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### 1.5 Infinite Geometric Series

#### Part 1 – Key Ideas

##### Arithmetic Sequence and Series

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$n$  is the number of terms ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ )

$d$  is the common difference

$t_n$  is the general term or  $n^{\text{th}}$  term

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#### Infinite Geometric Series:

- **Convergent Series:** A series with an infinite number of terms, in which the sequence of partial sums approaches a fixed value.
- **Divergent Series:** A series with an infinite number of terms, in which the sequence of partial sums does not approach a fixed value.

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**Part 2 – Convergent or Divergent Series?**

Use the following information to answer Q1-Q2:

A Geometric Sequence is shown below:

$$2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + 32 + \dots$$

$$r = \frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{8}{4} = 2$$

$$t_1 = 2$$

Q1: Determine the value of  $S_{10}$ ,  $S_{20}$ , and  $S_{30}$ . Is this a convergent or divergent series?

$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	<u>Divergent</u>  $r = 2$
$S_{10} = \frac{2(2^{10} - 1)}{2 - 1}$	$S_{20} = \frac{2(2^{20} - 1)}{2 - 1}$	$S_{30} = \frac{2(2^{30} - 1)}{2 - 1}$	
$S_{10} = 2046$	$S_{20} = 2,097,150$	$S_{30} = 2,147,483,646$	

Q2: Determine the value of  $S_\infty$ .

$$S_\infty = \infty$$

(It just keeps getting larger)

Use the following information to answer Q3-Q4:

A Geometric Sequence is shown below:

$$10 + 5 + 2.5 + 1.25 + 0.625 + \dots$$

$$r = \frac{t_4}{t_3} = \frac{1.25}{2.5} = 0.5$$

Q3: Determine the value of  $S_{10}$ ,  $S_{20}$ , and  $S_{30}$ . Is this a convergent or divergent series?

$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	<u>Convergent</u>  $r = 0.5$  $-1 < r < 1$
$S_{10} = \frac{10(0.5^{10} - 1)}{0.5 - 1}$	$S_{20} = \frac{10(0.5^{20} - 1)}{0.5 - 1}$	$S_{30} = \frac{10(0.5^{30} - 1)}{0.5 - 1}$	
$S_{10} = 19.98046875\dots$	$S_{20} = 19.9999809265$	$S_{30} = 19.999999814$	

Q4: Determine the value of  $S_\infty$ .

$$S_\infty = \frac{t_1}{1 - r} \quad \text{if } -1 < r < 1$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{10}{1 - 0.5}$$

$$S_\infty = 20$$

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Use the following information to answer Q5-Q6:

A Geometric Sequence is shown below:

$$1 \quad (-3) \quad (-3) \quad (-3) \quad (-3) \quad \dots$$

$$1 \quad -3 \quad +9 \quad -27 \quad + \dots$$

$$r = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{-3}{1} = -3$$

$$t_1 = 1$$

Q5: Determine the value of  $S_{10}$ ,  $S_{20}$ , and  $S_{30}$ . Is this a convergent or divergent series?

$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	<u>Divergent</u> $r = -3$
$S_{10} = \frac{1[(-3)^{10} - 1]}{(-3) - 1}$	$S_{20} = \frac{1[(-3)^{20} - 1]}{(-3) - 1}$	$S_{30} = \frac{1[(-3)^{30} - 1]}{(-3) - 1}$	
$S_{10} = -14,762$	$S_{20} = -871,696,100$	$S_{30} = -5.147... \times 10^{13}$	

Q6: Determine the value of  $S_\infty$ .

N/A

Flip flops between positive and negative... but the absolute value (or magnitude) keeps increasing.

Use the following information to answer Q7-Q8:

A Geometric Sequence is shown below:

$$100 \quad (-5) \quad (-5) \quad (-5) \quad (-5) \quad \dots$$

$$100 \quad -20 \quad +4 \quad -0.8 \quad + \dots$$

$$r = \frac{t_3}{t_2} = \frac{4}{-20} = -0.2$$

$$t_1 = 100$$

Q7: Determine the value of  $S_{10}$ ,  $S_{20}$ , and  $S_{30}$ . Is this a convergent or divergent series?

$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	<u>Convergent</u> $r = -0.2$ $-1 < r < 1$
$S_{10} = \frac{100[(-0.2)^{10} - 1]}{(-0.2) - 1}$	$S_{20} = \frac{100[(-0.2)^{20} - 1]}{(-0.2) - 1}$	$S_{30} = \frac{100[(-0.2)^{30} - 1]}{(-0.2) - 1}$	
$S_{10} = 83.3333248$	$S_{20} = 83.3333333333$	$S_{30} = 83.3333333333$	

Q8: Determine the value of  $S_\infty$ .

$$S_\infty = \frac{t_1}{1 - r} \quad \text{if } -1 < r < 1$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{100}{1 - [-0.2]}$$

$$S_\infty = 83.\bar{3}$$

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### Part 3 – Word Problems

**Q9:** As a Christmas gift, Sally receives a gift from her Aunt. On Christmas day she receives \$200, and every day afterwards she receives half of the previous days amount. How much money does she receive in total?

$$200 + 100 + 50 + 25 + \dots$$

$$t_1 = 200$$

$$r = 0.5$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{t_1}{1 - r}$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{200}{1 - 0.5}$$

$$S_\infty = \$400 \text{ in total.}$$

### Part 4 – Quick Review of Arithmetic and Geometric Sequences and Series

Use the following information to answer Q10-11:

Arithmetic Sequence:	2, 6, 10, 14...	$d = 4$
Arithmetic Series:	2 + 6 + 10 + 14 + ...	$t_1 = 2$

**Q10:** Given the *Arithmetic Sequence*, calculate the 8<sup>th</sup> term.

$$t_n = t_1 + (n - 1)d$$

$$t_8 = 2 + (8 - 1)(4)$$

$$t_8 = 30$$

**Q11:** Given the *Arithmetic Sequence*, calculate the sum of the first 8 terms.

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2t_1 + (n - 1)d]$$

$$S_8 = \frac{8}{2} [2(2) + (8 - 1)(4)]$$

$$S_8 = 128$$

Use the following information to answer Q12-13:

Geometric Sequence:	3, 6, 12, 24...	$r = 2$
Geometric Series:	3 + 6 + 12 + 24 + ...	$t_1 = 3$

**Q12:** Given the *Geometric Sequence*, calculate the 8<sup>th</sup> term.

$$t_n = t_1 r^{n-1}$$

$$t_8 = (3)(2)^{8-1}$$

$$t_8 = 384$$

**Q13:** Given the *Geometric Series*, calculate the sum of the first 8 terms.

$$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$S_8 = \frac{3(2^8 - 1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$S_8 = 765$$