

Geometric Series Continued ...

Ex. 1: Find S_{12} : $18 - 9 + 4.5 - \dots$

$$t_1 = 18$$

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

$$n = 12$$

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

$$S_{12} = \frac{18 \left(\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{12} - 1 \right)}{-\frac{1}{2} - 1}$$

$$S_{12} = \frac{18 \left(\frac{1}{4096} - \frac{4096}{4096} \right)}{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$S_{12} = 18 \left(\frac{-4095}{4096} \right) \div \left(-\frac{3}{2} \right)$$

$$S_{12} = \frac{\cancel{18}^6 (+4095)}{\cancel{4096}^{2048}} \times \left(\frac{+2}{\cancel{1}^3} \right)$$

$$S_{12} = \frac{\cancel{6}^3 (4095)}{\cancel{2048}^{1024}}$$

$$S_{12} = \frac{12285}{1024}$$

Ex. 2: Find the sum: $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{4}{27} + \dots + \frac{128}{6561}$

$$t_1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$r = \frac{2}{9} \div \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{9} \times \frac{3}{1} = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$t_n = \frac{128}{6561}$$

$$S_n = \frac{r(t_n) - t_1}{r - 1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{128}{6561}\right) - \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{2}{3} - 1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{\frac{256}{19683} - \frac{6561}{19683}}{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$S_n = \frac{-6305}{19683} \div \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$S_n = \frac{+6305}{19683} \cdot \frac{3}{1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{6305}{6561}$$

$$\approx 0.96$$

Ex. 3: If $S_7 = 27305$, and $r = 4$, find t_1 .

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

$$27305 = \frac{t_1((4)^7 - 1)}{4 - 1}$$

$$27305 = \frac{t_1(\overset{5461}{\cancel{16383}})}{31}$$

$$\frac{27305}{5461} = \frac{t_1(5461)}{5461}$$

$$\boxed{5 = t_1}$$

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2d, 4d, 5, 9, 10