



C_22 Geometric Sequences and Series

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Hand-In Assignment - Geometric Sequences & Series

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sequence that begins: $50 + 37.5 + 28.125 + 21.09375 + \dots$

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A. 4 B. 20 C. 100 D. 500

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$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$t_7 = 0.01(r)^6$$

$$t_7 = 0.01(8)^6$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} r = \frac{0.08}{0.01} \\ r = 8 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$t_7 = \boxed{2621.44}$$

2. Show the using of a formula to find the **sum** of the first 8 terms, S_8 , given the sequence that begins: 50 + 37.5 + 28.125 + 21.09375 + ...

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

$$S_8 = \frac{50(1-0.75^8)}{1-0.75}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} r = \frac{37.5}{50} \\ r = 0.75 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$S_8 = \boxed{179.98}$$

3. Show the using of a formula to find the first term of a geometric series, given that $S_4 = 1092$ and $r = -3$.

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

$$1092 = \frac{a(1-(-3)^4)}{1-(-3)}$$

$$1092 = \frac{a(1-81)}{1+3}$$

$$1092 = \frac{a(-80)}{4}$$

$$1092 = a(-20)$$

$$a = \frac{1092}{-20} = -54.6$$

$$\boxed{a = -6}$$

4. Use an algebraic method to find t_{10} for the geometric sequence with $t_3 = 10$, $t_6 = 80$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$t_3 = ar^2 = 10$$

$$t_6 = ar^5 = 80$$

We know $ar^5 = 80$.

Because $ar^2 = 10$, we can divide on one side by ar^2 , and the other side by 10

$$\frac{ar^5}{ar^2} = \frac{80}{10}$$

$$r^3 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 2$$

Now we know $r=2$, we can find the value of a :

$$ar^2 = 10$$

$$a(2^2) = 10$$

$$a = \frac{10}{4} = \frac{5}{2}$$

Finally,

$$t_{10} = ar^9$$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)(2)^9$$

$$= \boxed{1280}$$

$$\frac{10}{t_3} \xrightarrow{\times r} \frac{80}{t_6}$$

$$t_{10} = ?$$

$$\frac{10r^3}{10} = \frac{80}{10}$$

$$r^3 = 8$$

$$\boxed{r=2}$$

$$t_{10} = ar^9$$

$$\boxed{t_{10} = (2.5)(2)^9}$$

$$a = 2.5$$

5. Consider the geometric series: $3/4 + 9/4 + \dots + 729/4$.
a) Determine the sum of this series.

$$S_n = \frac{a-lr}{1-r}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{3}{4} - \left(\frac{729}{4}\right)(3)}{1-3}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} r = \frac{9/4}{3/4} \\ r = \frac{9}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \\ r = 3 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{2187}{4}}{-2}$$

$$= \frac{-2184}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{-2}$$

$$= \boxed{273}$$

b) Determine the number of terms in the series.

\rightarrow the term is 729

$$\rightarrow 729 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 3^{n-1}$$

$1-3$

$= |273|$

b) Determine the number of terms in the series.

The n^{th} term is $\frac{729}{4}$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{729}{4} = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) (3)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{729}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{3} = 3^{n-1}$$

$$243 = 3^{n-1}$$

$$3^5 = 3^{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 = n-1,$$

$$\boxed{n=6}$$

c) Express the series in sigma notation.

For sigma notation, we put ar^{n-1} into the sigma, as the expression.

$$ar^{n-1} = \frac{3}{4} (3)^{n-1}$$

We know we have 6 terms, so

we get:

$$\sum_{n=1}^6 \frac{3}{4} (3)^{n-1}$$

6. Write each series below using sigma notation. Do not find the sum.

a) $1/3 + 1/6 + 1/12 + 1/24 + 1/48$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{1/6}{1/3} \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{3}{1} \\ &= \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} ar^{n-1} \\ = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

We count, and see there are 5 terms.

$$\sum_{n=1}^5 \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

b) $3 - 6 + 12 - 24 + 48 - 96$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{-6}{3} \\ &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$ar^{n-1} = 3(-2)^{n-1}$$

6 terms

$$\sum_{n=1}^6 3(-2)^{n-1}$$

expand a few terms + figure out what "a" and "r" values are.

7. Determine the sum of the series. $\sum_{k=2}^{14} -3(-2)^k = -3(-2)^2 + -3(-2)^3 + \dots + -3(-2)^{14}$
 $= -3(4) + -3(-8) + \dots + -3(16384)$
 $= -12 + 24 + \dots + -49152$

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

$$a = -12$$

$$r = \frac{24}{-12} = -2$$

$$n = \# \text{ of terms} : (14-2)+1 = 13 \text{ terms}$$

$$S_{13} = \frac{-12(1-(-2)^{13})}{1-(-2)} = \boxed{-32772}$$

8. Determine t_5 , given that an infinite geometric series has $S = 18$ and $r = \frac{2}{3}$

$$S = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

$$18 = \frac{a}{1-\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\frac{1}{3}(18) = \left(\frac{a}{\frac{1}{3}}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

$$6 = a$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$t_5 = 6\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 = \frac{6}{1} \left(\frac{16}{81}\right) = \frac{96}{81} = \boxed{\frac{32}{27}}$$

9. Where possible, find the sum of the following infinite series. If it is not possible, state "No finite sum." Check: $-1 < r < 1$ is needed, to have a sum

a) $81 + 27 + 9 + 3 + \dots$

$$r = \frac{27}{81} = \frac{1}{3} \quad -1 < \frac{1}{3} < 1, \text{ so we CAN sum.}$$

$$S = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{81}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = \boxed{121.5}$$

b) $20 - 30 + 45 - 67.5 + \dots$

$$r = \frac{-30}{20} = -\frac{3}{2} \quad \text{This is NOT between } -1 \text{ and } 1,$$

so: $\boxed{\text{No finite sum.}}$

10. Determine the infinite sum:

$$S = 0.3 + \frac{2}{100} + \frac{2}{1000} + \frac{2}{10000} + \dots$$

Give answer as a fraction.

(Hint - think carefully about what you use as the first term in the formula!)

What is r ?

$$\frac{\frac{2}{100}}{0.3} = 0.0\bar{6}$$

$$\frac{\frac{2}{1000}}{\frac{2}{100}} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\frac{\frac{2}{10000}}{\frac{2}{1000}} = \frac{1}{10}$$

That first term, 0.3, doesn't give the same r -value.

We'll set 0.3 aside for now, and add up the rest of the series.

Let's add up this part:

$$\frac{2}{100} + \frac{2}{1000} + \dots$$

$$S = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{100}}{1-\frac{1}{10}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{100}}{\frac{9}{10}}$$

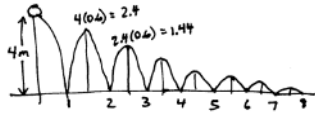
$$= \frac{2}{100} \cdot \frac{10}{9}$$

$$= \frac{20}{900} = \frac{2}{90}$$

$$\text{Total sum} = 0.3 + \frac{2}{90}$$

$$= \frac{30}{100} + \frac{2}{90}$$

$$= \frac{27}{90} + \frac{2}{90} = \boxed{\frac{29}{90}}$$



11. A ball is dropped from a height of 4.0 meters to a floor. After each bounce, the ball rises to 60% of its previous height.

a) Determine the total vertical distance traveled when the ball hits the ground the 8th time. (Correct to 2 decimal places.)

Vertical distance = (initial drop) + (up distances) + (downs)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{"up distances"} &= 2.4 + 1.44 + \dots \\ \text{"down distances"} &= 2.4 + 1.44 + \dots \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} 7 \text{ terms} \\ 7 \text{ terms} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} a = 2.4 \\ r = 0.6 \\ n = 7 \end{array}$$

$$S_7 = \frac{2.4(1 - 0.6^7)}{1 - 0.6} = 5.8320384$$

$$\text{Total} = 4 + 2(5.8320384) = \boxed{15.66 \text{ m}}$$

b) Determine the total vertical distance that the ball travels before coming to rest. (Correct to 2 decimal places.)

"come to a rest" means we do the sum of the infinite series: $2.4 + 1.44 + \dots$

infinitely many terms,
 $a = 2.4$
 $r = 0.6$
 $-1 < 0.6 < 1$, so we CAN find the sum.

$$S = \frac{2.4}{1 - 0.6} = 6$$

$$\text{Total} = (\text{initial drop}) + (\text{up's}) + (\text{down's})$$

$$= 4 + 6 + 6 = \boxed{16 \text{ m}}$$

12. A geometric sequence consists of these terms: $2x+5, 3x, m$. The common ratio is $r=4$. What is the value of m ?

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$(2x+5) \cdot (3x) = 4(2x+5)$

$$\frac{3x}{2x+5} = 4(2x+5)$$

$$3x = 8x + 20 \quad x = -4$$

$$-5x = 20$$

First term: $2(-4)+5 = -3$
 2nd term: $3(-4) = -12$

Third term is "r" times the 2nd term: $(-12)(4) = -48$

13. Determine the first term in the expansion of $\sum_{k=2}^6 4(5)^k$.

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Substitute $k=2$ into the expression: $4(5)^2 = 4(25) = 100$

14. The number of terms in the series defined by $\sum_{n=8}^w (2n-10)$ is

- A. w **(B) $w-7$** C. $w-8$ D. $w-9$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{number of terms} &= (\text{top number}) - (\text{bottom number}) + 1 \\ &= w - 8 + 1 \\ &= w - 7 \end{aligned}$$