


Date: Unit: <b>1: Series and Sequences</b> Lesson: <b>5: Arithmetic and Geometric Series</b>	Essential Question: <b>Suppose you purchase a collectable for \$100. It could increase in value by \$15 per year or by 10% per year. Which would be better for you? Explain.</b>
Standard: A.SSE.4	Derive the formula for the sum of a finite geometric series (when the common ratio is not 1), and use the formula to solve problems.
<b>Learning Target:</b>  <b>Mortgage Payment</b>	Find the sums of arithmetic and geometric series. 80% of the students will find $S_{10}$ for the sequence $a_n = 3n - 5$  Suppose you want to buy a house. The bank will give you a 30 year loan for \$100,000. The interest rate is 6%. If you make monthly payments, how much will your monthly mortgage payment be?  
Summary	

**Arithmetic Series:**

The sum of the terms of an arithmetic sequence is an **arithmetic series**. The notation for an arithmetic series is,

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = a_1 + (a_1 + d) + (a_1 + 2d) + \cdots + a_n$$

Where  $a_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  term of an arithmetic sequence.

**Partial Sum:**

$S_n$  is called the **partial sum** of the arithmetic series.

You can derive the formula for the partial sum by adding  $S_n$  to itself in reverse order.

$$\begin{aligned} S_n + S_n &= a_1 + (a_1 + d) + (a_1 + 2d) + (a_1 + 3d) + \cdots + a_n \\ &\quad + a_n + (a_n - d) + (a_n - 2d) + (a_n - 3d) + \cdots + a_1 \\ &= (a_1 + a_n) + (a_1 + a_n) + (a_1 + a_n) + \cdots + (a_1 + a_n) \\ 2S_n &= n(a_1 + a_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$S_n = n \frac{(a_1 + a_n)}{2}$$

The partial sum  $S_n$  of the first  $n$  terms of an arithmetic series

$a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n$  is given by

$$S_n = n \frac{(a_1 + a_n)}{2}$$

where  $a_1$  is the first term, and  $a_n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term.

**Geometric Series:**

The sum of the terms of a geometric sequence is a **geometric series**. The notation for a geometric series is,

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = a_1 + a_1r + a_1r^2 + a_1r^3 + \dots + a_1r^{n-1}$$

Where  $a_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  term of a geometric sequence.

**Partial Sum:**

$S_n$  is called the **partial sum** of the geometric series.

You can derive the formula for the partial sum by subtracting the product of  $r$  and  $S_n$  from  $S_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} S_n - S_n r \\ = a_1 + a_1r + a_1r^2 + a_1r^3 + \dots + a_1r^{n-1} \\ \quad - a_1r - a_1r^2 - a_1r^3 - \dots - a_1r^{n-1} - a_1r^n \end{aligned}$$

$$S_n(1 - r) = a_1(1 - r^n)$$

$$S_n = a_1 \left( \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i r^{i-1}$$

The partial sum  $S_n$  of the first  $n$  terms of a geometric series  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$  is given by

$$S_n = a_1 \left( \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \right), r \neq 1$$

where  $a_1$  is the first term, and  $r$  is the common ratio.

**Example 1:**

Find the indicated sum for each geometric series.

a.  $S_7$  for  $3 - 6 + 12 - 24 + \dots$

1. Find the common ratio

$$r = \frac{a_2}{a_1} = \frac{-6}{3} = -2$$

2. Find  $S_7$  with  $a_1 = 3$ ,

$$r = -2 \text{ and } n = 7.$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= a_1 \left( \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \right) = 3 \left( \frac{1 - (-2)^7}{1 - (-2)} \right) \\ &= 3 \left( \frac{1 - (-128)}{3} \right) = 129 \end{aligned}$$

**Check** using a graphing calculator.

$$\sum_{i=1}^7 (3 * (-2)^{i-1})$$

129

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b.

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

1. Find the first term

$$a_1 = \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^{1-1} = \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^0 = 1$$

2. Find  $S_5$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= a_1 \left( \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \right) = 1 \left( \frac{1 - \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^5}{1 - \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)} \right) = \left( \frac{1 - \left( \frac{1}{243} \right)}{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \\ &= \frac{242}{243} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{121}{81} \cong 1.49 \end{aligned}$$

*Check* using a graphing calculator.

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

1.49382716

**Exercise 1:**

Find the indicated sum for each geometric series.

a.

$S_6$  for  $2 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$

b.

$$\sum_{i=1}^5 -3(2)^{i-1}$$

**Example 2:**

The Wimbledon Ladies Singles Championship begins with 128 players. The players compete until there is 1 winner. How many matches must be scheduled in order to complete the tournament?

1. Write a sequence.

Let  $n$  = the number of rounds.

$a_n$  = the number of matches played in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  round.

$S_n$  = the total number of matches played through  $n$  rounds.

$$a_n = 64 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

2. The tournament is completed when  $a_n = 1$ .

$$\frac{1}{64} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{64} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$6 = n - 1$$

$$n = 7$$

3. Find the total number of matches after 7 rounds.

$$S_7 = 64 \left( \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \right) = 127$$

***Exercise 2:***

A 6-year lease states that the annual rent for an office space is \$84,000 the first year and will increase by 8% each additional year of the lease. What will the total rent expense be for the 6 year lease?