

## Infinite geometric series practice

1. Let  $\{u_n\}$  be an arithmetic sequence with first term equal to  $a$  and the common difference of  $d$ . Let another sequence be defined by  $v_n = 3^{u_n}$

(a) Find  $v_n$  in terms of  $a, d$ , and  $n$

(b) Find  $S_n$  in terms of  $a, d$ , and  $n$  where  $S_n$  be the sum of the first  $n$  terms of the sequence  $\{v_n\}$

$$\text{Let } S = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} v_k$$

(c) Find  $d$  satisfies  $S$  is converged.

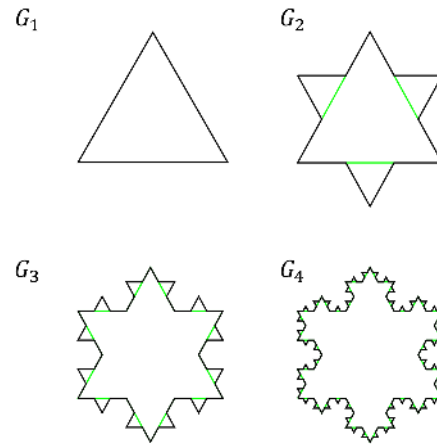
(d) Given that  $S = 3^{a+1}$ , find  $d$ .

(e) Let  $\{w_n\}$  be a geometric sequence with first term equal to  $p$  and the common ratio of  $q$  where  $p, q > 0$ . Let another sequence  $\{z_n\}$  be defined by  $z_n = \ln w_n$ .

Find  $\sum_{i=1}^n z_i$  giving your answer in the form  $\ln k$  in terms of  $p, q$ , and  $n$ .

2. (Von Koch's snowflake) Consider an equilateral triangle with length 1 (denote  $G_1$ ). We construct a new small equilateral for each side of  $G_1$  to construct  $G_2$ . The length of the small triangle is one-third of the length of the side. Use the same pattern, we can construct  $G_3, G_4, \dots$ .

(a) Write down the area of  $G_1, G_2$ , and  $G_3$   
(Do not simplify)



(b) Observe the pattern, Find the area of  $G_n$

(c) Hence, find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_n$

3. (Sierpinski triangle) Observe the pattern. Let  $G_n$  represent the area of the black region. Suppose the first graph  $G_1$  is an equilateral triangle with length 1. Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_n$

