

MAC1140 SEC29 HW 11-16-2007 11.3

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Extra Credit Attempted?

1.

[11.3.1aPT] The 7<sup>th</sup> term of a geometric sequence with first term  $a_1 = 1$  and common ratio  $r = -\frac{1}{3}$  is

$-\frac{1}{27}$

$\frac{1}{81}$

$\frac{1}{729}$

$-\frac{1}{243}$

$$a_7 = r^{(7-1)} \cdot a = r^6 \cdot a = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^6 \cdot 1$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^6 = \frac{1}{3^6} = \frac{1}{729}$$

2.

[11.3.1bPT] The  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of a geometric sequence with first term  $a_1 = 3$  and common ratio  $r = -\frac{1}{3}$  is

$-\frac{1}{3}(3)^{n-1}$

$-9^{n-1}$

$(-1)^{n-1}$

$9^{n-1}$

None of these

$3\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1}$

$$a_n = r^{n-1} \cdot a = 3 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1}$$

3.

[11.3.2aPT] If a geometric sequence has  $a_{11} = 3$  and  $a_{12} = 5$ , what is the common ratio?

$\frac{11}{12}$

$\frac{12}{11}$

None of these

$\frac{3}{12}$

$$a_{12} = r \cdot a_{11}$$

$$\text{So } r = \frac{a_{12}}{a_{11}} = \frac{5}{3}$$

3  
5

4.

[11.3.3bPT] Find the sum of the infinite geometric series  $\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \dots +$

$\frac{1}{3^{n+1}} + \dots$

1

$\frac{1}{6}$

$\frac{2}{3}$

$\frac{1}{2}$

$$S_{\infty} = a \frac{1}{1-r} = \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{6}$$
$$r = \frac{a_2}{a_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{27}}{\frac{1}{9}} = \frac{1}{27} \cdot \frac{9}{1} = \frac{1}{3}$$

5.

[11.3.3cPT] Find the sum of the alternating infinite geometric series

$\frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{27} + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{3^{n+1}} + \dots$

$\frac{1}{30}$

$\frac{1}{12}$

$\frac{1}{20}$

$\frac{1}{6}$

$$S_{\infty} = a \frac{1}{1-r} = \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{1-(-\frac{1}{3})} = \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{4}{3}} = \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{12}$$
$$r = \frac{a_2}{a_1} = \frac{-\frac{1}{27}}{\frac{1}{9}} = -\frac{1}{27} \cdot \frac{9}{1} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

6.

[11.3.3dPT] If the repeating decimal  $0.306306306\dots$  is written as  $\frac{m}{n}$  in reduced form where  $m$  and  $n$  are integers, then  $m =$

306

7

149

34

$$0.306306306\dots = 0.306 + 0.000306 + 0.000000306 + \dots$$
$$a = 0.306 = \frac{306}{1000} \quad r = \frac{1}{1000}$$
$$S_{\infty} = a \frac{1}{1-r} = \frac{306}{1000} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{1000}} = \frac{306}{1000} \cdot \frac{1000}{999} = \frac{306}{999} = \frac{102}{333} = \frac{34}{111}$$

7.

[11.3.3ePT] If the repeating decimal  $2.303030\dots$  is written as  $\frac{m}{n}$  in reduced form where  $m$  and  $n$  are integers, then  $m =$

30

12

76

10

$$2.303030\dots = 2 + 0.30 + 0.0030 + 0.000030 + \dots$$
$$a = 0.30 = \frac{30}{100} \quad r = \frac{1}{100}$$
$$S_{\infty} = a \frac{1}{1-r} = \frac{30}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{100}} = \frac{30}{100} \cdot \frac{100}{99} = \frac{30}{99}$$
$$2 + S_{\infty} = 2 + \frac{30}{99} = \frac{198}{99} + \frac{30}{99} = \frac{228}{99} = \frac{76}{33}$$