

# Sum of Geometric Sequences

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8.4

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n ar^{k-1}$$

$$S_n = a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{n-1}$$

Deriving the formula

$$-rS_n = -ar - ar^2 - ar^3 - \dots - ar^{n-1} - ar^n$$

$$S_n - rS_n = a + \cancel{ar} + \cancel{ar^2} + \dots + \cancel{ar^{n-1}} - ar - \cancel{ar^2} - \dots - \cancel{ar^{n-1}} - ar^n$$

$$S_n - rS_n = a - ar^n$$

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

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

Formula: Geometric Sum

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

a: first term  
n: term number  
r: common ratio

or

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

l: last term

Id

$$S_6 =$$

$$a = -8$$

$$t_4 = 27$$

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

$$27 = (-8)r^{4-1}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{27} = \sqrt[3]{(-8)r^3}$$

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

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

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

$$S_6 = \frac{-8(1-(-\frac{3}{2})^6)}{1-(-\frac{3}{2})}$$

$$= \frac{-8(1 - \frac{729}{64})}{1 + \frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{= 33.25}}$$

2d

b

2d

$$\sum_{i=a}^b (2^i - 5)$$

$$\underline{\underline{b-a+1}}$$

$$= 33.25$$

3f

$$\sum_{i=3}^{11} \frac{2^i}{3^{i-1}}$$

$$n=11-3+1$$

$$\underline{\underline{n=9}}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{2^3}{3^{3-1}} = \frac{2^3}{3^2}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{2^4}{3^{4-1}} = \frac{2^4}{3^3}$$

$$r = \frac{a_2}{a_1} = \frac{\frac{2^4}{3^3}}{\frac{2^3}{3^2}} = \left(\frac{2^4}{3^3}\right) \left(\frac{3^2}{2^3}\right)$$

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

$$//i=3$$

$$//i=4$$

$$S_n = a(1-r^n)$$

$$S_n = \left(\frac{2^3}{3^2}\right) \frac{[1 - (\frac{2}{3})^9]}{[1 - \frac{2}{3}]}$$

$$= \left(\frac{8}{9}\right) \left(\frac{1 - \frac{512}{19683}}{1 - \frac{2}{3}}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{8}{9}\right) \left(\frac{\frac{19683 - 512}{19683}}{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{8}{9}\right) \left(\frac{19171}{19683}\right) \left(\frac{3}{1}\right)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{2.597}}$$

4c

$$\frac{3}{16} - \frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{4} - \dots - 384$$

$$r = \frac{-\frac{3}{8}}{\frac{3}{16}} = \left(-\frac{3}{8}\right) \left(\frac{16}{3}\right) = -\frac{16}{8}$$

$$\underline{\underline{r = -2}}$$

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

$$\left[-384 = \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)(-2)^{n-1}\right] \times \left(\frac{16}{3}\right)$$

$$-2048 = (-2)^{n-1}$$

$$(-2)^{11} = (-2)^{n-1}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 11 \\ +1 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} n-1 \\ +1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{12=n}}$$

$$12 \leq t_1$$

$$=$$

$$\frac{12}{3} \leq n^{k-1}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{12} t_k = \sum_{k=1}^{12} \left(\frac{3}{16}\right) r^{k-1}$$

(11) a)  $40000 (1.05)^5 = \$51,051 \leftarrow \text{Higher}$   
 $43000 (1.03)^5 = \$49,849$

b)  $\sum_{k=1}^5 40000 (1.05)^{k-1}$   $S_5 = \frac{40000 (1 - 1.05^5)}{1 - 1.05}$

$$= \$221,025$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^5 43000 (1.03)^{k-1}$$

$$S_5 = \frac{43000 (1 - 1.03^5)}{1 - 1.03}$$

$$= \$228,293 \leftarrow \text{Higher}$$