

# Population growth

## Arith sequences.

### Most important definition.

Sequence = list of numbers. (infinite list of numbers).

Example:

[A] 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, ...

[B] 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, ...

[C] 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, ...

$u_1 = 1, u_2 = 2, u_n = n.$

$u_1 = 2, u_2 = 4, u_n = 2 \times n.$

$u_1 = 1, u_2 = -1, u_n = (-1)^{n+1}$

How does all sequences look like?  
How do we work with them?

General sequence  $(u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, \dots)$

People usually write  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots$

Quick writing  $(u_n)$

Work with a general formula

the element number  $n$  (of rank  $n$ )  $u_n$

is determined by a formula depending on  $n$

$$u_n = n \quad u_n = 2^n$$

$$u_n = 2n \quad u_n = (-1)^n$$

$$u_n = n^2$$

Why do we study sequences?

• Every day I look at the number of persons on this planet.

• Every second I record the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

• Every day, I look at the market value of HBO

• Count the number of radioactive particles.

Famous example: (self propagating rabbits).

• start with 2 rabbits in day 1.

• day 2, it becomes fertile.

every month each pair of rabbits bears a new pair which from the second month becomes productive.

1st month 1 Pair  $P_1 = 1$   
2nd month 1 Pair  $P_2 = 1$   
3rd month 2 Pairs  $P_3 = 2$   
4th month 3 Pairs  $P_4 = 3$

recursive rule  $P_n = P_{n-1} + P_{n-2}$   
with  $P_0 = P_1 = 1$ .

This is called the Fibonacci sequence. (1175 - 1250).

He introduced the arabic notation for computation in Europe.

Question: Can you predict the behavior of the sequence?

Is there a formula for  $P_N$  depending on  $N$ ?

$$R_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m+1} + \left( 1 - \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} \right) \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^m$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \right]^m \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^m$$

$$R_m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m+1} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m+1}$$

This sequence is already very advanced.

Its growth is controlled by a particular number:

$$\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

is the golden ratio. (Renaissance called it the divine proportion).

$$1.61803 \dots$$

Wikipedia says:

- Appears in the Greek construction of the regular pentagon.
- flower head of the sunflower.
- Used in monuments and art pieces (by Columbus, some paintings of Dali).
- Bombieri - Cardano worked on it.
- Kepler later studied them.

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9.2 Ex 34, 19

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Example:

Suppose a sequence  $A_N$  is given by:

$$A_m = m^2 + 1.$$

• Find  $A_1$

• Find  $A_{100}$

• Suppose  $A_N = 10$  Find  $N$

$A_1$  Replace  $m$  by 1.

$$A_{[1]} = [1]^2 + 1 \quad (\text{with colors})$$

$$A_{[100]} = [100]^2 + 1$$

$$= 10000 + 1 = 10001.$$

$A_N = 10$  Find  $N$ ?

While what you know  $A_N = N^2 + 1 = 10$

$$N^2 = 10 - 1 = 9. \quad [N = 3]$$

Example:  $A_n = \frac{4n}{n+3}$

Find  $A_1$  ?

$$A_1 = \frac{4 \times 1}{1+3} = 1$$

"  $A_9$  ?

$$A_9 = \frac{4 \times 9}{9+3} = \frac{36}{12} = 3$$

$A_N = \frac{5}{2}$  Find  $N$ .

$$A_N = \frac{4N}{N+3} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$4N = \frac{5}{2}(N+3)$$

TO DO Isolate  $N$

$$4N = \frac{5N}{2} + \frac{5 \times 3}{2}$$

$$\left(4 - \frac{5}{2}\right)N = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$\boxed{N = \frac{15}{1/2}} = 30$$

$$0 = 1 + \frac{5}{2}N = \frac{2}{2} + \frac{5N}{2}$$

$$\boxed{e = N} \quad e = 1 - 0 = 1$$

Example

$$A_N = 2A_{N-1} + A_{N-2}$$

$$A_1 = 1 \quad A_2 = 1$$

Find  $A_8$

$$A_1 = 1 \quad A_2 = 1 \quad A_3 = 2 \times 1 + 1 = 3$$

$$A_4 = 2 \times 3 + 1 = 7 \quad A_5 = 2 \times 7 + 3 = 17$$

$$A_6 = 2 \times 17 + 7 = 41 \quad A_7 = 99$$

$$A_8 = 198 + 41 = 239$$

## Linear growth

Example: every day, the quantity increases by the same quantity.

$$\text{quantity} = 1$$

$$u_0 = 1 \quad u_1 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$u_2 = 2 + 1 = 3$$

$$u_3 = 3 + 1 = 4$$

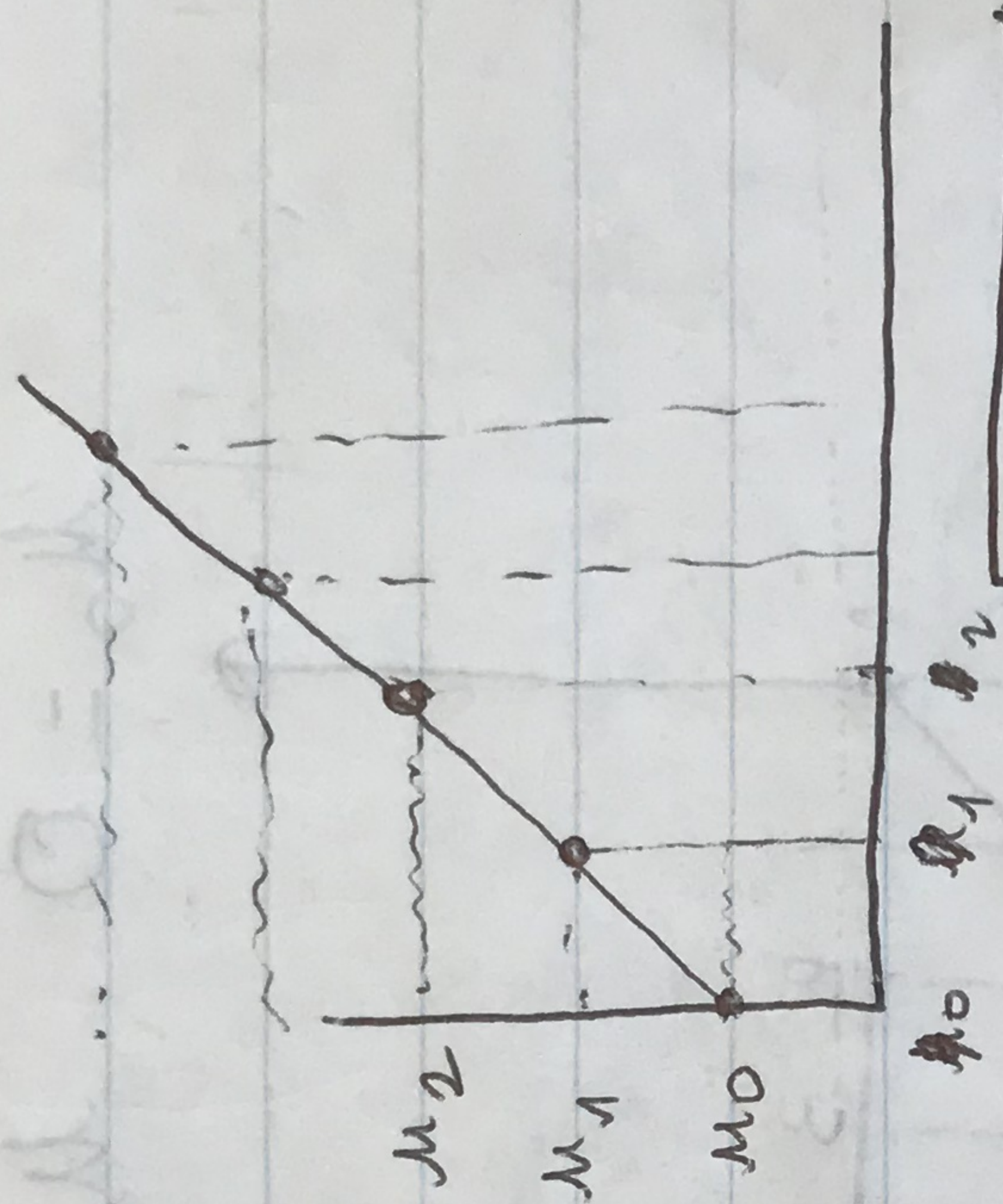
Guess the general formula?

$$u_0 = 1.5$$

$$u_1 = 1.5 + 1 = 2.5$$

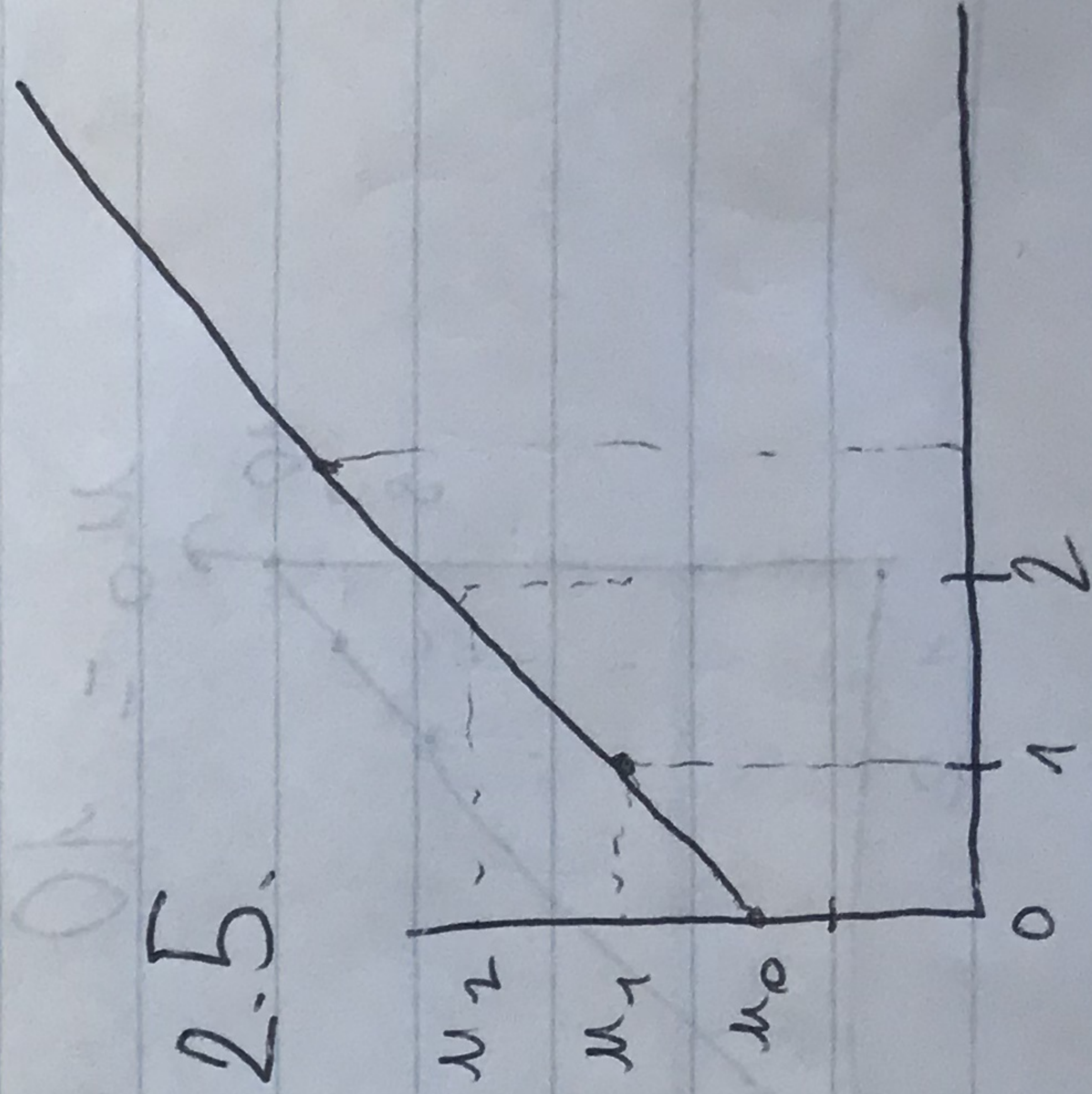
$$u_2 = 3.5$$

$$u_m = 1.5 + m$$



$$u_m = m + 1$$

$$m=2 \quad m+1=3$$

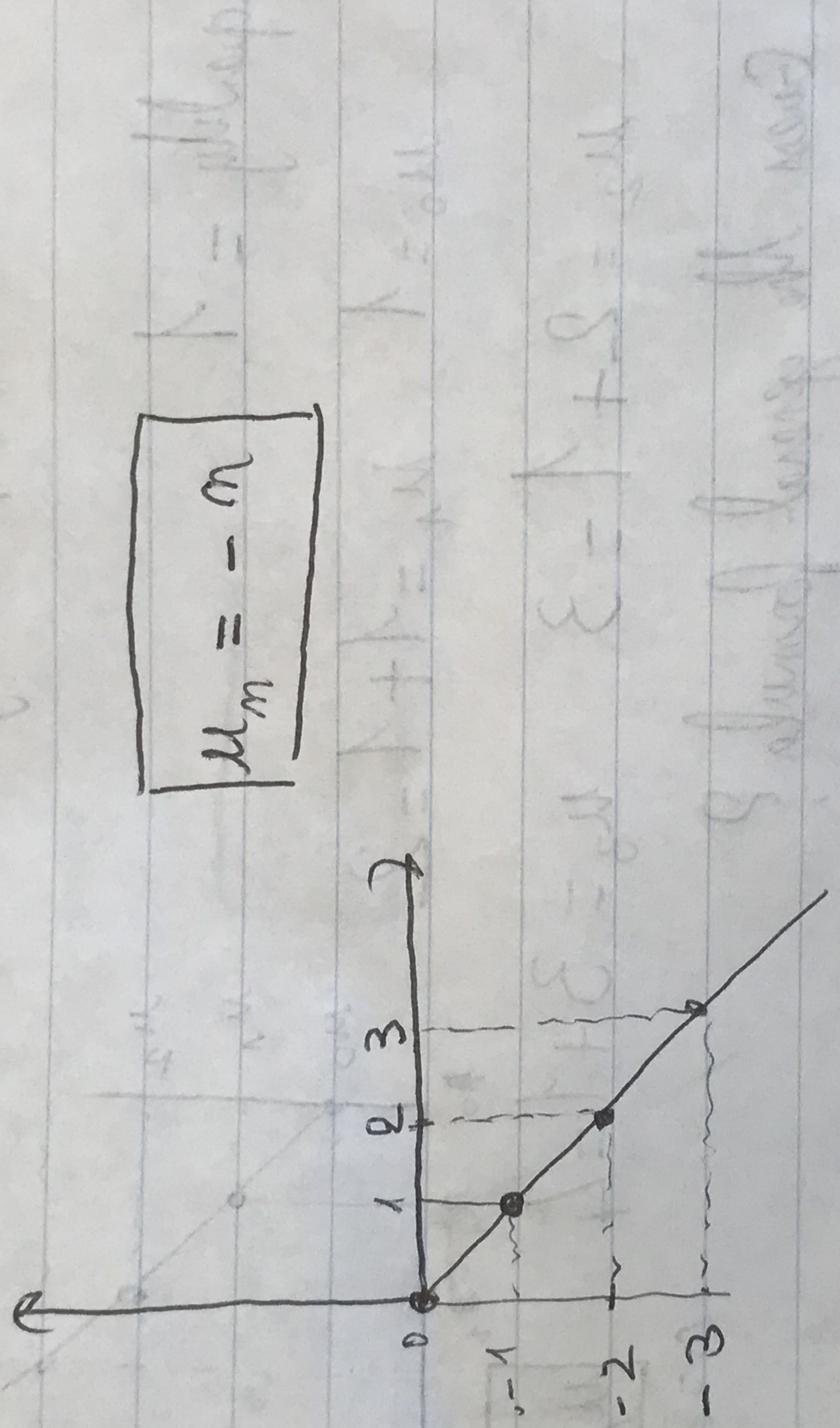




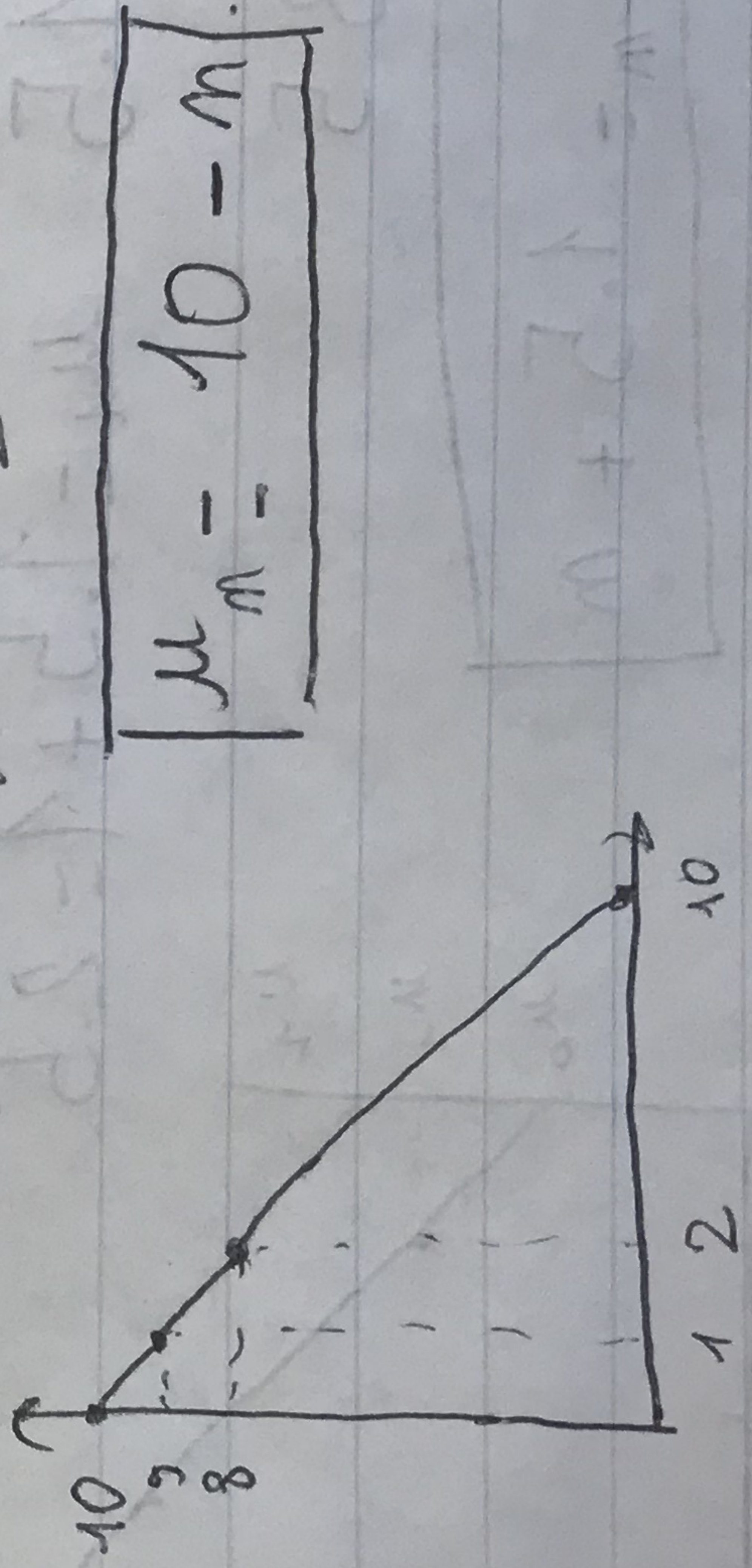
Decreasing case!

by 1, by 2.

$\mu_0 = 0 \quad \mu_1 = -1 \quad \mu_2 = +2$

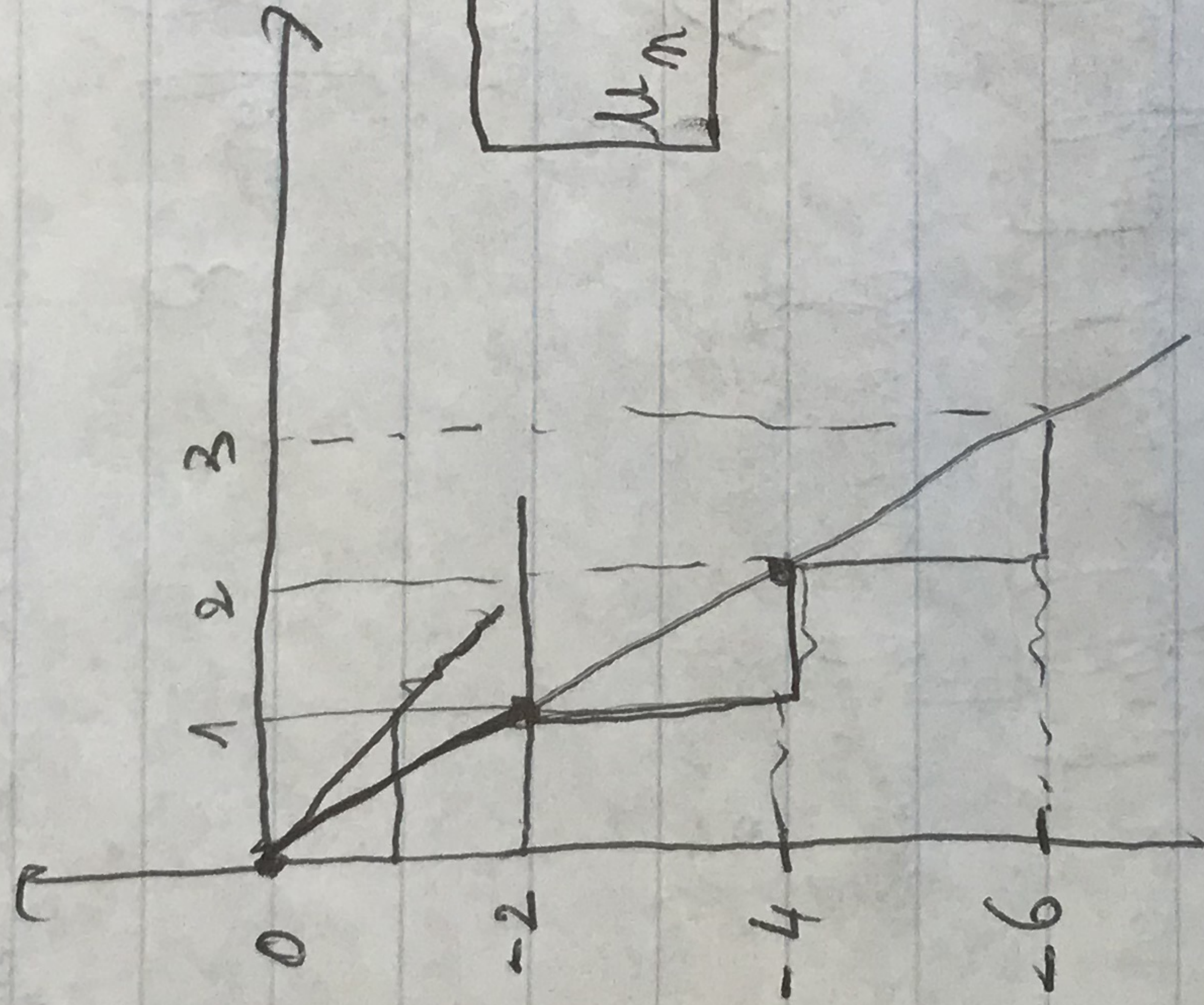


$\mu_0 = 10 \quad \mu_1 = 9 \quad \mu_2 = 8$



Starting by 0 decreasing by 2.

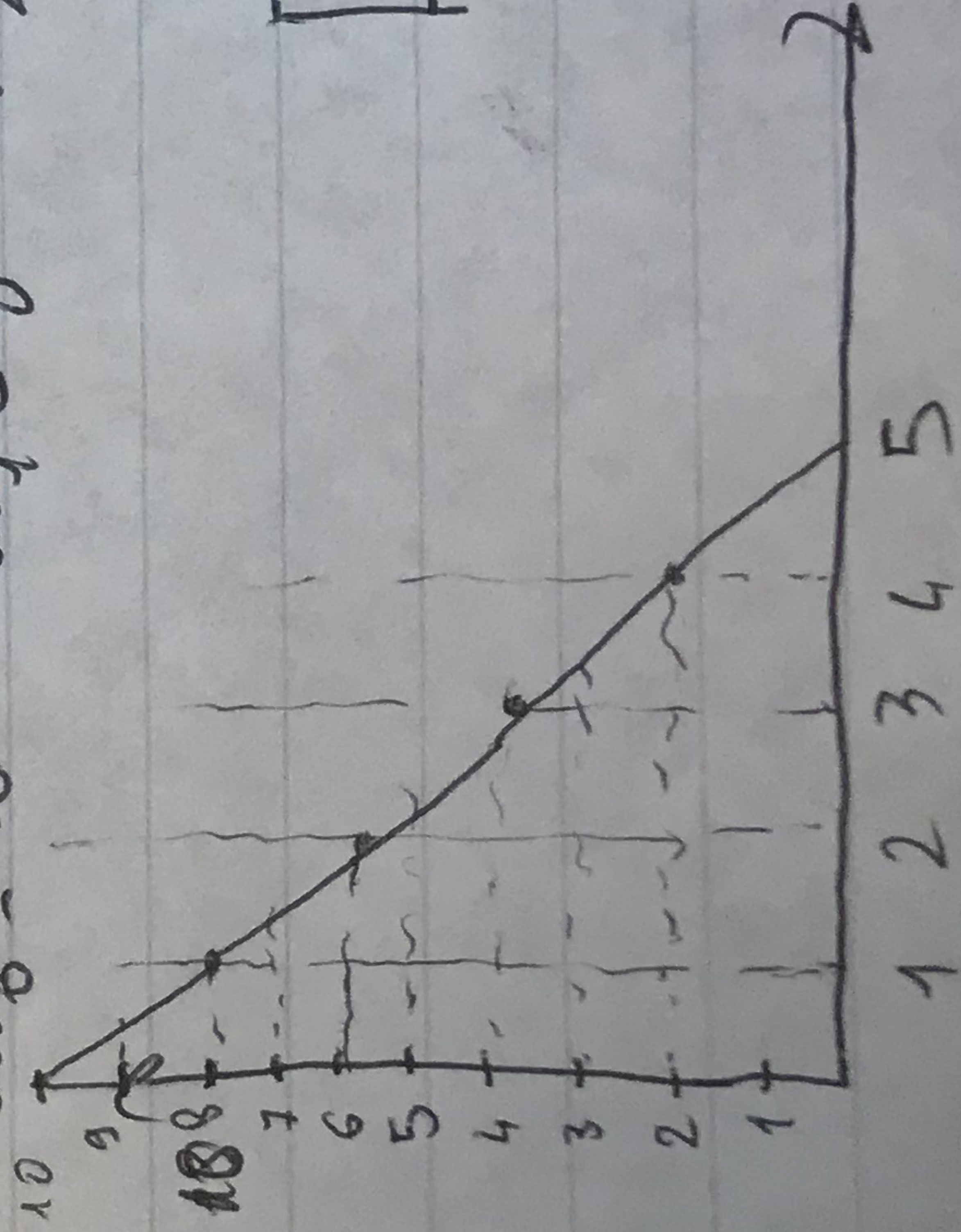
$$\mu_0 = 0 \quad \mu_1 = -2 \quad \mu_2 = -4 \quad \mu_3 = -6.$$



$$\mu_n = -2n$$

Starting by 10 decreasing by 2.

$$\mu_0 = 10 \quad \mu_1 = 8 \quad \mu_2 = 6 \quad \mu_3 = 4.$$



$$\mu_n = 10 - 2n$$

## General form

$$u_n = a + \lambda n$$

~~decre~~  $\lambda > 0$  increasing.  
 $\lambda < 0$  decreasing.

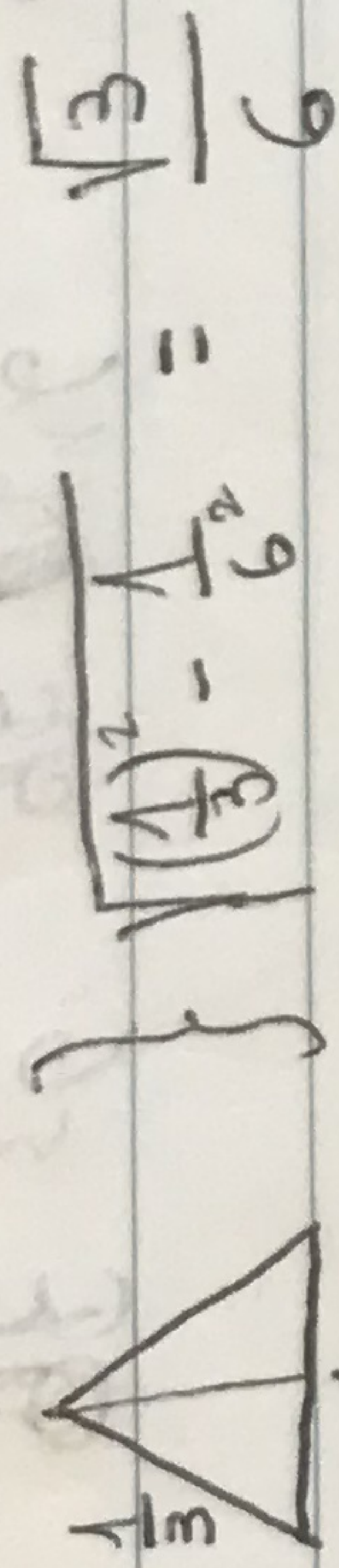
How to guess the general form?

Step 1 • Compute the first terms.

Step 2 • Find the factor  $\lambda$ :  
increasing by "number"  
decreasing by "number"  $\lambda = +\odot$   
 $\lambda = -\text{number}$

Step 3 • Match  $a$  so that the first terms (first 2 or 3) correspond.

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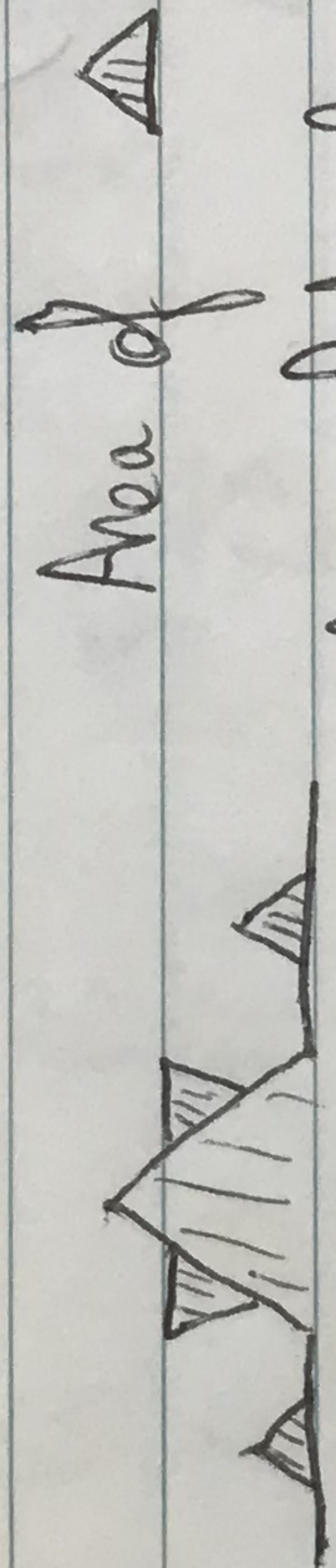


area of  
the triangle at  
stage 1

$$\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \times \frac{4}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$A_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}$$

Area of stage 2



Area of

$$\text{Area of triangle at stage 2} = A_2$$

$$A_2 = A_1 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$$

$$A_2 = \frac{A_1}{9}$$

$$\text{Area of the small triangle at stage } n \quad A_n = A_1 \times \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^{n-1}$$

$T_n$  total area of the snowflake at stage  $n$ .

$$T_0 = 0 \quad T_1 = A_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}$$

$$T_2 = T_1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36} + \frac{4}{9} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}$$

$$T_3 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36} + \frac{4}{9} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36} + \frac{4 \times 4}{9^2} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}$$

$$T_4 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36} + \frac{4}{9} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36} + \frac{4 \times 4 \times 4}{9 \times 9 \times 9} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36} + \frac{4^3}{9^3} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}$$

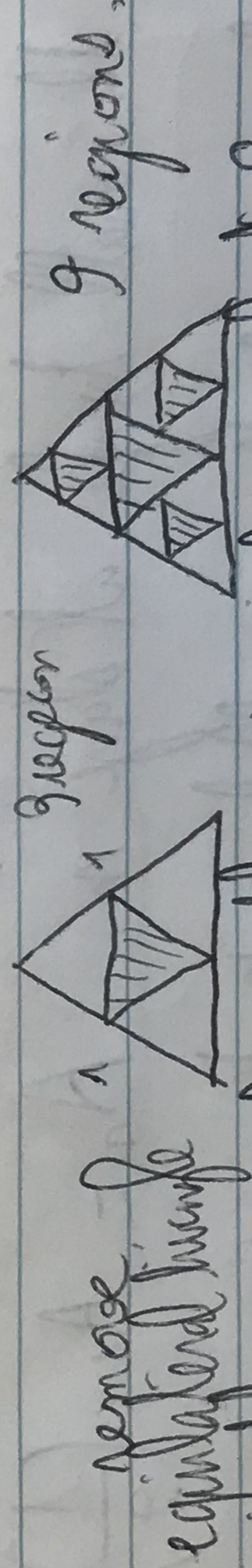
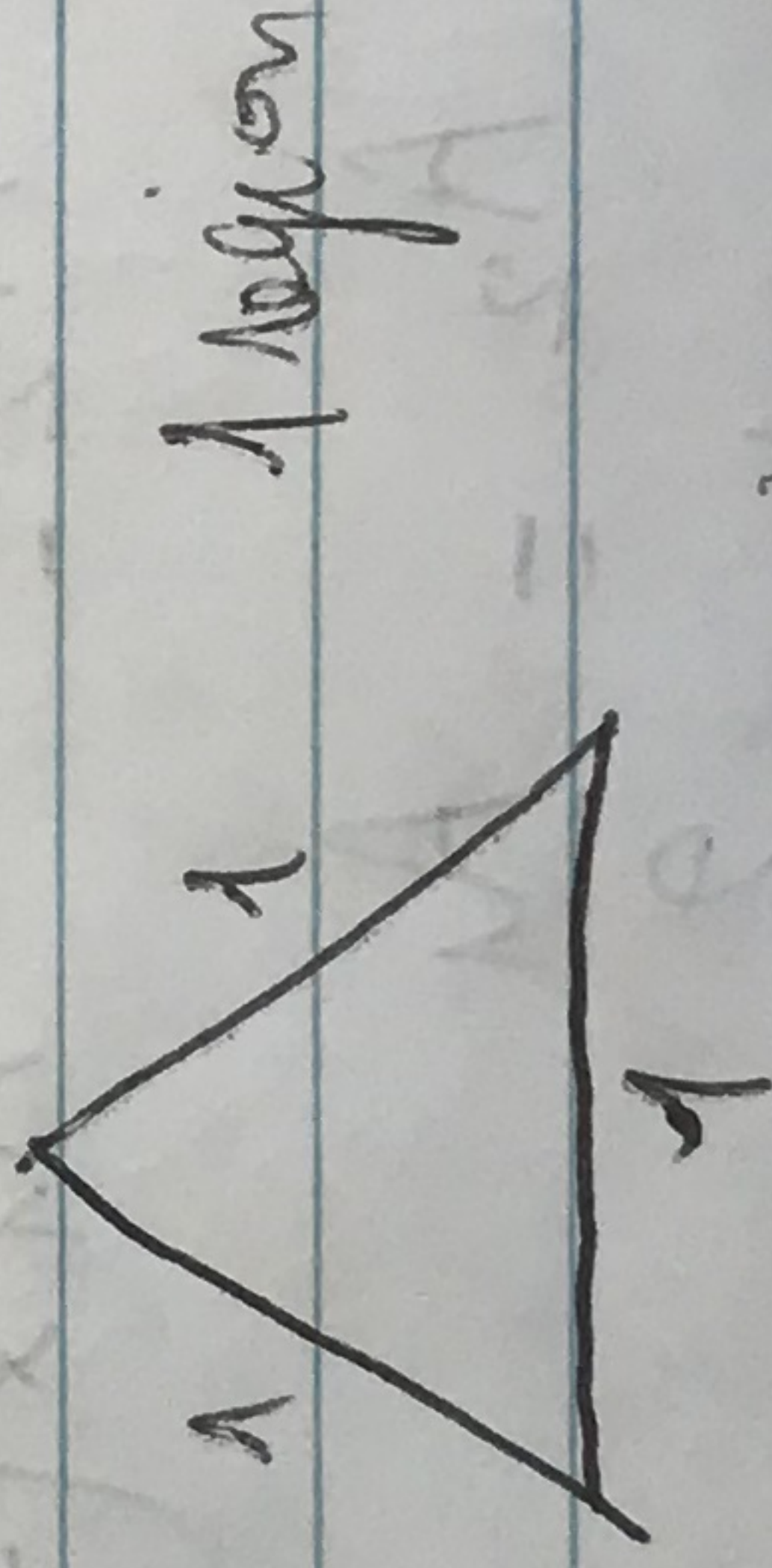
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$$T_n = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36} + \frac{4}{9} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36} + \frac{4^{n-1}}{9^{n-1}} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{36} \left( 1 - \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)^n \right)$$

Sierpinski Gasket

Take an equilateral triangle



What is the area of the Sierpinski Gasket?

Area of the first triangle  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$

Area of each small triangle at Stage 1.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{36}$

" " " 2  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{324 \times 4 \times 4}$

at stage  $n$   $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4^{n+1}}$

Area of  
squares at  
stage 1  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{16}$

stage 2  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{16} - \frac{3 \times \sqrt{3}}{4^3}$

stage 3  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{16} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4^3} - \frac{3^2 \sqrt{3}}{4^4}$

⋮

stage  $n$   $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{16} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4^3} - \dots - \frac{3^{n-1} \sqrt{3}}{4^{n+1}}$

~~$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \left[ \frac{-3^m \sqrt{3}}{4^{m+2}} \right]$~~

$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{16} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4^3} + \dots + \frac{3^{n-1} \sqrt{3}}{4^{n+1}} \right]$

$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{16} - \frac{3^m \sqrt{3}}{4^{m+2}}}{1 - \frac{3}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \text{(small)}$

$= \frac{3^m \sqrt{3}}{4^{m+1}}$