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Learning target: Recognise how a tool’s syntax differs from formal mathematical notation.

Formal mathematics and software syntax express the same operations differently. A subscripted sequence term becomes a cell reference, multiplication requires an explicit operator, and powers need the tool’s exponent syntax. Parentheses preserve operation order. Compare the formula against a hand-worked example before filling many rows, and document which cells contain fixed parameters.

Try the mathematics

Task 1. Translate $u(n)=1000(1.02)^n$ into a spreadsheet where n is in A2. Enter n=0,1,2,3 in successive rows and give the required formula and expected values.

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