1}{4!} x^4 + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{so } e^x(1+2x) &= e^x + 2xe^x \\
 &= \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} + \dots\right) + 2x\left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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term in  $x^4$ 

$$\frac{x^4}{24} + \frac{2x^4}{6} = \frac{9}{24} x^4.$$

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#### Basic Expansions

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

← valid for

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots$$

$$-1 < x \leq 1$$

$$\tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots$$

$$-1 < x < 1$$

We can use these to derive others.

#### Examples

1. Find a power series for  $\ln \frac{(1+x)}{(1-x)}$

We can write

$$\ln \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) = \ln(1+x) - \ln(1-x)$$

Now  $\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots \quad -1 < x \leq 1$  \*

To find  $\ln(1-x)$  substitute  $-x$  for  $x$

$$\ln(1-x) = -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^5}{5} - \dots \quad -1 < -x \leq 1$$

$$-1 \leq x < 1$$

So  $\ln \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) = \ln(1+x) - \ln(1-x)$

$$= \left( x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \right) - \left( -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} - \dots \right)$$

$$= 2 \left( x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} + \dots \right)$$

$$\text{valid for } -1 < x < 1$$

## 1.2 Applying Algebraic Skills to Sequences and Series

2. Expand  $e^{-2x} \sin 3x$  in ascending powers of  $x$  as far as  $x^4$ .

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Replace  $x$  by  $-2x$ 

$$e^{-2x} = 1 + (-2x) + \frac{(-2x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(-2x)^3}{3!} + \frac{(-2x)^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$= 1 - 2x + 2x^2 - \frac{4}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{3}x^4 + \dots \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Replace  $x$  by  $3x$ 

$$\sin 3x = 3x - \frac{9}{2}x^3 + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } e^{-2x} \sin 3x &= \left(1 - 2x + 2x^2 - \frac{4}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{3}x^4 + \dots\right) \left(3x - \frac{9}{2}x^3 + \dots\right) \\ &= 3x - 6x^2 + 6x^3 - 6x^4 - \frac{9}{2}x^3 + 9x^4 + \dots \\ &= 3x - 6x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x^3 + 5x^4 + \dots \quad \text{valid for } x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

3. Expand  $e^{\sin x}$  as far as  $x^4$ .

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

Substitute  $\sin x$  for  $x$ 

$$e^{\sin x} = 1 + \sin x + \frac{\sin^2 x}{2!} + \frac{\sin^3 x}{3!} + \frac{\sin^4 x}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\text{But } \sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } e^{\sin x} &= 1 + \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!}\right) + \frac{1}{2!} \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{4!} \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!}\right)^4 + \dots \\ &= 1 + x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{6} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{24} + \dots \\ &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{8} + \dots \end{aligned}$$