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GEOMETRIC SEQUENCE $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

SERIES

$$S_n = \underbrace{\frac{a_1(r^n - 1)}{r-1}}_{r > 1} \text{ or } \underbrace{\frac{a_1(1 - r^n)}{1-r}}_{r < 1}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{24} + \dots$$

$$S_n = \frac{\frac{1}{3}(1 - (\frac{1}{2})^n)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{3}(1 - (\frac{1}{2})^n) \quad \cancel{+}$$

$$\text{AS } n \rightarrow \infty, S = S_\infty \rightarrow \frac{2}{3}(1 - 0) = \frac{2}{3}$$

IN GENERAL, GIVEN INFINITE GEOMETRIC SERIES

$$a_1 + a_1 r + a_1 r^2 + a_1 r^3 + \dots$$

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

↑
 IF $r > 1$, EACH TERM IS GREATER
 THAN PREVIOUS TERM
 IN SIZE

$$S_n \rightarrow \infty \text{ or } -\infty$$

WE SAY THE SERIES DIVERGES

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

IF $|r| < 1$

$$\text{eg. } r = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$r^n = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$$

$$\left\{\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{9}, \frac{8}{27}, \frac{16}{81}, \frac{32}{243}, \frac{64}{729}, \dots\right\}$$

$$r^n \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{AS } n \rightarrow \infty, S_n \rightarrow \frac{a_1(1-0)}{1-r} = \frac{a_1}{1-r}$$

$$\text{eg. } r = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\left\{-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{9}, -\frac{8}{27}, \frac{16}{81}, -\frac{32}{243}, \frac{64}{729}, \dots\right\}$$

$$r^n \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{AS } n \rightarrow \infty, S_n \rightarrow \frac{a_1}{1-r}$$

SO, IF $|r| < 1$ i.e. $-1 < r < 1$

$$a_1 + a_1 r + a_1 r^2 + \dots = \frac{a_1}{1-r}$$

i.e. SERIES CONVERGES TO $\frac{a_1}{1-r}$

IF $r = 1$, $a_1 + a_1 + a_1 + a_1 + \dots \rightarrow \infty$ IF $a_1 > 0$ (i.e. SERIES DIVERGES)

0 IF $a_1 = 0$ (i.e. SERIES CONVERGES TO 0)

$-\infty$ IF $a_1 < 0$ (i.e. SERIES DIVERGES)

$$a_1 + a_1 r + a_1 r^2 + a_1 r^3 + \dots$$

IF $r < -1$

$$\text{eg. } r = -2$$

$$a_1 - 2a_1 + 4a_1 - 8a_1 + 16a_1 - 32a_1,$$

$$S_1 = a_1$$

$$S_2 = a_1 - 2a_1 = -a_1$$

$$S_3 = -a_1 + 4a_1 = 3a_1$$

$$S_4 = 3a_1 - 8a_1 = -5a_1$$

$$S_5 = -5a_1 + 16a_1 = 11a_1$$

S_n GETS INFINITELY LARGE IN SIZE

SO THE SERIES DIVERGES

eg. $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{24} + \dots$ SERIES CONVERGES TO $\frac{2}{3}$

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

IF $r = -1$

$$a_1 - a_1 + a_1 - a_1 + a_1 - a_1 + \dots \xrightarrow{=0 \quad =0 \quad =0} 0$$

$$a_1 - a_1 + a_1 - a_1 + a_1 - a_1 + \dots \xrightarrow{=0 \quad =0 \quad =0} a_1$$

IF $a_1 = 0$, SERIES CONVERGES TO 0

IF $a_1 \neq 0$, SERIES DIVERGES

$$a_1 - a_1 + a_1 - a_1 + \dots$$

$$S_1 = a_1$$

$$S_2 = a_1 - a_1 = 0$$

$$S_3 = 0 + a_1 = a_1$$

$$S_4 = a_1 + a_1 = 0$$

S_n DOES NOT HEAD TO

ANY 1 NUMBER EXCEPT IF $a_1 = 0$

INFINITE GEOMETRIC
SERIES CONVERGES TO

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

FOR $|r| < 1$;

IF $|r| \geq 1$

THE SERIES DIVERGES

WRITE $0.\overline{654}$ AS A FRACTION IN SIMPLEST TERMS.

$$= 0.65454545454 \dots$$

$$= 0.6 + [0.054 + 0.00054 + 0.0000054 + \dots]$$

$\downarrow \frac{1}{100}$ $\downarrow \frac{1}{100}$

INFINITE
GEOMETRIC
SERIES

$$a_1 = 0.054 = \frac{54}{1000}$$
$$r = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$= \frac{6}{10} + \frac{\frac{54}{1000}}{1 - \frac{1}{100}} \cdot \frac{1000}{1000}$$

$$= \frac{6}{10} + \frac{54}{1000 - 10}$$

$$= \frac{6^3}{10^5} + \frac{\cancel{54}^6^3}{\cancel{990}^{45} \cancel{55}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{55}$$

$$= \frac{33+3}{55}$$

$$= \frac{36}{55}$$

ON JAN 1, 2008, JOE DEPOSITS \$2,000 INTO A RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

HIS FUNDS GROW IN THE ACCOUNT BY 5% PER YEAR

IN ADDITION, ON EVERY JAN 1 AFTER THAT, HE DEPOSITS ANOTHER \$2,000.

HOW MUCH IS HIS ACCOUNT WORTH ON JAN 1, 2048?

a_n = AMOUNT IN THE ACCOUNT ON JAN 1 OF THE n -TH YEAR

a_1 = AMOUNT ON JAN 1 OF YEAR 1 (2008) = \$2,000

a_2 = " " " 2 (2009)

$$= \frac{2000 + 2000 * 0.05}{\text{PREVIOUS FUNDS + GROWTH}} + \frac{2000}{\text{NEW DEPOSIT}}$$
$$= \frac{2000(1+0.05)}{2000}$$

$$= 2000(1.05) + 2000$$

$\underbrace{}_{100\% + 5\% = 105\%}$

$$a_3 = [2000(1.05) + 2000](1.05) + 2000$$

$$= 2000(1.05)^2 + 2000(1.05) + 2000 \quad \leftarrow \text{GEOMETRIC SERIES (WRITTEN IN REVERSE)}$$

$$a_n = \underbrace{2000(1.05)^{n-1} + 2000(1.05)^{n-2} + \dots + 2000}_{n \text{ TERMS}}$$

$$a_1 = 2000$$
$$r = 1.05$$