

# NCERT Question 11.9.3.9

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**Question:** Find the sum to indicated number of terms in the geometric progression:  
 $1, -a, a^2, -a^3, \dots n$  terms (if  $a \neq -1$ ).

**Solution:**

| Input Parameters | Values        | Description  |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| $x(0)$           | 1             | First term   |
| $r$              | $(-a)$        | Common ratio |
| $x(n)$           | $(-a)^n u(n)$ | General term |

TABLE 1  
GIVEN INPUTS

| Signal                | Transform    |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| $\frac{1}{1-z^{-1}}$  | $u(n)$       |
| $\frac{1}{1-az^{-1}}$ | $(a)^n u(n)$ |

TABLE 2  
Z TRANSFORM PAIRS

$$x(n) = (-a)^n u(n) \quad (1)$$

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{1 + az^{-1}} \quad (2)$$

The ROC is  $|z| > |a|$

From Table 1,

$$y(n) = (-a)^n u(n) * u(n) \quad (3)$$

$$Y(z) = X(z) U(z) \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + az^{-1}} \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} \quad (5)$$

Using Z transform pairs to find the inverse Z-transform:

$$Y(z) = \frac{1}{a+1} \frac{1}{z^{-1}} \left[ \frac{1}{1-z^{-1}} - \frac{1}{1+az^{-1}} \right] \quad (6)$$

$$y(n) = \left[ \frac{1 - (-a)^{n+1}}{1 - (-a)} \right] u(n) \quad (7)$$

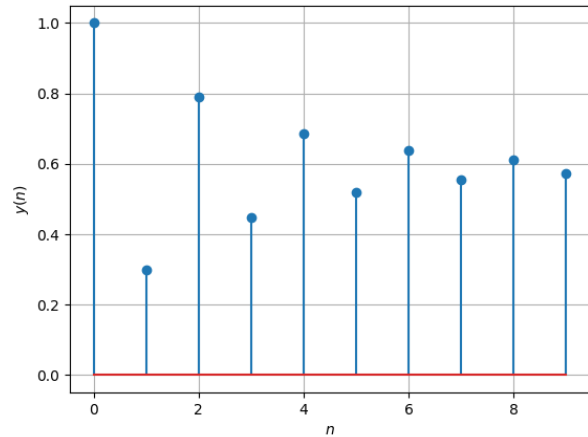


Fig. 1. Plot of  $y(n)$  for  $a = 0.7$