

PROBLEM SOLVING

EXAMPLE 6

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63. **HONEYCOMBS** Domestic bees make their honeycomb by starting with a single hexagonal cell, then forming ring after ring of hexagonal cells around the initial cell, as shown. The numbers of cells in successive rings form an arithmetic sequence.



- Write a rule for the number of cells in the n th ring.
- What is the total number of cells in the honeycomb after the 9th ring is formed? (*Hint*: Do not forget to count the initial cell.)

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64. **MARCHING BAND** A marching band is arranged in 7 rows. The first row has 3 band members, and each row after the first has 2 more band members than the row before it. Write a rule for the number of band members in the n th row. Then find the total number of band members.

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65. **SCULPTURE** Sol LeWitt's sculpture *Four-Sided Pyramid* in the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden is made of concrete blocks. As shown in the diagram, each layer has 8 more visible blocks than the layer in front of it.



- Write a rule for the number of visible blocks in the n th layer where $n = 1$ represents the front layer.
 - When you view the pyramid from one corner, a total of 12 layers are visible. How many of the pyramid's blocks are visible?
66. **MULTIPLE REPRESENTATIONS** The distance D (in feet) that an object falls in t seconds can be modeled by $D(t) = 16t^2$.
- Making a Table** Let $d(n)$ represent the distance the object falls in the n th second. Make a table of values showing $d(1)$, $d(2)$, $d(3)$, and $d(4)$. (*Hint*: The distance $d(1)$ that the object falls in the first second is $D(1) - D(0)$.)
 - Writing a Rule** Write a rule for the sequence of distances given by $d(n)$.
 - Drawing a Graph** Graph the sequence from part (b).
67. **ENTERTAINMENT** During a high school spirit week, students dress up in costumes. A cash prize is given each day to the student with the best costume. The organizing committee has \$1000 to give away over five days. The committee wants to increase the amount of the prize by \$50 each day. How much should the committee give away on the first day?