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Geometric Sequences and Series

What you'll Learn About

- Geometric Series

Common Ratio

r

$$.2 = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$.04 = \frac{1}{25}$$

Determine if the following series is Geometric. If it is give the common ratio.

2) 3, 12, 48, 192, ...

$$\frac{12}{3} = 4$$

$$\frac{48}{12} = 4$$

$$\frac{192}{48} = 4$$

Yes geometric

$$r = 4$$

4) 1, -2, 4, -8, ...

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

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

$$\frac{-8}{4} = -2$$

Yes Geometric

$$r = -2$$

6) 5, 1, .2, .04, ...

$$\frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\frac{.2}{1} = \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\frac{.04}{.2} = \frac{\frac{1}{25}}{\frac{1}{5}} = \frac{1}{5}$$

Yes Geometric

$$r = \frac{1}{5}$$

10) $\frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{7}, \frac{3}{9}, \frac{4}{11}, \dots$

$$\frac{\frac{2}{7}}{\frac{1}{5}} = \frac{10}{7}$$

$$\frac{\frac{3}{9}}{\frac{2}{7}} = \frac{21}{9}$$

$$\frac{\frac{4}{11}}{\frac{3}{9}} = \frac{12}{11}$$

Not Geometric

Write the first 5 terms of the geometric sequence

12) $a_1 = 4$ $r = 2$

$$a_1 = 4$$

$$a_2 = 8$$

$$a_3 = 16$$

$$a_4 = 32$$

$$a_5 = 64$$

18) $a_1 = 4$ $r = \sqrt{3}$

$$a_1 = 4$$

$$a_2 = 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$a_3 = 4\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3} = 12$$

$$a_4 = 12\sqrt{3}$$

$$a_5 = 12\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3} = 36$$

16) $a_1 = 6$ $r = -1/4$

$$a_1 = 6$$

$$a_2 = 6 \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) = -\frac{6}{4} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$a_3 = \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$a_4 = \left(\frac{3}{8}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) = -\frac{3}{32}$$

$$a_5 = \left(-\frac{3}{32}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{3}{128}$$

Explicit

$$A_n = a_1 r^{n-1} \text{ when } n = 1$$

or

$$A_n = a_1 r^n \text{ when } n = 0$$

Use the recursive rule to write the first five terms of the sequence. Then, write the sequence as a function of n .

$$20) a_1 = 81 \quad a_{k+1} = \frac{1}{3} a_k$$

$$a_1 = 81$$

$$a_2 = 81 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 27$$

$$a_3 = 27 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 9$$

$$a_4 = 9 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 3$$

$$a_5 = 3 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 1$$

$$a_n = 81 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$24) a_1 = 30 \quad a_{k+1} = -\frac{2}{3} a_k$$

$$a_1 = 30$$

$$a_2 = 30 \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) = -20$$

$$a_3 = -20 \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{40}{3}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{40}{3} \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) = -\frac{80}{9}$$

$$a_5 = -\frac{80}{9} \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{160}{27}$$

$$a_n = 30 \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$

Find the missing term of the geometric sequence

a_1
 a_2
 a_3
 a_4
 a_5
 a_6
 a_7
 a_8

26. $a_1 = 5$ $r = \frac{3}{2}$ $n = 8$

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

$$a_8 = 5 \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^{8-1}$$

$$5 \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^7$$

$$5 \left(\frac{2187}{128} \right)$$

$$\frac{10,935}{128}$$

A) $a_4 = 81$ $a_7 = 2187$ $n = 10$

~~$$\frac{2187 - 81}{7 - 4}$$~~

$$a_4 = a_1 r^3$$

$$81 = a_1 r^3$$

$$a_1 = \frac{81}{r^3}$$

$$a_7 = a_1 r^6$$

$$2187 = a_1 r^6$$

$$2187 = \frac{81}{r^3} \cdot r^6$$

$$\frac{2187}{81} = \frac{81 r^3}{81}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{27} = \sqrt[3]{r^3}$$

$$r = 3$$

$$a_1 = \frac{81}{3^3}$$

$$a_n = 3(3)^{n-1}$$

$$a_{10} = 3(3)^{10-1} = 59,049$$

34) 3, 36, 437, ... $n = 7$

$$a_1 = 3$$

$$r = 12$$

$$a_n = 3(12)^{n-1}$$

32) $a_3 = \frac{16}{3}$ $a_5 = \frac{64}{27}$ $n = 7$

$$a_3 = a_1 r^2$$

$$a_5 = a_1 r^4$$

$$\frac{16}{3} = a_1 r^2$$

$$\frac{64}{27} = a_1 r^4$$

$$\frac{16}{3r^2} = a_1$$

$$\frac{64}{27} = \frac{16}{3r^2} \cdot r^4$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{64}{27} = \frac{16}{3} \cdot r^2$$

$$r^2 = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$r = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$a_n = 12 \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= \frac{16}{3 \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^2} \\ &= \frac{16}{\frac{12}{9}} \\ &= \frac{16}{1} \cdot \frac{9}{12} \\ &= \frac{144}{12} = 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{12}{8} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\frac{18}{12} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Find the sum of the first 5 terms. Then find r.

42) 8, 12, 18, 27, 81/2

$$8 + 12 + 18 + 27 + \frac{81}{2} = \frac{211}{2}$$

$$r = \frac{3}{2}$$

Find the sum of the first 10 terms. Then find r.

41) 8, -4, 2, -1, $\frac{1}{2}$, $-\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, $-\frac{1}{16}$, $\frac{1}{32}$, $-\frac{1}{64}$

$$\frac{512}{64} - \frac{256}{64} + \frac{128}{64} - \frac{64}{64} + \frac{32}{64} - \frac{16}{64} + \frac{8}{64} - \frac{4}{64} + \frac{2}{64} - \frac{1}{64}$$
$$\frac{341}{64}$$

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

41A) 8, 4, 2, 1, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{16}$, $\frac{1}{32}$, $\frac{1}{64}$

$$\frac{1023}{64} \quad r = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$|r| < 1$$

Find the sum of the infinite series using the formula $S = \frac{a_1}{1-r}$.

41) $8, -4, 2, -1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{-1}{16}, \frac{1}{32}, \frac{-1}{64}, \dots$ 41A) $8, 4, 2, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{32}, \frac{1}{64}, \dots$

$$S = \frac{8}{1 - (-\frac{1}{2})}$$
$$= \frac{8}{1 + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{8}{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{16}{3}$$

$$S = \frac{8}{1 - \frac{1}{2}}$$
$$= \frac{8}{\frac{1}{2}} = 16$$

62. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2 \left(\frac{-2}{3} \right)^n$

$$a_0 = 2$$

$$S = \frac{2}{1 - (-\frac{2}{3})}$$

$$\frac{2}{1 + \frac{2}{3}} = \frac{2}{\frac{5}{3}} = \frac{6}{5}$$

64. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (4^n)$

$$\frac{2}{-3}$$

64B. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} (-4)^n$

$$\frac{-2}{5}$$

64C. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-1}{2} (4)^n$

$$\frac{2}{3}$$

70) $9 + 6 + 4 + \frac{8}{3} + \dots$

$$S = \frac{9}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} = \frac{9}{\frac{1}{3}} = 27$$