

**Exercise 7h**

- Write the following series in  $\sum$  notation:
  - $1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + 2 + \dots$
  - $2 + 4 + 6 + 8 + \dots$
  - $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots$
  - $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots$
  - $1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{81} + \dots$
  - $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{8}{27} + \frac{16}{81} + \dots$
- Show that each of the following series is convergent and determine its sum:
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n$
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\pi}\right)^n$
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^n$
 where  $m > 1$ .
- Determine whether the following series is convergent. If it is convergent then find its sum.
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2^{2n-1}}\right)$
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n$
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (e)^n$
  - $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 10 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$
- (Mechanics). A ball is dropped from a height of 10m and bounces to 55% of its previous height. Determine the total distance travelled by the ball.
- (Mechanics). A hot air balloon rises 50m the first minute and then rises 65% of the previous minute for subsequent minutes. Determine the maximum rise of the balloon.
- The Sierpinski triangle shown below is created by continually removing the middle of a triangle. (The shaded part shows the triangle that is removed).

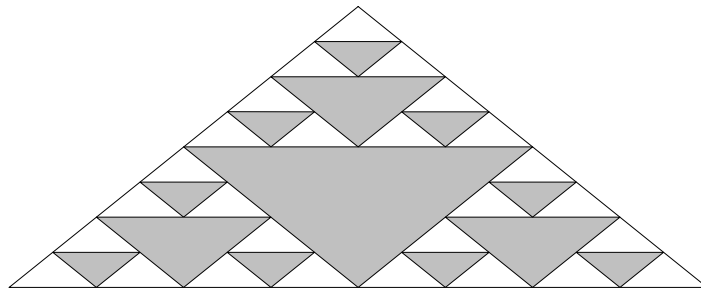


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The area  $A$  removed is given by  $A = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$ . Find  $A$ .

- Determine the sum  $S$  of the following infinite series:
  - $S = \frac{9}{10} + \frac{9}{100} + \frac{9}{1000} + \dots$
  - $S = \frac{3}{10} + \frac{3}{100} + \frac{3}{1000} + \dots$
  - $S = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{1000} + \dots$

*What do you notice about your results?*

- A publishing company gives an academic a profit of £100 for the first year. For each subsequent year the profit falls by 9%. Determine the total possible profit.

9. Determine which of the following series converges. If it does converge then find its sum.

a)  $8 + 4 + 2 + 1 + \dots$       b)  $3 + 6 + 12 + 24 + \dots$       c)  $16 + 12 + 9 + \frac{27}{4} + \dots$

10. Show that the following series converges and find the sum in each case:

a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^n}$  where  $|x| > 1$       b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x^n}{2^n}\right)$  where  $|x| < 2$   
 c)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+x)^n}$  where  $x > 0$       d)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^n}$  where  $x \neq 0$

Throughout the remaining questions,  $\sum$  represents  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}$ .

11. Discuss convergence or divergence for each of the following series:

(a)  $\sum \left(\frac{1}{(2n)!}\right)$       (b)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n!}{2^n}\right)$       (c)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n!}{3^n}\right)$       (d)  $\sum \left(\frac{(n+1)^2}{2^n}\right)$   
 (e)  $\sum (e^{-n})$       (f)  $\sum \left(\frac{n^2}{3^n}\right)$       (g)  $\sum \left(\frac{10^n}{n!}\right)$       (h)  $\sum \left(\frac{3^n n}{(n+1)^2}\right)$   
 (i)  $\sum \left(\frac{n!}{(2n+1)!}\right)$       (j)  $\sum \left(\frac{11^n}{2^{n+1} n}\right)$

12. Show that the ratio test fails for each of the following series:

(a)  $\sum \left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right)$       (b)  $\sum \left(\frac{1}{n+10}\right)$       (c)  $\sum \left(\frac{1}{n^2+1}\right)$

13. \* (a) Discuss convergence or divergence for each of the following series:

(i)  $\sum \left(\frac{2^n n!}{n^n}\right)$       (ii)  $\sum \left(\frac{3^n n!}{n^n}\right)$

(b) Determine the values of  $x$  for which the following series

$$\sum \left(\frac{x^n n!}{n^n}\right)$$

(i) converges      (ii) diverges       $\left(\text{Hint: } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{1+n}\right)^n = e\right)$

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1. a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{n}$       b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n)$       c)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n-1)$       d)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}\right]$

e)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$       f)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$

$$2. \text{ a) } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{b) } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{c) } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\pi}\right)^n = \frac{1}{\pi-1} \quad \text{d) } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^n = \frac{1}{m-1}$$

$$3. \text{ a) Converges, } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2^{2n-1}}\right) = \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{b) Diverges} \quad \text{c) Diverges}$$

$$\text{d) Converges, } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 10 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n = 5$$

4. 22.22m (2dp)

5. 142.86m (2dp)

6.  $A = 1$  the whole area is removed.

7. (a) 1 (b)  $1/3$  (c)  $1/9$

8. £1111.11 (2dp)

$$9. \text{ a) Converges } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 8 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = 16 \quad \text{b) Diverges, } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 3(2)^n$$

$$\text{c) Converges, } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 16 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n = 64$$

$$10. \text{ a) } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^n} = \frac{1}{x-1} \quad \text{b) } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^n = \frac{x}{2-x} \quad \text{c) } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+x)^n} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{d) } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^n} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

11. (a) Converges because  $L = 0$ .

(b) Diverges because  $L = +\infty$ .

(c) Diverges because  $L = +\infty$ .

(d) Converges because  $L = 1/2$ .

(e) Converges because  $L = 1/e$ .

(f) Converges because  $L = 1/3$ .

(g) Converges because  $L = 0$ .

(h) Diverges because  $L = 3$ .

(i) Converges because  $L = 0$ .

(j) Diverges because  $L = 11/2$ .

13. (a) (i)  $L = \frac{2}{e} < 1$  series converges (ii) Diverges because  $L = \frac{3}{e} > 1$ .

(b) (i)  $0 < x < e$  (ii)  $x > e$