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**Assignment:** HW-5 [Sections 10.1, 10.2 & 10.3]

Write out the first four terms of the series to show how the series starts. Then find the sum of the series or show that it diverges.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{10}{3^n} + \frac{4}{5^n} \right)$$

To find the first four terms of the series, substitute the first four values for  $n$  into the summation. Notice the first value of  $n$  is 0.

Substitute  $n = 0$  into  $\frac{10}{3^n} + \frac{4}{5^n}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= \frac{10}{3^0} + \frac{4}{5^0} \\ &= 10 + 4 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $a_0 = 10 + 4$ . Although  $(10 + 4) = 14$ , to better show the series, leave it written as  $(10 + 4)$ . Now find  $a_1$  by substituting 1 into the expression.

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= \frac{10}{3^1} + \frac{4}{5^1} \\ &= \frac{10}{3} + \frac{4}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Continue this process to find  $a_2$  and  $a_3$ . The first four terms of the series are shown below.

$$(10 + 4) + \left( \frac{10}{3} + \frac{4}{5} \right) + \left( \frac{10}{9} + \frac{4}{25} \right) + \left( \frac{10}{27} + \frac{4}{125} \right) + \dots$$

If  $\sum a_n = A$  and  $\sum b_n = B$  are convergent series, then the Sum Rule states that  $\sum (a_n + b_n) = \sum a_n + \sum b_n = A + B$ .

Notice that the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{10}{3^n}$  is a geometric series. Recall that for geometric series, if  $|r| < 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} = \frac{a}{1-r}$ . If  $|r| > 1$ , then the series diverges.

The value of  $r$  in the geometric series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{10}{3^n}$  is  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

Therefore, the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{10}{3^n}$  converges.

Notice that the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{5^n}$  is a geometric series. Use the same rule as above to determine if the sum converges.

The value of  $r$  in the geometric series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{5^n}$  is  $\frac{1}{5}$ .

Therefore, the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{5^n}$  converges.

Thus, 
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{10}{3^n} + \frac{4}{5^n} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{10}{3^n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{5^n}.$$

Recall that for a geometric series,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} = \frac{a}{1-r}$ . In the geometric series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{10}{3^n}$ , the value of  $r$  was already found to be  $\frac{1}{3}$ . The value of  $a$  in the series is 10.

Now simplify  $\frac{a}{1-r}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{10}{3^n} &= \frac{a}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{10}{1-1/3} \\ &= 15 \end{aligned} \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

For the geometric series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{5^n}$ ,  $r$  was already found to be  $\frac{1}{5}$ . The value of  $a$  in the series is 4.

Now simplify  $\frac{a}{1-r}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{5^n} &= \frac{a}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{4}{1-1/5} \\ &= 5 \end{aligned} \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

Now add the sums of the two series.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{10}{3^n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{5^n} &= 15 + 5 \\ &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, 
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{10}{3^n} + \frac{4}{5^n} \right) = 20.$$