

# Geometric Series and Sequences

Student Practice Pages

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This packet includes student worksheets with practice problems for each of the following topics.

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## Geometric Sequences: Finding the Next Terms

- 1 Find the next 2 terms in the sequence.

6    24    96

What is the common ratio ( $r$ )?

The next 2 numbers in the sequence are...

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Find the next 3 terms in the sequence.

96    24    6

What is the common ratio ( $r$ )?

The next 3 numbers in the sequence are...

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 Find the next 2 terms in the sequence.

13    - 39    117

What is the common ratio ( $r$ )?

The next 2 numbers in the sequence are...

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 Find the next 3 terms in the sequence.

500    100    20

What is the common ratio ( $r$ )?

The next 3 numbers in the sequence are...

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 Find the next 2 terms in the sequence.

4    32    256

What is the common ratio ( $r$ )?

The next 2 numbers in the sequence are...

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 Find the next 3 terms in the sequence.

-128    32    - 8

What is the common ratio ( $r$ )?

The next 3 numbers in the sequence are...

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

- 7 Find the next 2 terms in the sequence.

800    - 80    8

What is the common ratio ( $r$ )?

The next 2 numbers in the sequence are...

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- 8 Find the next 3 terms in the sequence.

32    40    50

What is the common ratio ( $r$ )?

The next 3 numbers in the sequence are...

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

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## Geometric Sequences: Finding the Next Terms

- 1 Find the next 2 terms in the sequence.

6    24    96

What is the common ratio (r)?

$$r = 4$$

The next 2 numbers in the sequence are...

384 and 1536

- 2 Find the next 3 terms in the sequence.

96    24    6

What is the common ratio (r)?

$$r = \frac{1}{4}$$

The next 3 numbers in the sequence are...

$\frac{3}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}$ , and  $\frac{3}{32}$

- 3 Find the next 2 terms in the sequence.

13    -39    117

What is the common ratio (r)?

$$r = -3$$

The next 2 numbers in the sequence are...

-351 and 1053

- 4 Find the next 3 terms in the sequence.

500    100    20

What is the common ratio (r)?

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

The next 3 numbers in the sequence are...

4,  $\frac{4}{5}$ , and  $\frac{4}{25}$

- 5 Find the next 2 terms in the sequence.

4    32    256

What is the common ratio (r)?

$$r = 8$$

The next 2 numbers in the sequence are...

2048 and 16,384

- 6 Find the next 3 terms in the sequence.

-128    32    -8

What is the common ratio (r)?

$$r = -\frac{1}{4}$$

The next 3 numbers in the sequence are...

2,  $-\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $\frac{1}{8}$

- 7 Find the next 2 terms in the sequence.

800    -80    8

What is the common ratio (r)?

$$r = -\frac{1}{10}$$

The next 2 numbers in the sequence are...

$-\frac{4}{5}$  and  $\frac{2}{25}$

- 8 Find the next 3 terms in the sequence.

32    40    50

What is the common ratio (r)?

$$r = 1.25$$

The next 3 numbers in the sequence are...

62.5, 78.125, and 97.65625

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## Geometric Sequences: Finding the nth Term

- 1 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, how much bacteria will be in the culture at the end of 7 hours?

Hour(s)	1	2	3
Bacteria	25	275	3025

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_7$ .

- 2 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, what will the account balance be in the savings account after 5 years?

Year(s)	1	2	3
Balance	785	2041	5306.6

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_5$ .

- 3 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, what will the person's salary be on year 8?

Year(s)	1	2	3
Salary	32,000	34,560	37,324.80

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_8$ .

- 4 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, how many bacteria will be in the culture at the end of 12 hours?

Hour(s)	1	2	3
Bacteria	15	112.5	843.75

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_{12}$ .

- 5 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, how much bacteria will be in the culture at the end of 10 hours?

Hour(s)	1	2	3
Bacteria	62	496	3,968

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_{10}$ .

- 6 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, what will the account balance be in the savings account after 11 years?

Year(s)	1	2	3
Balance	930	2,325	5,812.50

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_{11}$ .

- 7 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, what will the person's salary be on year 6?

Year(s)	1	2	3
Salary	18,000	19,440	20,995.20

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_6$ .

- 8 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, how many bacteria will be in the culture at the end of 7 hours?

Hour(s)	1	2	3
Bacteria	250	625	1562.50

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_7$ .

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Bacteria	25	275	3025

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_7$ .

$$a_7 = 25 \cdot (11)^{7-1}$$

$$a_7 = 44,289,025$$

- 2 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, what will the account balance be in the savings account after 5 years?

Year(s)	1	2	3
Balance	785	2041	5306.6

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_5$ .

$$a_5 = 785 \cdot (2.6)^{5-1}$$

$$a_5 = 35,872.616$$

- 3 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, what will the person's salary be on year 8?

Year(s)	1	2	3
Salary	32,000	34,560	37,324.80

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_8$ .

$$a_8 = 32,000 \cdot (1.08)^{8-1}$$

$$a_8 \approx 54,842.677$$

- 4 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, how many bacteria will be in the culture at the end of 12 hours?

Hour(s)	1	2	3
Bacteria	15	112.5	843.75

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_{12}$ .

$$a_{12} = 15 \cdot (7.5)^{12-1}$$

$$a_{12} = 63,352,704,048.156$$

- 5 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, how much bacteria will be in the culture at the end of 10 hours?

Hour(s)	1	2	3
Bacteria	62	496	3,968

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_{10}$ .

$$a_{10} = 62 \cdot (8)^{10-1}$$

$$a_{10} = 8,321,499,136$$

- 6 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, what will the account balance be in the savings account after 11 years?

Year(s)	1	2	3
Balance	930	2,325	5,812.50

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_{11}$ .

$$a_{11} = 930 \cdot (2.5)^{11-1}$$

$$a_{11} \approx 8,869,171.143$$

- 7 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, what will the person's salary be on year 6?

Year(s)	1	2	3
Salary	18,000	19,440	20,995.20

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_6$ .

$$a_6 = 18,000 \cdot (1.08)^{6-1}$$

$$a_6 \approx 26,447.905$$

- 8 Assuming that the geometric sequence continues, how many bacteria will be in the culture at the end of 7 hours?

Hour(s)	1	2	3
Bacteria	250	625	1562.50

Use the formula for finding the nth term in a geometric sequence to find  $a_7$ .

$$a_7 = 250 \cdot (2.5)^{7-1}$$

$$a_7 \approx 61,035.156$$

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## Writing Equations for the $n$ th Terms

1 Write an equation for the  $n$ th term in the geometric sequence 112, 224, 448,...

2 Write an equation for the  $n$ th term in the geometric sequence  $-15, -60, -240, \dots$

3 Write an equation for the  $n$ th term in the geometric sequence 90,  $-30, 10, \dots$

4 Write an equation for the  $n$ th term in the geometric sequence  $-9, 18, -36, \dots$

5 Write an equation for the  $n$ th term in the geometric sequence 212, 106, 53,...

6 Write an equation for the  $n$ th term in the geometric sequence  $-14, -42, -126, \dots$

7 Write an equation for the  $n$ th term in the geometric sequence 840,  $-420, 210, \dots$

8 Write an equation for the  $n$ th term in the geometric sequence 19,  $-114, 684, \dots$

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## Writing Equations for the nth Terms

- 1 Write an equation for the nth term in the geometric sequence 112, 224, 448,...

$$a_n = 112 \cdot (2)^{n-1}$$

- 2 Write an equation for the nth term in the geometric sequence -15, -60, -240,...

$$a_n = -15 \cdot (4)^{n-1}$$

- 3 Write an equation for the nth term in the geometric sequence 90, -30, 10,...

$$a_n = 90 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$

- 4 Write an equation for the nth term in the geometric sequence -9, 18, -36,...

$$a_n = -9 \cdot (-2)^{n-1}$$

- 5 Write an equation for the nth term in the geometric sequence 212, 106, 53,...

$$a_n = 212 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

- 6 Write an equation for the nth term in the geometric sequence -14, -42, -126,...

$$a_n = -14 \cdot (3)^{n-1}$$

- 7 Write an equation for the nth term in the geometric sequence 840, -420, 210,...

$$a_n = 840 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

- 8 Write an equation for the nth term in the geometric sequence 19, -114, 684,...

$$a_n = 19 \cdot (-6)^{n-1}$$



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## Find a Term in the Sequence Given a Term in the Sequence and the Common Ratio

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| 1 Find the 14 <sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which $a_1 = \frac{1}{4}$ and $r = 4$ . | 2 Find the 6 <sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which $a_5 = 5,184$ and $r = 6$ .            |
| 3 Find the 10 <sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which $a_6 = 24$ and $r = -2$ .         | 4 Find the 3 <sup>rd</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which $a_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ and $r = -5$ .     |
| 5 Find the 14 <sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which $a_1 = 12$ and $r = 0.5$ .        | 6 Find the 5 <sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which $a_3 = 506.25$ and $r = \frac{3}{4}$ . |
| 7 Find the 16 <sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which $a_6 = 30$ and $r = -0.2$ .       | 8 Find the 4 <sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which $a_1 = 200$ and $r = -0.1$ .           |

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## Find a Term in the Sequence Given a Term in the Sequence and the Common Ratio

- 1 Find the 14<sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which  $a_1 = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $r = 4$ .

$$a_{14} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot (4)^{14-1}$$

$$a_{14} = 16,777,216$$

- 2 Find the 6<sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which  $a_5 = 5,184$  and  $r = 6$ .

$$5184 = a_1 \cdot (6)^{5-1}$$

$$5184 = 1296a_1$$

$$4 = a_1$$

$$a_6 = 4 \cdot (6)^{6-1}$$

$$a_6 = 31,104$$

- 3 Find the 10<sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which  $a_6 = 24$  and  $r = -2$ .

$$24 = a_1 \cdot (-2)^{6-1}$$

$$24 = -32a_1$$

$$-0.75 = a_1$$

$$a_{10} = -0.75 \cdot (-2)^{10-1}$$

$$a_{10} = 384$$

- 4 Find the 3<sup>rd</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which  $a_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $r = -5$ .

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (-5)^{3-1}$$

$$a_3 = 12.5$$

- 5 Find the 14<sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which  $a_1 = 12$  and  $r = 0.5$ .

$$a_{14} = 12 \cdot (0.5)^{14-1}$$

$$a_{14} \approx 0.001465$$

- 6 Find the 5<sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which  $a_3 = 506.25$  and  $r = \frac{3}{4}$ .

$$506.25 = a_1 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{3-1}$$

$$506.25 = 0.5625a_1$$

$$900 = a_1$$

$$a_5 = 900 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{5-1}$$

$$a_5 \approx 284.766$$

- 7 Find the 16<sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which  $a_6 = 30$  and  $r = -0.2$ .

$$30 = a_1 \cdot (-0.2)^{6-1}$$

$$30 = -0.00032a_1$$

$$-93750 = a_1$$

$$a_{16} = -93750 \cdot (-0.2)^{16-1}$$

$$a_{16} = 0.000003072$$

- 8 Find the 4<sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence for which  $a_1 = 200$  and  $r = -0.1$ .

$$a_4 = 200 \cdot (-0.1)^{4-1}$$

$$a_4 = -0.2$$

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## Finding Geometric Means

1 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

2000, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 2

2 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

-2, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, -512

3 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

-4, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, -2500

4 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

-450, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, -0.72

5 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

380, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 23.75

6 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

23, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 621

7 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

920, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 115

8 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

-4941, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, -61

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## Finding Geometric Means

1 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

$$2000, \_, \_, 2$$

$$2 = 2000 \cdot r^{4-1}$$

$$0.001 = r^3$$

$$\sqrt[3]{0.001} = r$$

$$0.1 = r$$

When  $r = 0.1$ , the geometric means are  
2000, 200, 20, 2.

2 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

$$-2, \_, \_, \_, -512$$

$$-512 = -2 \cdot r^{5-1}$$

$$256 = r^4$$

$$\sqrt[4]{256} = r$$

$$\pm 4 = r$$

When  $r = 4$ , the geometric means are  
-2, -8, -32, -128, -512.

When  $r = -4$ , the geometric means are  
-2, 8, -32, 128, -512.

3 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

$$-4, \_, \_, \_, -2500$$

$$-2500 = -4 \cdot r^{5-1}$$

$$625 = r^4$$

$$\sqrt[4]{625} = r$$

$$\pm 5 = r$$

When  $r = 5$ , the geometric means are  
-4, -20, -100, -500, -2500.

When  $r = -5$ , the geometric means are  
-4, 20, -100, 500, -2500.

4 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

$$-450, \_, \_, \_, -0.72$$

$$-0.72 = -450 \cdot r^{5-1}$$

$$0.0016 = r^4$$

$$\sqrt[4]{0.0016} = r$$

$$\pm 0.2 = r$$

When  $r = 0.2$ , the geometric means are  
-440, -90, -18, -3.6, -0.72.

When  $r = -0.2$ , the geometric means are  
-440, 90, -18, 3.6, -0.72.

5 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

$$380, \_, \_, \_, 23.75$$

$$23.75 = 380 \cdot r^{5-1}$$

$$0.0625 = r^4$$

$$\sqrt[4]{0.0625} = r$$

$$\pm 0.5 = r$$

When  $r = 0.5$ , the geometric means are  
380, 190, 95, 47.5, 23.75.

When  $r = -0.5$ , the geometric means are  
380, -190, 95, -47.5, 23.75.

6 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

$$23, \_, \_, 621$$

$$621 = 23 \cdot r^{4-1}$$

$$27 = r^3$$

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

$$3 = r$$

When  $r = 3$ , the geometric means are  
23, 69, 207, 621.

7 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

$$920, \_, \_, 115$$

$$115 = 920 \cdot r^{4-1}$$

$$0.125 = r^3$$

$$\sqrt[3]{0.125} = r$$

$$0.5 = r$$

When  $r = 0.5$ , the geometric means are  
920, 460, 230, 115.

8 Find the geometric means in the sequence.

$$-4941, \_, \_, \_, -61$$

$$-61 = -4941 \cdot r^{5-1}$$

$$0.012345679 = r^4$$

$$\sqrt[4]{0.012345679} = r$$

$$\pm \frac{1}{3} = r$$

When  $r = 1/3$ , the geometric means are  
-4941, -1647, -549, -183, -61.

When  $r = -1/3$ , the geometric means are  
-4941, 1647, -549, 183, -61.

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## Find the Sum of a Geometric Series

1 Find the sum of the geometric series  
 $a_1 = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $n = 10$  and  $r = 3$ .

2 Find the sum of the geometric series  
 $a_1 = -9$ ,  $n = 4$  and  $r = \frac{2}{3}$ .

3 Find the sum of the geometric series  
 $a_1 = 3$ ,  $n = 4$  and  $r = \frac{1}{3}$ .

4 Find the sum of the geometric series  
 $a_1 = 16$ ,  $n = 6$  and  $r = -1.5$ .

5 Given  $a_1 = -3$ ,  $a_n = -192$ ,  
and  $r = -2$ , find  $S_n$ .

6 Given  $a_1 = 2$ ,  $a_n = 486$ ,  
and  $r = 3$ , find  $S_n$ .

7 Given  $a_1 = 1200$ ,  $a_n = 16$ ,  
and  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ , find  $S_n$ .

8 Given  $a_1 = \frac{1}{25}$ ,  $a_n = 125$ ,  
and  $r = 5$ , find  $S_n$ .

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## Find the Sum of a Geometric Series

- 1 Find the sum of the geometric series

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{3}, n = 10 \text{ and } r = 3.$$

$$S_n = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)(3)^{10}}{1 - (3)}$$

$$S_n \approx 9841.33$$

- 2 Find the sum of the geometric series

$$a_1 = -9, n = 4 \text{ and } r = \frac{2}{3}.$$

$$S_n = \frac{(-9) - (-9)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}$$

$$S_n \approx -21.67$$

- 3 Find the sum of the geometric series

$$a_1 = 3, n = 4 \text{ and } r = \frac{1}{3}.$$

$$S_n = \frac{(3) - (3)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)}$$

$$S_n \approx 4.44$$

- 4 Find the sum of the geometric series

$$a_1 = 16, n = 6 \text{ and } r = -1.5.$$

$$S_n = \frac{(16) - (16)(-1.5)^6}{1 - (-1.5)}$$

$$S_n = -66.5$$

- 5 Given  $a_1 = -3, a_n = -192,$   
and  $r = -2$ , find  $S_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Find } n. \\ -192 &= -3 \cdot (-2)^{n-1} \\ 64 &= (-2)^{n-1} \\ (-2)^6 &= (-2)^{n-1} \\ 6 &= n-1 \\ 7 &= n \end{aligned} \quad S_n = \frac{(-3) - (-3)(-2)^7}{1 - (-2)}$$

$$S_n = -129$$

- 6 Given  $a_1 = 2, a_n = 486,$   
and  $r = 3$ , find  $S_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Find } n. \\ 486 &= 2 \cdot (3)^{n-1} \\ 243 &= (3)^{n-1} \\ (3)^5 &= (3)^{n-1} \\ 5 &= n-1 \\ 6 &= n \end{aligned} \quad S_n = \frac{(2) - (2)(3)^6}{1 - (3)}$$

$$S_n = 728$$

- 7 Given  $a_1 = 1200, a_n = 75,$   
and  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ , find  $S_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Find } n. \\ 75 &= 1200 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \\ \frac{1}{16} &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \\ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} \\ 4 &= n-1 \\ 5 &= n \end{aligned} \quad S_n = \frac{(1200) - (1200)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$S_n = 2325$$

- 8 Given  $a_1 = \frac{1}{25}, a_n = 125,$   
and  $r = 5$ , find  $S_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Find } n. \\ 125 &= \frac{1}{25} \cdot (5)^{n-1} \\ 3125 &= (5)^{n-1} \\ (5)^5 &= (5)^{n-1} \\ 5 &= n-1 \\ 6 &= n \end{aligned} \quad S_n = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{25}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{25}\right)(5)^6}{1 - (5)}$$

$$S_n = 156.24$$

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## Find the First Term in a Geometric Series



① Given  $r = 3$ ,  $a_n = 486$ , and  $S_n = 726$ , find  $a_1$ .

② Given  $n = 12$ ,  $r = -2$ , and  $S_n = -1365$ , find  $a_1$ .

③ Given  $r = -2$ ,  $a_n = 1280$ , and  $S_n = 850$ , find  $a_1$ .

④ Given  $n = 5$ ,  $r = -3$ , and  $S_n = 183$ , find  $a_1$ .

⑤ Given  $r = 4$ ,  $n = 5$ , and  $S_n = 1705$ , find  $a_1$ .

⑥ Given  $n = 7$ ,  $r = -5$ , and  $S_n = 52,084$ , find  $a_1$ .

⑦ Given  $r = 2$ ,  $n = 7$ , and  $S_n = 381$ , find  $a_1$ .

⑧ Given  $n = 6$ ,  $r = 1.5$ , and  $S_n = 665$ , find  $a_1$ .

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## Find the First Term in a Geometric Series

1 Given  $r = 3$ ,  $a_n = 486$ , and  $S_n = 726$ , find  $a_1$ .

$$726 = \frac{a_1 - (486)(3)}{1 - (3)}$$

$$726 = \frac{a_1 - 1458}{-2}$$

$$6 = a_1$$

2 Given  $n = 12$ ,  $r = -2$ , and  $S_n = -1365$ , find  $a_1$ .

$$-1365 = \frac{a_1(1 - (-2)^{12})}{1 - (-2)}$$

$$-1365 = \frac{-4095a_1}{3}$$

$$-4095 = -4095a_1$$

$$1 = a_1$$

3 Given  $r = -2$ ,  $a_n = 1280$ , and  $S_n = 850$ , find  $a_1$ .

$$850 = \frac{a_1 - (1280)(-2)}{1 - (-2)}$$

$$850 = \frac{a_1 + 2580}{3}$$

$$-30 = a_1$$

4 Given  $n = 5$ ,  $r = -3$ , and  $S_n = 183$ , find  $a_1$ .

$$183 = \frac{a_1(1 - (-3)^5)}{1 - (-3)}$$

$$183 = \frac{244a_1}{4}$$

$$732 = 244a_1$$

$$3 = a_1$$

5 Given  $r = 4$ ,  $n = 5$ , and  $S_n = 1705$ , find  $a_1$ .

$$1705 = \frac{a_1(1 - (4)^5)}{1 - (4)}$$

$$1705 = \frac{-1023a_1}{-3}$$

$$-5115 = -1023a_1$$

$$= a_1$$

6 Given  $n = 7$ ,  $r = -5$ , and  $S_n = 52,084$ , find  $a_1$ .

$$52084 = \frac{a_1(1 - (-5)^7)}{1 - (-5)}$$

$$52084 = \frac{78126a_1}{6}$$

$$312504 = 78126a_1$$

$$4 = a_1$$

7 Given  $r = 2$ ,  $n = 7$ , and  $S_n = 381$ , find  $a_1$ .

$$381 = \frac{a_1(1 - (2)^7)}{1 - (2)}$$

$$381 = \frac{-127a_1}{-1}$$

$$-381 = -127a_1$$

$$3 = a_1$$

8 Given  $n = 6$ ,  $r = 1.5$ , and  $S_n = 665$ , find  $a_1$ .

$$665 = \frac{a_1(1 - (1.5)^6)}{1 - (1.5)}$$

$$665 = \frac{-10.390625a_1}{-0.5}$$

$$-1330 = -10.390625a_1$$

$$128 = a_1$$



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## Find the Indicated Term of a Geometric Series

1

Given  $r = 2$ ,  $n = 6$ , and  $S_n = 441$ ,  
find  $a_5$ .

2

Given  $a_n = 768$ ,  $r = 4$ , and  $S_n = 1023$ ,  
find  $a_2$ .

3

Given  $r = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $n = 3$ , and  $S_n = 10.5$ ,  
find  $a_3$ .

4

Given  $a_n = 5120$ ,  $r = 2$ , and  $S_n = 10,160$ ,  
find  $a_1$ .

5

Given  $r = 5$ ,  $n = 3$ , and  $S_n = -62$ ,  
find  $a_1$ .

6

Given  $a_n = 1024$ ,  $r = -2$ , and  $S_n = 684$ ,  
find  $a_3$ .

7

Given  $r = -3$ ,  $n = 4$ , and  $S_n = -60$ ,  
find  $a_2$ .

8

Given  $a_n = 8748$ ,  $r = 3$ , and  $S_n = 13,120$ ,  
find  $a_1$ .

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## Find the Indicated Term of a Geometric Series

- 1 Given  $r = 2$ ,  $n = 6$ , and  $S_n = 441$ ,  
find  $a_5$ .

$$441 = \frac{a_1(1 - (2)^6)}{1 - (2)}$$

$$a_5 = 7 \cdot (2)^{6-1}$$

$$441 = \frac{-63a_1}{-1}$$

$$a_5 = 224$$

$$7 = a_1$$

- 2 Given  $a_n = 768$ ,  $r = 4$ , and  $S_n = 1023$ ,  
find  $a_2$ .

$$1023 = \frac{a_1 - (768)(4)}{1 - (4)}$$

$$a_2 = 3 \cdot (4)^{2-1}$$

$$1023 = \frac{a_1 - 3072}{-3}$$

$$a_2 = 12$$

$$3 = a_1$$

- 3 Given  $r = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $n = 3$ , and  $S_n = 10.5$ ,  
find  $a_3$ .

$$10.5 = \frac{a_1(1 - (\frac{1}{4})^3)}{1 - (\frac{1}{4})}$$

$$a_3 = 8 \cdot (\frac{1}{4})^{3-1}$$

$$10.5 = \frac{0.984375a_1}{0.75}$$

$$a_3 = 0.5$$

$$8 = a_1$$

- 4 Given  $a_n = 5120$ ,  $r = 2$ , and  $S_n = 10,160$ ,  
find  $a_1$ .

$$10160 = \frac{a_1 - (5120)(2)}{1 - (2)}$$

$$10160 = \frac{a_1 - 10240}{-1}$$

$$80 = a_1$$

- 5 Given  $r = 5$ ,  $n = 3$ , and  $S_n = -62$ ,  
find  $a_1$ .

$$-62 = \frac{a_1(1 - (5)^3)}{1 - (5)}$$

$$-62 = \frac{-124a_1}{-4}$$

$$-2 = a_1$$

- 6 Given  $a_n = 1024$ ,  $r = -2$ , and  $S_n = 684$ ,  
find  $a_3$ .

$$684 = \frac{a_1 - (1024)(-2)}{1 - (-2)}$$

$$a_3 = -3 \cdot (-2)^{3-1}$$

$$1023 = \frac{a_1 + 3072}{3}$$

$$a_3 = -12$$

$$-3 = a_1$$

- 7 Given  $r = -3$ ,  $n = 4$ , and  $S_n = -60$ ,  
find  $a_2$ .

$$-60 = \frac{a_1(1 - (-3)^4)}{1 - (-3)}$$

$$a_2 = 3 \cdot (-3)^{2-1}$$

$$-60 = \frac{-80a_1}{4}$$

$$a_2 = -9$$

$$3 = a_1$$

- 8 Given  $a_n = 8748$ ,  $r = 3$ , and  $S_n = 13,120$ ,  
find  $a_1$ .

$$13120 = \frac{a_1 - (8748)(3)}{1 - (3)}$$

$$13120 = \frac{a_1 - 26244}{-2}$$

$$4 = a_1$$

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## Find the Sum of an Infinite Geometric Series

- 1 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $100 + 20 + 4 + \dots$

- 2 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $2 + 6 + 18 + \dots$

- 3 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $54 + 18 + 6 + \dots$

- 4 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{40} + \dots$

- 5 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $6 - 12 + 24 - 48 + \dots$

- 6 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $-270 + 135 - 67.5 + \dots$

- 7 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $1 + 0.5 + 0.25 + \dots$

- 8 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $81 - 27 + 9 - 3 \dots$

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## Find the Sum of an Infinite Geometric Series

- 1 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $100 + 20 + 4 + \dots$

$$S = \frac{100}{1 - (0.2)}$$

$$S = 125$$

- 2 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $2 + 6 + 18 + \dots$

does not exist

- 3 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $54 + 18 + 6 + \dots$

$$S = \frac{54}{1 - (\frac{1}{3})}$$

$$S = 81$$

- 4 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{40} + \dots$

$$S = \frac{0.10}{1 - (0.5)}$$

$$S = 0.2$$

- 5 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $6 - 12 + 24 - 48 + \dots$

does not exist

- 6 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $-270 + 135 - 67.5 + \dots$

$$S = \frac{-270}{1 - (-0.5)}$$

$$S = -180$$

- 7 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $1 + 0.5 + 0.25 + \dots$

$$S = \frac{1}{1 - (0.5)}$$

$$S = 2$$

- 8 Find the sum of the infinite geometric series, if it exists.  
 $81 - 27 + 9 - 3 \dots$

$$S = \frac{81}{1 - (-\frac{1}{3})}$$

$$S = 60.75$$

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## Sum of a Finite Series in Sigma Notation

Find the sum of the finite series.

1

$$\sum_{n=1}^7 4^{n-1}$$

2

$$\sum_{n=1}^5 (-4)^{n-1}$$

3

$$\sum_{n=1}^9 (-2)^{n-1}$$

4

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

5

$$\sum_{n=1}^5 5(3)^{n-1}$$

6

$$\sum_{n=1}^3 \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n-1}$$

7

$$\sum_{n=1}^{10} (-2)^{n-1}$$

8

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

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## Sum of a Finite Series in Sigma Notation

Find the sum of the finite series.

1

$$\sum_{n=1}^7 4^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{1(1-4^7)}{1-4}$$

$$S_n = 5461$$

2

$$\sum_{n=1}^5 (-4)^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{1(1-(-4)^5)}{1-(-4)}$$

$$S_n = 205$$

3

$$\sum_{n=1}^9 (-2)^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{1(1-(-2)^9)}{1-(-2)}$$

$$S_n = 171$$

4

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

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

$$S_n = 4$$

5

$$\sum_{n=1}^5 5(3)^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{5(1-(3)^5)}{1-(3)}$$

$$S_n = 605$$

6

$$\sum_{n=1}^3 \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{1\left(1-\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^3\right)}{1-\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)}$$

$$S_n = 0.8125$$

7

$$\sum_{n=1}^{10} (-2)^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{1(1-(-2)^{10})}{1-(-2)}$$

$$S_n = -341$$

8

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

$$S_n = \frac{1\left(1-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{11}\right)}{1-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$S_n = 1.75$$

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## Sum of an Infinite Series in Sigma Notation

Find the sum of the infinite series.

1

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 6\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)^{n-1}$$

2

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -9\left(-\frac{1}{8}\right)^{n-1}$$

3

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

4

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3^{n-1}$$

5

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 10\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{n-1}$$

6

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

7

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 23\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$

8

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 14\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{n-1}$$

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## Sum of an Infinite Series in Sigma Notation

Find the sum of the infinite series.

1

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 6\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$S = \frac{6}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)}$$

$$S = 5$$

2

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -9\left(-\frac{1}{8}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$S = \frac{-9}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{8}\right)}$$

$$S = -8$$

3

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

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

$$S = 3$$

4

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3^{n-1}$$

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

$$S = -0.5$$

5

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 10\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$S = \frac{10}{1 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)}$$

$$S = 40$$

6

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

$$S = \frac{12}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$S = 8$$

7

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 23\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$S = \frac{23}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)}$$

$$S = 17.25$$

8

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 14\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{n-1}$$

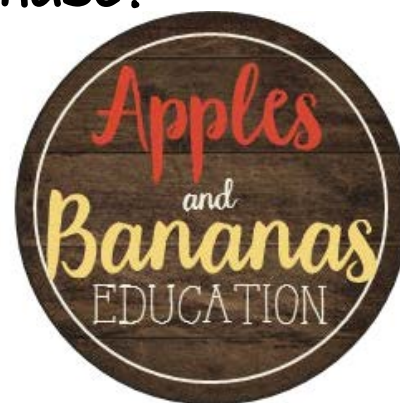
$$S = \frac{14}{1 - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)}$$

$$S = 40$$

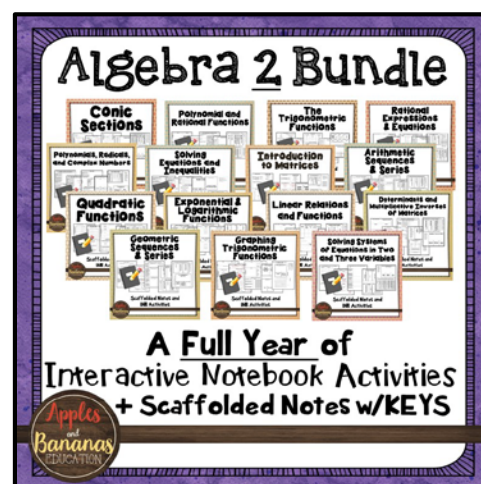
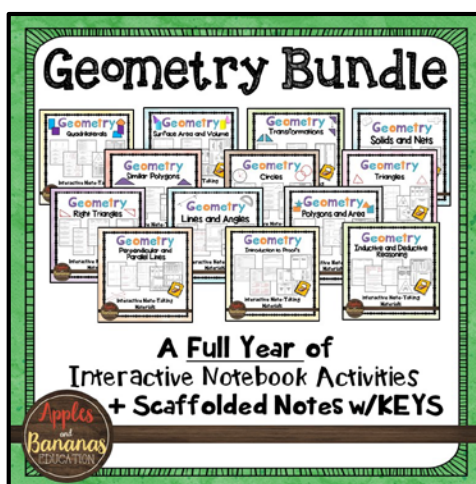
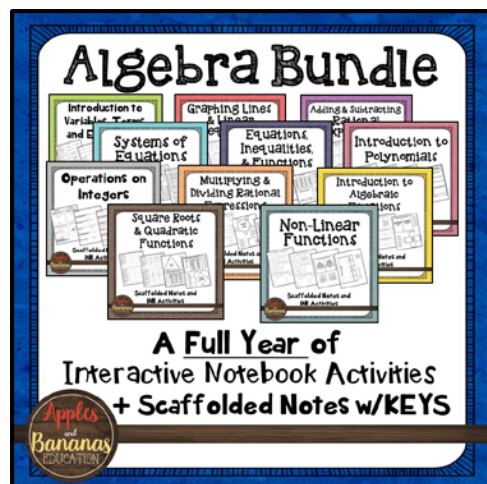


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