The sum of the infinite GP 0.171 - 0.114 + 0.076 is

Solution:

We have

$$S = 0.171 - 0.114 + 0.076 - \dots = S_1 - S_2$$

where

$$S_1 = 0.171 + 0.076 + \cdots$$

 $S_2 = 0.114 + \cdots$

The sum of the infinite GP is

$$Sum = \frac{a_1}{1 - q}.$$

In our case we have

1.

$$a_1 = 0.171,$$

$$q = \frac{0.076}{0.171} = \frac{4}{9}.$$

Thus

$$S_1 = \frac{0.171}{1 - \frac{4}{9}} = 0.171 \cdot \frac{9}{5} = 0.3078$$

2.

$$a_1 = 0.114,$$
 $q = \frac{4}{9}.$

Thus

$$S_2 = \frac{0.114}{1 - \frac{4}{9}} = 0.114 \cdot \frac{9}{5} = 0.2052$$

And finally we have

$$S = S_1 - S_2 = 0.3078 - 0.2052 = 0.1026$$

Answer:

$$S = 0.1026$$