

33. $a_8 = -10$ $a_{20} = -58$ (20, -58)
(8, -10)

$$a_n - a_{n\#} = d(n - n\#)$$

$$\underline{-10 - -58 = d(8 - 20)}$$

$$8 - 20$$

$$\underline{-4 = d}$$

$$a_n - (-10) = -4(n - 8) \quad a_n = \underline{\quad}$$

$$45.) \quad S_n = \frac{n(a_1 + a_n)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=5}^{14} (-54 + 9i)$$

$$\sum_{\boxed{10}} = \frac{10(-9 + 72)}{2}$$

$$(61.) \quad 1+3+5+7+\dots+299$$

$$a_n = 2n - 1$$

$$299 = 2n - 1$$

$$150 = n$$

$$S_n = \frac{n(a_1 + a_n)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{150(1+299)}{2}$$

$$5 + 10 + 15 + \dots + 90$$

$$a_n = 5n$$

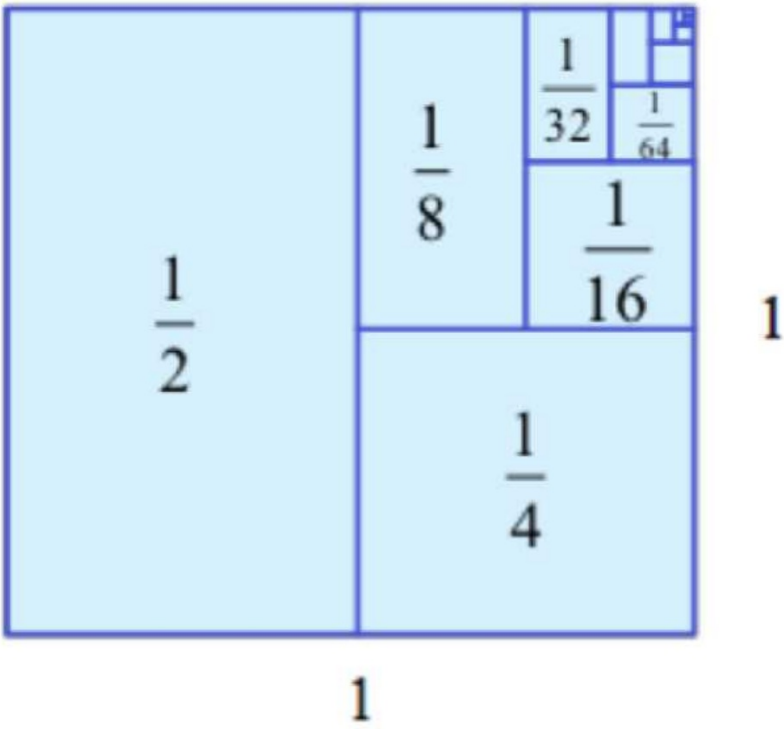
$$90 = 5n$$

$$18 = n$$

$$S_{18} = \frac{18(5+90)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{18} 5n$$

7.3/7.4 Geometric Sequences and Series



*See printout.

Geometric Sequences

In a **geometric sequence**, the ratio of any term to the previous term is constant. This constant ratio is called the **common ratio** and is denoted by r .

ex: Determine if the sequences is geometric. If so, identify the common ratio.

a) 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 ... **no**

b) 3, 6, 12, 24, 48 ... **yes**
 $r = 2$

$$\frac{a_2}{a_1} = r$$

c) 16, 12, 9, 27/4 ... $\frac{9}{12} = \frac{3}{4}$ **yes**
 $\frac{12}{16} = \frac{3}{4}$

ex: Write the 1st ~~3~~₄ terms of the sequence and sketch the graph.

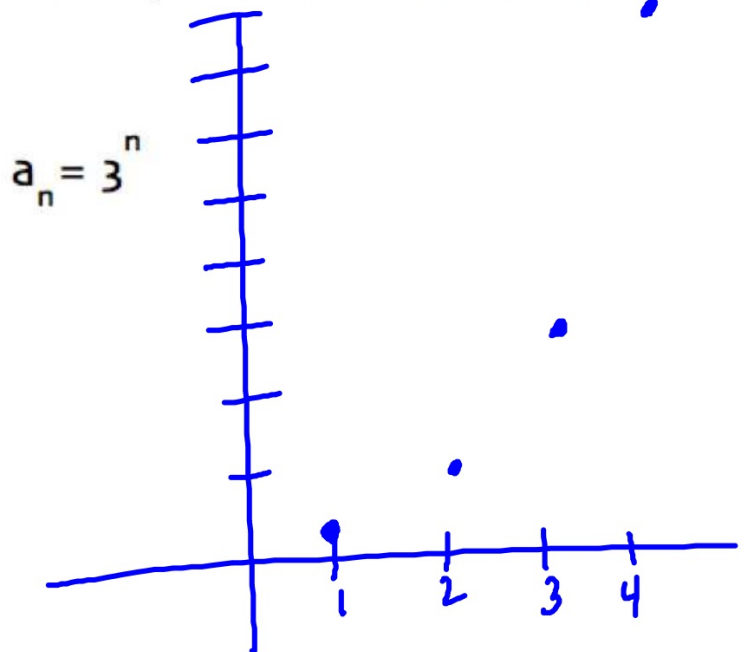
$$a_n = 3^n$$

$$a_1 = 3$$

$$a_2 = 9$$

$$a_3 = 27$$

$$a_4 = 81$$



Writing Explicit Rules for Geometric Sequences/Series

*Since geometric sequences have an exponential pattern, the explicit rule is exponential!

Recall Exponential Functions: $y = ab^x$

$$\text{Explicit Rule: } a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$$

Where:

a_1 1st term

r common ratio

ex: Write an explicit rule for the geometric sequence.

a) 4, 20, 100, 500 . . .

$$a_1 = 4 \quad a_n = 4 \cdot 5^{n-1}$$
$$r = 5$$

b) $a_2 = 3, r = 1/4$

$$a_1 = 12 \quad a_n = 12 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n-1}$$

ex: Write an explicit rule for the geometric sequence.

c) $a_3 = 10, a_6 = 270$

30 $r = 3$

90 $a_2 = \frac{10}{3}$

270 $a_1 = \frac{10}{9}$

$$10r^3 = 270$$

$$r^3 = 27$$

$$r = 3$$

$$a_n = \frac{10}{9} (3)^{n-1}$$

Writing Recursive Rules for Geometric Sequences/Series

ex: Write a recursive rule for the geometric sequence.

a) 4, 20, 100, 500 . . .

$$r = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 4 \\ a_n &= a_{n-1} \cdot 5 \end{aligned}$$

b) $a_1 = 3, r = 1/4$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 12 \\ a_n &= a_{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

The Sum of a FINITE Geometric Sequence/Series

The Sum of a Finite Geometric Series

The sum of the first n terms of a geometric series with common ratio $r \neq 1$ is:

$$S_n = a_1 \left(\frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \right)$$

S_n	sum of the 1 st n terms
n	number of terms in the sum
a_1	1 st term in the sequence
r	common ratio

The Sum of an INFINITE Geometric Sequence/Series

The Sum of an Infinite Geometric Series

The sum of an infinite geometric series with first term a_1 and common ratio r is given by

$$S = \frac{a_1}{1 - r}$$

provided $|r| < 1$. If $|r| \geq 1$, the series has no sum.

S	sum of ALL terms
a_1	1 st term in the sequence/series
r	common ratio

$$a_1 = 32 \quad r = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$32 + 16 + 8 + 4 + 2 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8}$$

$$63.875$$

$$S = \frac{a_1}{1-r}$$

$$63.984$$

$$S = \frac{32}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} =$$

ex: Find the indicated sum, if possible.

a) 1, 2, 4, 8, ...

$$S_9 = ?$$

$$S_9 = 1 \left(\frac{1 - 2^9}{1 - 2} \right)$$
$$= \frac{-511}{-1} = 511$$

ex: Find the indicated sum, if possible.

$$b) \sum_{n=1}^8 6\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$S_8 = \frac{6\left(1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^8\right)}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} =$$

$$\frac{6\left(1 - \frac{1}{256}\right)}{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Handwritten red annotations:

- A red arrow points from the denominator $\frac{3}{2}$ to the fraction $\frac{4(255)}{256}$.
- The expression $4\left(1 - \frac{1}{256}\right)$ is written below the main fraction.
- The expression $\frac{4(255)}{256}$ is written below the previous one.
- The number 64 is written to the right of the main fraction.
- The number 255 is written above the main fraction.

ex: Find the indicated sum, if possible.

$$c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 6 \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\left|-\frac{1}{2}\right| < 1$$

$$S = \frac{6}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} = 4$$

ex: Find the indicated sum, if possible.

d) $4 - 2 + 1 - 0.5 + \dots$

$$r = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$S = \frac{4}{1 - (-\frac{1}{2})}$$

$$S = 8/3$$

$$g.) \sum_{n=3}^8 6(4)^{n-2}$$

finite
geo.

$$a_1 = 24$$

$$r = 4$$

$$n = 6$$

$$S_6 = 24 \left(\frac{1 - 4^6}{1 - 4} \right)$$

$$= 8 \frac{1 - 4^6}{32760}$$

h.) geo.
infinite
 $r = 4$

No
sum

ex: Find the indicated sum, if possible.

e) $9 + 6 + 3 + 0 - 3 - \dots$

Arith. infinite

NO SUM

ex: Find the indicated sum, if possible.

$$f) \sum_{n=0}^6 n^2 = 0 + 1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + 25 + 36 = 91$$

ex: Express the series using summation notation. Then find the sum or explain why there is no sum.

a) $5 + 15 + 45 + 135 + \dots$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 5 \cdot 3^{n-1}$$

NO
SUM

ex: Express the series using summation notation. Then find the sum or explain why there is no sum.

b) $5 + 15 + 45 + 135$

$$\sum_{n=1}^4 5 \cdot 3^{n-1} = 200$$

ex: Express the series using summation notation. Then find the sum or explain why there is no sum.

c) $100 + 20 + 4 + 4/5 + \dots$

*infinite
geo*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 100 \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{n-1} = 125$$

ex: Solve for x.

$$\text{a) } \sum_{i=1}^x 5 - 5i = -50$$

$$S_n = \frac{n(a_1 + a_n)}{2}$$

$$-50 = \frac{x(0 + 5 - 5x)}{2}$$

$$-100 = 5x - 5x^2$$

$$5(x^2 - x - 20) = 0$$

$$5(x-5)(x+4) = 0$$

(5)

ex: Solve for x.

$$b) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3 \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)^n = 7$$

$$7 = \frac{3}{1 - \frac{x}{2}}$$

$$7 = \frac{3}{\frac{2-x}{2}}$$

geo (infinite)

$$r = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$a_1 = 3$$

$$7 \left(\frac{2-x}{2} \right) = 3$$

$$7(2-x) = 6$$

$$14 - 7x = 6$$

$$x = \frac{8}{7}$$

ex: Find the sum of the first 15 three digit whole numbers ending in 5.

$$105 + 115 + 125 + \dots$$

Sum
Arith
finite

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 105 \\ a_{15} &= 245 \\ n &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = 10n + 95$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{15} &= 10(15) + 95 \\ &= 245 \end{aligned}$$

$$S_{15} = \frac{15(105 + 245)}{2} = 2625$$

ex: Find the missing terms of the arithmetic sequence.

$$\dots \underline{37}, 33, \underline{29}, 25 \dots$$

ex: Find the missing terms of the geometric sequence.

$$\dots 48, \underline{16}, \underline{16/3}, \underline{48/9}, \dots$$

$48 \mid 27$