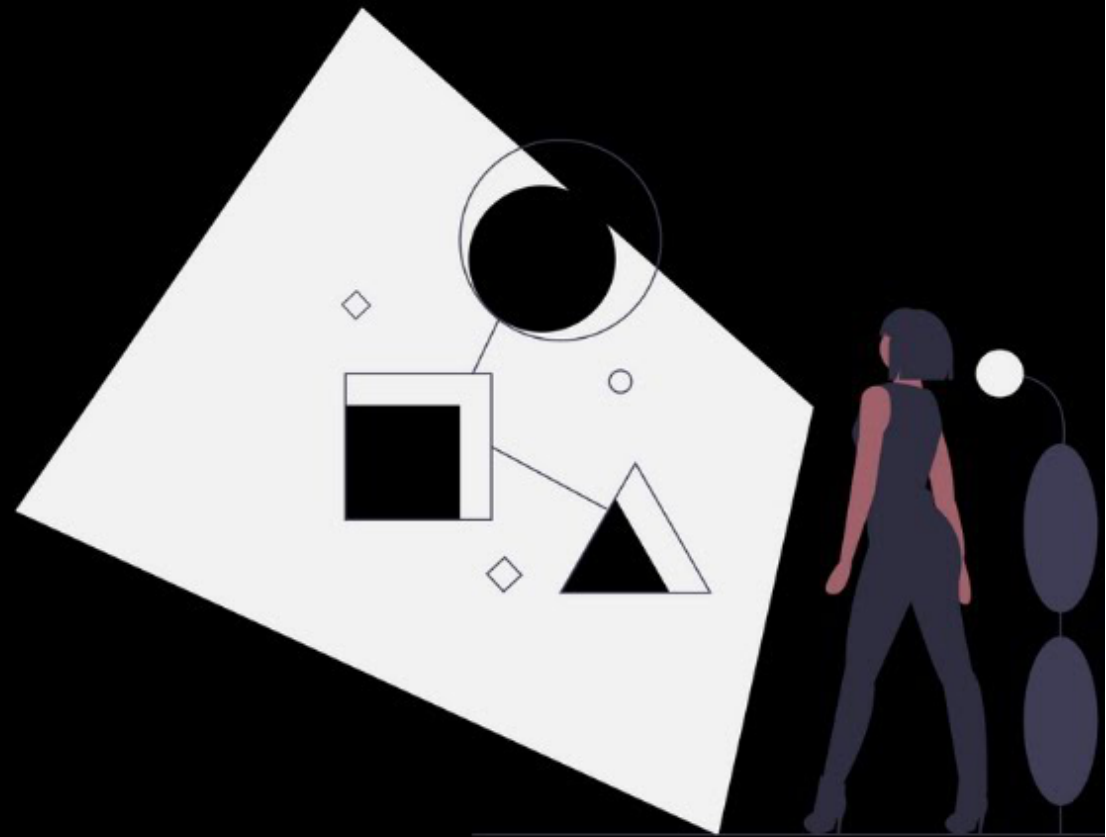
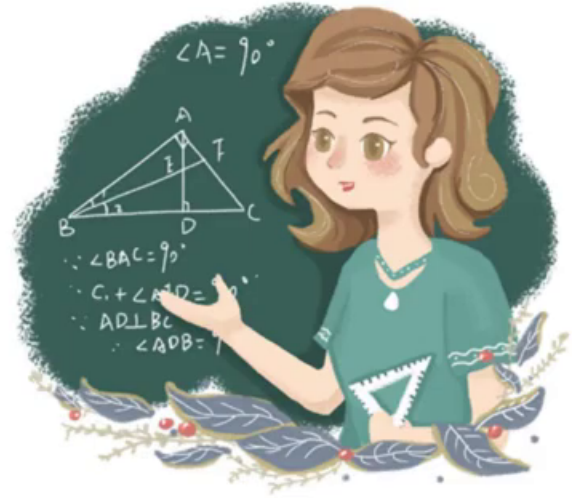


Geometric progression animated intuition



Geometric progression

In mathematics, a geometric progression, also known as a geometric sequence, is a sequence of numbers where each term after the first is found by multiplying the previous one by a fixed, non-zero number called the common ratio



Geometric progression

EX:

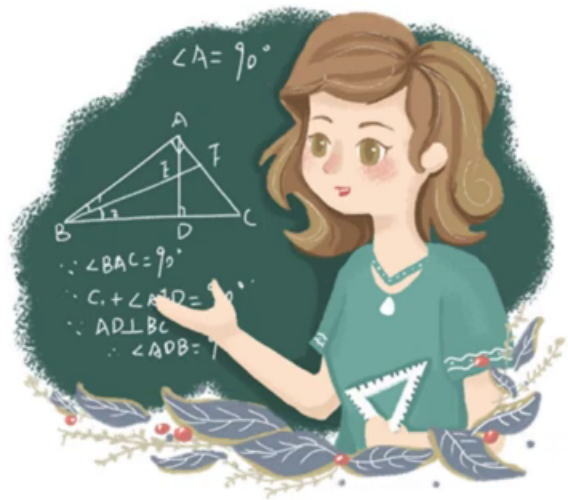
1 2 4 8

ratio = 2

EX:

3 9 27 81

ratio = 3



Geometric progression

EX: 2 6 18 54

$$a_1 = 2$$

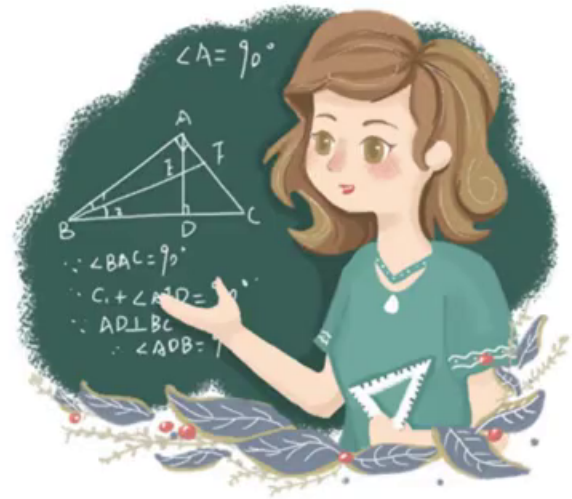
$$a_2 = 2 \cdot 3$$

$$a_3 = 2 \cdot 3^2$$

$$a_4 = 2 \cdot 3^3$$

$$a_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$$

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Geometric progression

2 6 18 54

a ar ar^2 ar^3

suppose

$S_n = \text{sum}$

$r = \text{ratio}$

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

$$-rS_n = -ar - ar^2 - ar^3 - \dots - ar^n$$

$$S_n - rS_n = a - ar^n \quad S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{(1-r)} \quad (2)$$

