Explicit Expressions and Recursive Processes - Guided Lesson Explanation

Explanation#1

The recursive formula is given as:

$$t_1\,=\,0$$

$$t_n = t_{n-1} - 3$$

 t_n = the n^{th} term in the sequence, d = the common difference

 t_1 = the 1st term in the sequence, n the term number

So the explicit formula is

$$t_n = t_1 + d(n-1)$$

$$t_n = -3(n-1)$$

Explanation#2

The explicit formula is given as:

$$t_n = 3n - 1$$

 t_n = the n^{th} term in the sequence, d = the common difference

 t_1 = the 1st term in the sequence, n the term number

So recursive formula is

$$t_1\,=\,2$$

$$t_n = t_{(n-1)} + 3$$

Explanation#3

Explicit formula = $a_n = 3^n$

Recursive formula =

$$a_1 = 3$$

$$a_n = 3a_{n-1}$$