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$$f(n) = 2 \cdot f(n-1)$$

$$f(n) = 6(2)^{n-1}$$

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Arithmetic

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

$$f(n) = -3(n-1) + 4$$

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$$f(n) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot f(n-1)$$

$$f(n) = 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{n-1}$$

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Neither

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$$f(n) = f(n-1) + 0.2$$

$$f(n) = 0.2(n-1) + 2$$

6.) 16, -8, 4, -2, ...

Geometric

$$f(n) = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot f(n-1)$$

$$f(n) = 16 \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right)^{n-1}$$