Practice 4-7

Inductive and Deductive Reasoning

Use inductive reasoning to describe each pattern. Then find the next two numbers in each pattern.

- **1.** 10,16,22,28,...
- **3.** -12,-17,-22,-27,...
- **5.** 80,40,20,10,...
- **7.** 9,10.5,12,13.5,...
- **9.** 2,10,50,250,...
- **11.** -3,-0.6,1.8,4.2,...

- **2.** 9,6,3,0,...
- **4.** -11,-8,-5,-2,...
- **6.** 3,9,27,81....
- **8.** 1,-1.5,-4,-6.5,...
- **10.** 256,64,16,4,...
- **12.** 6.2,4.5,2.8,1.1,...

Look at the pattern of sums below. Write a function rule that gives the sum of the first n numbers in each pattern, where n is a natural number. Then predict the sum for n = 10.

13. $-1 = -1 = 1(2 \cdot 1 - 3)$

$$-1 + 3 = 2 = 2(2 \cdot 2 - 3)$$

$$-1 + 3 + 7 = 9 = 3(2 \cdot 3 - 3)$$

$$-1 + 3 + 7 + 11 = 20 = 4(2 \cdot 4 - 3)$$

14. $\frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4} = -\frac{1}{4} \left(1 - 2^1 \right)$

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{4} = \frac{3}{4} = -\frac{1}{4} \left(1 - 2^2 \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{4}{4} = \frac{7}{4} = -\frac{1}{4} \left(1 - 2^3 \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{4}{4} + \frac{8}{4} = \frac{15}{4} = -\frac{1}{4} \left(1 - 2^4 \right)$$

Explain whether each situation represents inductive reasoning or deductive reasoning.

- **15.** Sandra only has one \$20 bill when she enters a grocery store. Each container of laundry detergent costs \$8.50. She concludes that she can buy at most two containers.
- **16.** When the alarm rings in the morning, David gets up and takes a shower. David's mom hears the bell ring one morning and concludes that David will be getting up and taking a shower.
- **17.** A meteorologist uses a graph showing the relative humidity versus the amount of rainfall. Based on the points, she concludes that the greater the rainfall, the higher the humidity.
- **18.** The length of a garden is 20 feet and the width is 30 feet. You conclude that the area of the garden is 600 square feet.

Find the next two numbers in each pattern.

- **19.** 1,10,100,1000,...
- **21.** 1,-4,-9,-14,...
- **23.** 2.7,4,5.3,6.6,...
- **25.** 729,243,81,27,...

- 20 2 10 22 40
- **22.** $\frac{1}{2}$, $-\frac{1}{2}$, $-\frac{3}{2}$, $-\frac{5}{2}$, ...
- **24.** 9.8,0.7,-8.4,-17.5,...
- **26.** 3.12.48.192....