

# Geometric Progression Overview



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## Standard Form of G.P.:

If  $a$  is the first term and  $r$  is the common ratio, then

$a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots$  is a standard form of G.P.

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## n-th Term or General Term of G.P.:

$T_n = ar^{n-1}$ , where  $T_1 = a$  and the common ratio  $= r$

The above formula has four quantities  $a$ ,  $r$ ,  $n$ , and  $T_n$ . Out of these four, if any three are given, the fourth can be found out.

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## Sum of n Terms of a G.P.:

If the series is  $a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1}$

(i) When  $r = 1$ , then:

$$S_n = a + a + a + \dots + a \text{ (n terms)} = na$$

(ii) When  $r \neq 1$ , then:

$$S_n = \frac{a(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}, \text{ if } |r| < 1$$

and

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}, \text{ if } |r| > 1$$

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## n-th Term from the End of a Finite G.P.:

The G.P. consists of  $m$  terms. Therefore, the  $n$ -th term from the end is:

$$T_n = ar^{m-n}$$

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## Selection of Terms in G.P.:

No. of Terms	Terms	Common Difference
3	$\frac{a}{r}, a, ar$	$r$
4	$\frac{a}{r^3}, \frac{a}{r}, ar, ar^3$	$r^2$
5	$\frac{a}{r^2}, \frac{a}{r}, a, ar, ar^2$	$r$

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**Sum of an Infinite G.P.:**

If the product of numbers is not given, then the numbers are taken as  $a, ar, ar^2, ar^3, \dots$

$$S = \frac{a}{1 - r}, \text{ where } -1 < r < 1, n \rightarrow \infty$$

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