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converge

converge: An infinite series converges when the common ratio $|r| < 1$ and the partial sums approach a fixed number.

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots \text{ converges to } 1.$$

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diverge

diverge: An infinite series diverges when the common ratio $|r| \geq 1$ and the partial sums do not approach a fixed number.

$$1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + \dots \text{ diverges.}$$

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explicit formula

explicit formula: A formula that defines the n th term a_n , or general term, of a sequence as a function of n .

Sequence: 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, ...

Explicit formula: $a_n = 1 + 3n$

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finite sequence

finite sequence: A sequence with a finite number of terms.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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infinite sequence

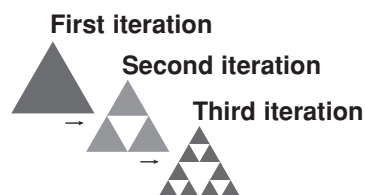
infinite sequence: A sequence with infinitely many terms.

1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, ...

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iteration

iteration: The repetitive application of the same rule.



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recursive formula

recursive formula: A formula for a sequence in which one or more previous terms are used to generate the next term.

For the sequence 5, 7, 9, 11, ..., a recursive formula is $a_1 = 5$ and $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2$.

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term of a sequence

term of a sequence: An element or number in the sequence.

5 is the third term in the sequence 1, 3, 5, 7, ...