#### 9.2 Geometric Series Review

• Geometric Series *a*= starting term, *x*=constant ratio of each term to preceding one  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} ax^{i} = \frac{a}{1-x} \text{ when } |x| < 1 \text{ and diverges otherwise}$ 

*n*<sup>th</sup> partial sum (1st *n* terms added):  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} ax^i = \frac{a(1-x^n)}{1-x}$  for  $x \neq 1$ 



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# 9.3: Terms Not Going to 0 • terms not going to 0: $\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n \neq 0$ or $\overline{DNE}$ , then partial sums diverge and so does the series. Example: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5+n}{2n+1}$

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Example:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{2})^n + 1^n$ .  
Diverges, because if it were convergent, then subtract  
convergent  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{2})^n$  and the result should converge by  
linearity, but doesn't!

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• p-series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  conv if p > 1 and div if  $p \le 1$  by int test





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#### History and Applications

- Brahmagupta gave rules for summing series in his 628 work Brahmasphutasiddanta (Opening of the Universe)
- wheat (or rice) and chess problem. Stories of  $\sum_{n=0}^{63} 2^n$  grains owed by King (18,446,744,073,709,551,615)
- Nicole Oresme (14th century) harmonic series diverging. Name from wavelengths of the overtones of a vibrating string. Architects.
- James Gregory (1668) introduced the terms *convergence* and *divergence*
- Integral test was developed by Colin Maclaurin and Augustin-Louis Cauchy and is sometimes known as the Maclaurin-Cauchy test (or by either name).
- infinite series are widely used in mathematics & other quantitative disciplines such as physics, computer science, & finance.