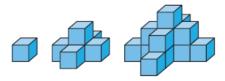
Describe a pattern in the sequence of numbers. Predict the next number.

1. 10, 5, 2.5, 1.25, . . .

- 2. 5, 0, -5, -10, . . .
- 3. 1, 3, 6, 10, 15, . . .
- 4. 1.1, 1.01, 1.001, 1.0001, . . .

The first three objects in a pattern are shown. How many blocks are in the next object?

5.



Complete the conjecture based on the pattern you observe in the specific cases.

6. Conjecture: The sum of any two odd number is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

$$3 \cdot 5 = 4^2 - 1$$
  $6 \cdot 8 = 7^2 - 1$ 

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$$4 \cdot 6 = 5^2 - 1$$
  $7 \cdot 9 = 8^2 - 1$ 

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$$5 \cdot 7 = 6^2 - 1$$

$$8 \cdot 10 = 9^2 - 1$$

7. The product of a number (n-1) and the number (n+1) is always equal to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Show the conjecture is false by finding a counterexample.

- 8. The sum of two numbers is always greater than the larger number.
- 9. If the product of two numbers is positive, then the two numbers must both be positive.
- 10. If m is a nonzero integer, then  $\frac{m+1}{m}$  is always greater than 1.