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Geometric Sequences and Series

For problems 1–6, find the next two terms of each geometric sequence.

1. $3, 15, 75, \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad}$

2. $16, 8, 4, \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad}$

3. $-6, 18, -54, \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad}$

4. $-243, -81, -27, \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad}$

5. $8, 12, 18, \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad}$

6. $\frac{3}{4}, \frac{6}{12}, \frac{12}{36}, \underline{\quad}, \underline{\quad}$

Find the sum of the first 5 terms of each geometric series.

7. $5 + 15 + 45 + \dots$

8. $200 + 100 + 50 + \dots$

9. $(-3) + (12) + (-48) + \dots$

10. $(-625) + (-125) + (-25) + \dots$

11. $2 + 5 + 12.5 + \dots$

12. $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$

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SOLUTIONS

1. 375, 1875 (Multiply 5)

2. 2, 1 (Multiply 1/2 or Divide by 2)

3. 162, -486 (Multiply -3)

4. -9, -3 (Multiply 1/3 or Divide by 3)

5. 27, 40.5 (Multiply 1.5)

6. $\frac{24}{108}$, $\frac{48}{324}$ (Multiply 2/3)

7. $5 + 15 + 45 + 135 + 405 = 605$

8. $200 + 100 + 50 + 25 + 12.5 = 387.5$

9. $(-3) + (12) + (-48) + (192) + (-768) = -615$

10. $(-625) + (-125) + (-25) + (-5) + (-1) = -781$

11. $2 + 5 + 12.5 + 31.25 + 78.125 = 128.875$

12. $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} = \frac{31}{32}$ or 0.96875