

**15-43** Sequence Types- Arithmetic and Geometric

Arithmetic Sequence: A sequence that grows using addition or subtraction (line)

Geometric sequence: A sequence that grows by multiplication (curve)

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The sequence is -9, -5, -1, 3, 7, ...

- a) The sequence is arithmetic because it is adding 4 each time
- b) The first term of the sequence is -9
- c) The common difference (or sequence generator) is +4

d)

n	0	1	2	3	4	5
$a_n$	-13	-9	-5	-1	3	7

$\checkmark +4$     $\checkmark +4$     $\checkmark +4$

→ included for convenience to find a rule

e)  $t(0) = -13$

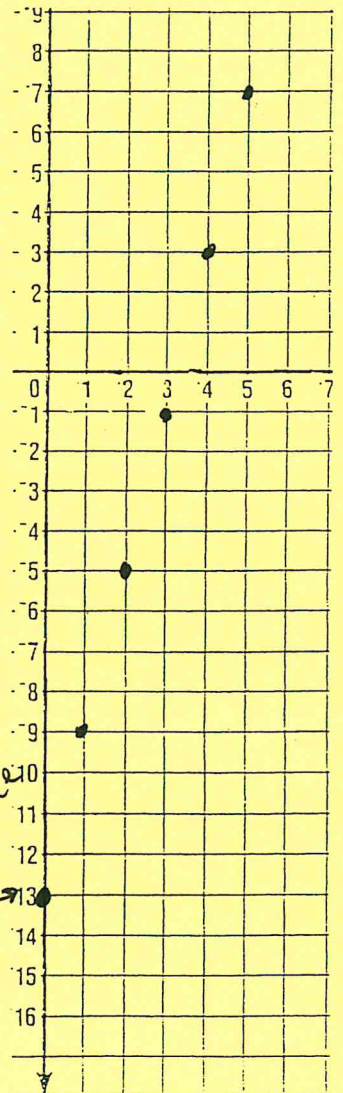
f) The graph is discrete because there are no  $\frac{1}{2}$  terms... only have whole # terms

g)  $t(n) = 4n - 13$

h) Domain: all integers  $\geq 1$

i) The relationship between the common difference the equation and the graph:

equation      coefficient of n  
graph          slope



Think:  
 $y = mx + b$