

Section 11-2 Homework Solutions

#17 $3 - 4 + \frac{16}{3} - \frac{64}{9} + \dots$ does not converge. The common ratio is $-\frac{4}{3}$ and $\left|-\frac{4}{3}\right| > 1$

#18 $4 + 3 + \frac{9}{4} + \frac{27}{16} + \dots = \frac{\text{first term}}{1 - \text{common ratio}} = \frac{4}{1 - \frac{3}{4}} = 16$

#19 $10 - 2 + 0.4 - 0.08 + \dots = 10 - 2 + \frac{2}{5} - \frac{2}{25} + \dots = \frac{\text{first term}}{1 - \text{common ratio}} = \frac{10}{1 - \left(-\frac{2}{5}\right)} = \frac{50}{7} = 7.1428\dots$

#20 $2 + 0.5 + 0.125 + 0.03125 + \dots = 2 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{32} + \dots = \frac{\text{first term}}{1 - \text{common ratio}} = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)} = \frac{8}{3} = 2.6666\dots$

#21 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 6(0.9)^{n-1} = \frac{\text{first term}}{1 - \text{common ratio}} = \frac{6}{1 - 0.9} = 60$

#22 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{10^n}{(-9)^{n-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{10 \cdot 10^{n-1}}{(-9)^{n-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 10 \cdot \left(\frac{10^{n-1}}{(-9)^{n-1}}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 10 \cdot \left(-\frac{10}{9}\right)^{n-1}$

this geometric series does not converge since $\left|-\frac{10}{9}\right| > 1$

#23 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^{n-1}}{4^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^{n-1}}{4 \cdot 4^{n-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{(-3)^{n-1}}{4^{n-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{\text{first term}}{1 - \text{common ratio}} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)}{1 - \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)} = \frac{1}{7}$

#24 $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2})^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^n = \frac{\text{first term}}{1 - \text{common ratio}} = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)} = \sqrt{2} + 2$

#25 $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\pi^n}{3^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\pi^n}{3 \cdot 3^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi^n}{3^n}\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^n$

this geometric series does not converge since $\left|\frac{\pi}{3}\right| > 1$

#26

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{3^{n-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e \cdot e^{n-1}}{3^{n-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e \cdot \left(\frac{e^{n-1}}{3^{n-1}}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e \cdot \left(\frac{e}{3}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{\text{first term}}{1 - \text{common ratio}} = \frac{e}{1 - \left(\frac{e}{3}\right)} = -\frac{3e}{e-3} = 28.9468\dots$

#27 $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{15} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \right]$ does not converge because it is a multiple of the harmonic series.

#28

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{2}{81} + \frac{1}{243} + \frac{2}{729} + \dots &= \left[\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{243} + \dots \right] + \left[\frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{81} + \frac{2}{729} + \dots \right] \\ &= \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{9} \right)^n \right] + 2 \cdot \left[\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{81} + \frac{1}{729} + \dots \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{9} \right)^n \right] + 2 \cdot \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{9} \right)^n \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{9} \right)} + 2 \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{1}{9} \right)}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{9} \right)} \\ &= \frac{5}{8} \end{aligned}$$

#29 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{3n-1}$ does not converge by the limit of the n^{th} term test: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n-1}{3n-1} \sim \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{3n} = \frac{1}{3} \neq 0$

#30 $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k(k+2)}{(k+3)^2}$ does not converge by the limit of the n^{th} term test:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k(k+2)}{(k+3)^2} \sim \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^2}{k^2} = 1 \neq 0$$

#31

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+2^n}{3^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{3^n} + \frac{2^n}{3^n} \right] = \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n} \right] + \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{3^n} \right] = \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^n \right] + \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)^n \right] = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3} \right)}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)} + \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3} \right)}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)} = \frac{5}{2}$$

#32 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+3^n}{2^n}$ does not converge by the limit of the n^{th} term test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+3^n}{2^n} \sim \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n}{2^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^n \rightarrow \infty$$

#33 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt[n]{2}$ does not converge by the limit of the n^{th} term test: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{2} = 1$

$$\#34 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[(0.8)^{n-1} - (0.3)^n \right] = \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (0.8)^{n-1} \right] - \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (0.3)^n \right] = \frac{1}{1-0.8} - \frac{0.3}{1-0.3} = \frac{32}{7}$$

#35 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln\left(\frac{n^2+1}{2n^2+1}\right)$ does not converge by the limit of the n^{th} term test:

$$\left[\ln\left(\frac{n^2+1}{2n^2+1}\right) \right] = \ln\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n^2+1}{2n^2+1} \right] \right) \sim \ln\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n^2}{2n^2} \right] \right) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \neq 0$$

#36 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n}$ does not converge by the limit of the n^{th} term test: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{1+\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n} \right] = 1$

#37 $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^k$ is a geometric series that does not converge since $\left|\frac{\pi}{3}\right| > 1$

#38 $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\cos(1))^k$ is a geometric series with $|\cos(1)| < 1$ so $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\cos(1))^k = \frac{\cos(1)}{1-\cos(1)}$

#39 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \arctan(n)$ does not converge by the limit of the n^{th} term test: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\arctan(n)] = \frac{\pi}{2} \neq 0$

#40 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{5^n} + \frac{2}{n}\right) = \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{5^n}\right) \right] + \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n} \right] = \left[3 \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n \right] + \left[2 \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \right]$ will not converge because

$3 \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n$ is a geometric series that will converge since $\left|\frac{1}{5}\right| < 1$ but $2 \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is a multiple of the harmonic series which goes to ∞ .

#42 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{n^2}$ does not converge by the limit of the n^{th} term test: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^n}{n^2} \rightarrow \infty$.

#53

$$\begin{aligned}2.\overline{516} &= 2 + 0.516 + 0.00516 + 0.00000516 + \cdots \\&= 2 + 516 \cdot 10^{-3} + 516 \cdot 10^{-6} + 516 \cdot 10^{-9} + \cdots \\&= 2 + 516 \cdot 10^{-3} + 516 \cdot (10^{-3})^2 + 516 \cdot (10^{-3})^3 + \cdots \\&= 2 + 516 \cdot \left[10^{-3} + (10^{-3})^2 + (10^{-3})^3 + \cdots \right] \\&= 2 + 516 \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (0.001)^n \right] \\&= 2 + 516 \left[\frac{0.001}{1 - 0.001} \right] \\&= \frac{838}{333}\end{aligned}$$

#54

$$\begin{aligned}10.\overline{135} &= 10.1 + 0.035 + 0.00035 + 0.0000035 + \cdots \\&= 10.1 + 35 \cdot 10^{-3} + 35 \cdot 10^{-5} + 35 \cdot 10^{-7} + \cdots \\&= 10.1 + 3.5 \cdot 10^{-2} + 3.5 \cdot 10^{-4} + 3.5 \cdot 10^{-6} + \cdots \\&= 10.1 + 3.5 \cdot 10^{-2} + 3.5 \cdot (10^{-2})^2 + 3.5 \cdot (10^{-2})^3 + \cdots \\&= 10.1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3.5 (10^{-2})^n \\&= 10.1 + \frac{0.035}{1 - 10^{-2}} \\&= \frac{5017}{495}\end{aligned}$$

For the following, you need to use the fact that a geometric series will converge if $|\text{common ratio}| < 1$

#57

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-5)^n x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-5x)^n$$

This will converge if

$$|-5x| < 1$$

$$|-5| \cdot |x| < 1$$

$$5|x| < 1$$

$$|x| < \frac{1}{5}$$

$$-\frac{1}{5} < x < \frac{1}{5}$$

The sum of the series for $-\frac{1}{5} < x < \frac{1}{5}$ is $\frac{\text{first term}}{1 - \text{common ratio}} = \frac{(-5x)}{1 - (-5x)} = \frac{-5x}{1 + 5x}$

#58

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

This will converge if

$$|x+2| < 1$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$-1 < x+2 < 1$$

$$-3 < x < -1$$

The sum of the series for $-3 < x < -1$ is $\frac{\text{first term}}{1 - \text{common ratio}} = \frac{(x+2)}{1 - (x+2)} = \frac{x+2}{-1-x}$

#59

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-2)^n}{3^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x-2}{3} \right)^n$$

This will converge if

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{x-2}{3} \right| &< 1 \\ \downarrow \\ -1 &< \frac{x-2}{3} < 1 \\ -3 &< x-2 < 3 \\ -1 &< x < 5 \end{aligned}$$

The sum of the series for $-1 < x < 5$ is $\frac{\text{first term}}{1 - \text{common ratio}} = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{x-2}{3} \right)} = \frac{3}{5-x}$

#60

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-4)^n (x-5)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [-4(x-5)]^n$$

This will converge if

$$\begin{aligned} |-4(x-5)| &< 1 \\ 4 \cdot |x-5| &< 1 \\ |x-5| &< \frac{1}{4} \\ \downarrow \\ -\frac{1}{4} &< x-5 < \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{19}{4} &< x < \frac{21}{4} \end{aligned}$$

The sum of the series for $\frac{19}{4} < x < \frac{21}{4}$ is given by $\frac{\text{first term}}{1 - \text{common ratio}} = \frac{1}{1 - (-4(x-5))} = \frac{1}{4x-19}$

#61

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{x^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{x} \right)^n$$

This will converge if

$$\left| \frac{2}{x} \right| < 1$$

$$\frac{2}{|x|} < 1$$

$$2 < |x|$$

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$$x < -2 \text{ or } x > 2$$

The sum of the series for $x < -2$ or $x > 2$ is given by $\frac{\text{first term}}{1 - \text{common ratio}} = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{2}{x} \right)} = \frac{x}{x - 2}$

#62

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^n(x)}{3^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin(x)}{3} \right)^n$$

This will converge if

$$\left| \frac{\sin(x)}{3} \right| < 1$$

$$\frac{|\sin(x)|}{3} < 1$$

$$|\sin(x)| < 3$$

This inequality is true for all real numbers.

The sum of the series will be $\frac{\text{first term}}{1 - \text{common ratio}} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\sin(x)}{3}} = \frac{3}{3 - \sin(x)}$

#63

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{nx} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (e^x)^n$$

This will converge if

$$|e^x| < 1$$

$$e^x < 1$$

$$\ln(e^x) < \ln(1)$$

$$x < 0$$

The sum of the series, for $x < 0$ will be given by $\frac{\text{first term}}{1 - \text{common ratio}} = \frac{1}{1 - e^x}$