

Algebra Test 6
Problem 7

That's a typo. A rather significant typo.

The problem should read like this:

4, 28, 196, 1372, 9604...6th term.

To solve it,

This is using the formula for successive terms in a geometric sequence. This formula is explaining on page 793.

It is this:

$$t_n = t_1 \cdot r^{(n-1)}$$

Where t_n = the n th term in the given sequence

t_1 = the first term in the given sequence

R = ratio between the successive terms in the sequence

And n = the "n" number when it describes the "nth term" of the sequence.

So for this problem, you have to indentify each of the shown parts, plug in, and solve.

T_n is what we are trying to find, so we start with the other parts.

t_1 for this problem equals 4. We know that because in the shown sequence, 4 is the first number.

Next, we will note (when the problem is written correctly and I apologize yours was not originally), that the ratio between successive terms is 7, because:

$$4(7) = 28$$

$$28(7) = 196$$

$$196(7) = 1372$$

$$1372(7) = 9604$$

So the "r" in this equation becomes 7.

Then, since it tells us that it wants us to find the "6th term", we plug in 6 for n to get

$$T_n = 4(7^{(6-1)}) = 4(7^5) = 4(16807) = 67,228$$