### 9.2 Geometric Series Review

- Geometric Series $a=$ starting term, $x=$ constant ratio of each term to preceding one $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a x^{i}=\frac{a}{1-x}$ when $|x|<1$ and diverges otherwise $n^{\text {th }}$ partial sum (1st $n$ terms added): $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a x^{i}=\frac{a\left(1-x^{n}\right)}{1-x}$ for $x \neq 1$

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Geo series $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}^{i}=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{2}^{i}$ converges as $n \rightarrow \infty$ to $\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1-\frac{1}{2}}=1$ hamster slowly (Zeno's paradox)

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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.

