

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

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

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(t_1 + t_n)$$

$$r = \frac{t_n}{t_{n-1}}$$

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

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

$$S_n = \frac{rt_n - t_1}{r - 1}, r \neq 1$$

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

**170 - 1.5 Infinite Geometric Series**

Use the following information to answer Q1:

A Geometric Series is shown below:

$$18 + 12 + 8 + \dots$$

$$r = \frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{12}{18} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$t_1 = 18$$

Q1: Complete the Table below. (2 marks)

$S_6$	$S_8$	$S_{10}$	$S_{12}$
$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$	$S_n = \frac{t_1(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$
$S_6 = \frac{18[(2/3)^6 - 1]}{(2/3) - 1}$	$S_8 = \frac{18[(2/3)^8 - 1]}{(2/3) - 1}$	$S_{10} = \frac{18[(2/3)^{10} - 1]}{(2/3) - 1}$	$S_{12} = \frac{18[(2/3)^{12} - 1]}{(2/3) - 1}$
$S_6 = \frac{-16.41975\dots}{-0.\bar{3}}$	$S_8 = \frac{-17.29766\dots}{-0.\bar{3}}$	$S_{10} = \frac{-17.68785\dots}{-0.\bar{3}}$	$S_{12} = \frac{-17.861267\dots}{-0.\bar{3}}$
$S_6 = 49.259259\dots$	$S_8 = 51.8930\dots$	$S_{10} = 53.06355\dots$	$S_{12} = 53.5838\dots$

Q2: Is this a **Converging** or **Diverging** series? Explain. (1 mark)

Converging  $r = 0.\bar{6}$ , so  $-1 < r < 1$

Q3: Determine the sum of the series. (1 mark)

$$S_\infty = \frac{t_1}{1 - r} = \frac{18}{1 - (2/3)} = \frac{18}{0.\bar{3}} = \boxed{54}$$

**MARKING:**

- Beginning 0.0 – 3.0
- Progressing 3.5 – 5.0
- Competent 5.5 – 6.5
- Exemplary 7.0