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- 1. The sequence  $-17, -12, -7, -1, 3, \ldots$  is an arithmetic sequence.
- 2. The sequence  $2, 6, 18, 54, \ldots$  is a geometric sequence.
- 3. The first term in the Fibonacci sequence is 0.
- 4. Is the sequence 1, 1, 1, ... an arithmetic sequence or geometric sequence or both?

## Section 5.2 Recursively Defined Sequences (Part 1)

### **Recurrence Relation**

**P** 1. Write out the first 6 terms of the sequence  $f : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $f : a \mapsto 3a$ .

**P 2.** Is the equation  $a_k = 2$  where  $k \ge 1$  a recurrence relation? If so, write out the sequence and the 5th term of the sequence.

**P 3.** What is the solution to the recurrence relation  $a_{k+1} = 3a_k$  where  $k \ge 0$  and  $a_0 = 1$ .

**P** 4. Let  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 1$  for  $n \ge 2$ . Write out the first 6 terms. Conjecture a solution for the recurrence relation.

**P** 5. Let  $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 3$  and  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}$  for  $n \ge 3$ . Write out the first 6 terms. Conjecture a solution for the recurrence relation.

#### Strong Principle of Mathematical Induction

**P 6.** Let  $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 3$  and  $a_n = 2a_{n-1} - a_{n-2}$  for  $n \ge 3$ . Conjecture a solution for the recurrence relation and prove it using Strong Mathematical Induction.

**P 7.** Let  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 4$ , and  $a_n = 4a_{n-1} - 4a_{n-2}$  for  $n \ge 2$ . Prove that  $a_n = 2^n(n+1)$  for all  $n \ge 0$ .

**P 8.** Prove  $\forall n \geq 12 \exists s, t \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  such that n = 3s + 7t.