

Sum of an infinite geometric progression

№1. Compute the sum

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$$

Hint: Imagine that you are eating a cake piece by piece :-)

If $|q| < 1$, the terms of a geometric progression decrease, and we can compute the sum of infinitely many terms of such a sequence:

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{b_1}{1 - q}.$$

№2. Compute the sum of the infinite geometric progression with first term $b_1 = 24$ and common ratio $q = \frac{3}{4}$.

№3. Prove that the number $1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{6n-1}$ is divisible by 364 for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

№4. Calculate the sum $1 + 2 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 5^2 + \dots + 100 \cdot 5^{99}$.