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Pre Calculus 11 3 Geometric Sequences and Series

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Practice focus: Geometric sequences and series

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Name: _____ Date: _____ Show your reasoning and check units.

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$$a_n = 3(2)^{(n-1)}, \text{ so } a_6 = 96.$$

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$$S_6 = 3(2^6 - 1)/(2 - 1) = 189.$$

03 Find the infinite sum $12 + 6 + 3 + \dots$.

$$\text{Ratio } r = 1/2 \text{ has magnitude below } 1. \text{ Sum} = 12/(1 - 1/2) = 24.$$

04 Does $1 - 2 + 4 - 8 + \dots$ converge?

No. The terms do not approach zero; also the geometric ratio has magnitude $2 > 1$.