

## Arithmetic Sequences

### Revision:

1. Copy the formula for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of an arithmetic sequence and state what each variable denotes. This can be found in your formula booklet.
2. One can calculate the value of  $d$ . For the sequence:  $x, x + 2, x + 4$ , demonstrate how. This is **not** in your formula booklet.
3. There are **two** formulas for the sum of arithmetic sequences. Copy both, denoting what each variable means. These are in your formula booklet.

Formula 1:

Formula 2:

Now try the following questions

a) A sequence is as follows: 6, 10, 14, ...

Find the sum of the first 100 terms.

b) A sequence is such that  $u_1 = 10$ ,  $u_2 = 17$  and  $u_{100} = x$ .

i) Find the value of  $x$

ii) Find the sum of the first 100 terms.

c) The sum of the first 20 terms of a sequence is 3560. Given that the common difference is 8, find  $u_1$ .

Did you notice that sometimes Formula 1 is more appropriate than Formula 2, and vice versa? If not, we will talk about it.

**Practice:**

1. A sequence is as follows: 17, 14, 11, *etc.* Find:
  - a) the common difference
  - b) the 12<sup>th</sup> term.
  - c) the sum of the first 12 terms.
  - d) the value of  $S_{100}$ .
  - e) the value of  $n$  when  $u_n = -79$

2. For an arithmetic sequence,  $U_4 = 12$  and  $U_{10} = 222$
- Find  $u_1$  and  $d$ .
  - Calculate the sum of the first 10 terms.
  - Determine if 438 is a term in the sequence.