

Homework 3

Questions and Solutions

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Question 1

Find the summation of following GP

$$\sum_{r=1}^{15} (3 \times 2^r)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{15} (3 \times 2^r) = (3 \times 2^1) + (3 \times 2^2) + (3 \times 2^3) + (3 \times 2^4) + \dots + (3 \times 2^{15})$$

$$= 6 + 12 + 24 + 48 + \dots$$

This is a G.P.

$$a = 6$$

$$r = 2$$

$$n = 15$$

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

$$S_{15} = \frac{6(2^{15} - 1)}{2 - 1} = 196602$$

Question 2

The sum to infinity of a geometric progression of positive terms is 270 and the sum of its first two terms is 240 .

Find a and r ?



$$\$_{\infty} = 270$$

$$\frac{a}{1-r} = 270$$

$$\boxed{a = 270(1-r)}$$



$$\$'_2 = 240$$

$$a + ar = 240$$

$$\boxed{a(1+r) = 240}$$

$$270(1-r)(1+r) = 240$$

$$(1-r)(1+r) = \frac{8}{9}$$

$$1-r^2 = \frac{8}{9}$$

$$\frac{1}{9} = r^2$$

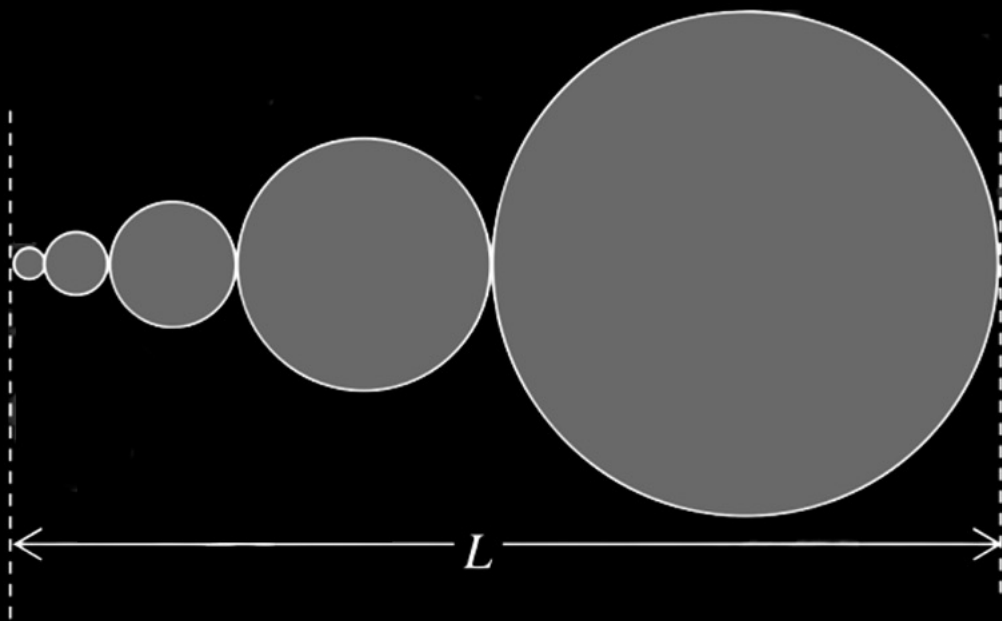
$$\underline{\underline{r = +\frac{1}{3}}} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{POSITIVE} \\ \text{TRANS} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\& a = 270(1-r)$$

$$a = 270\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\underline{\underline{a = 180}}$$

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Question 3

The figure shows a pattern of 5 circles, touching externally, whose centres lie on a straight line of length L units.

The radii of these circles form a geometric progression, where the radius of the smaller circle is 3 units and that of the fifth (larger) circle is 48 units.

- a) Find the common ratio of the geometric progression.
- b) The pattern is extended by 5 more circles to 10 circles. Determine the new value of L .

a) USING $u_n = ar^{n-1}$

$$\Rightarrow 48 = 3 \times r^4$$

$$\Rightarrow 16 = r^4$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{r = +2} \quad (\text{ALL TERMS ARE POSITIVE})$$

b) USING THE SUM FORMULA FOR $n=10$ & SUM, NOTING THAT IT
NEEDS TO BE DOUBLED (DIAMETER SUM IS NEEDED)

$$L_{\text{NEW}} = 2 \times \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} \quad r=2, a=3, n=10$$

$$L_{\text{NEW}} = 2 \times \frac{3(2^{10} - 1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$\underline{L_{\text{NEW}} = 6138}$$

AGP : Question 4:

Find the sum of the series $1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 3 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + 100 \cdot 2^{100}$



Solution

$$S = 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 3 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + 100 \cdot 2^{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2S = 1 \cdot 2^2 + 2 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + 99 \cdot 2^{100} + 100 \cdot 2^{101}$$

On subtracting ;

$$\Rightarrow -S = 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^3 + \dots + 1 \cdot 2^{100} - 100 \cdot 2^{101}$$

$$\Rightarrow -S = 1 \cdot 2 \left[\frac{2^{100} - 1}{2 - 1} \right] - 100 \cdot 2^{101}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = -2^{101} + 2 + 100 \cdot 2^{101} = 99 \cdot 2^{101} + 2$$

AGP :

Question 5: Compute the sum

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{4^k}$$



Solution. Let the sum be S . Then

$$S = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{4^2} + \frac{3}{4^3} + \dots,$$

and if we divide by 4,

$$\frac{S}{4} = \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{2}{4^3} + \dots$$

Note that if we subtract these in a special way (by subtracting the ones with common denominators), we get

$$\frac{3S}{4} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{4^3} + \dots = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{3},$$

so $S = \frac{4}{9}$.

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Bonus Question

If $(10)^9 + 2(11)^1(10)^8 + 3(11)^2(10)^7 + \dots + 10(11)^9 = k(10)^9$, then k is equal to

- A $\frac{121}{10}$
- B $\frac{441}{100}$
- C 100
- D 110

Solution

$$S = 10^9 + 2 \cdot 11^1 \cdot 10^8 + \dots + 10 \cdot 11^9$$

$$\frac{11}{10} \cdot S = 11^1 \cdot 10^8 + \dots + 9 \cdot 11^9 + 11^{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{10}S = 10^9 + 11^1 \cdot 10^8 + 11^2 \cdot 10^7 + \dots + 11^9 - 11^{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{10}S = 10^9 \left(\frac{\left(\frac{11}{10}\right)^{10} - 1}{\frac{11}{10} - 1} \right) - 11^{10} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{10}S = 11^{10} - 10^{10} - 11^{10}$$

$$S = 10^{11}$$

$$S = 100 \cdot 10^9$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 100.$$