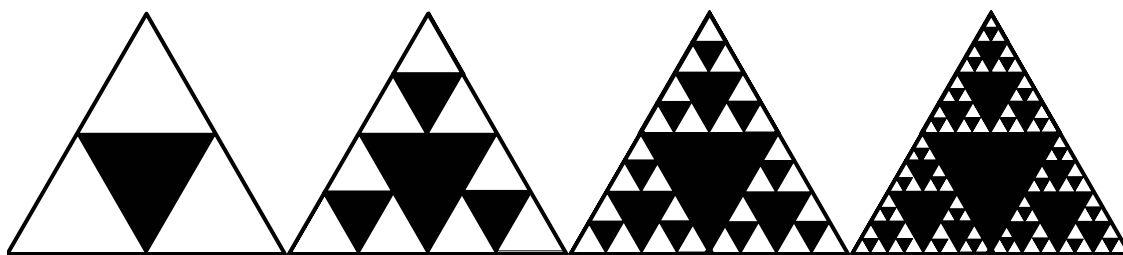


**Exercise 1.** Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3\sqrt{n^3}}{7n^{5r}}$  where  $r$  is a real number and do the following:

- i) Identify the general term of the series and simplify it.
- ii) Is our series a  $p$ -series? How can you justify that?
- iii) State the convergence result for  $p$  series. This means, given ANY  $p$ -series  $\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$ , for what values of  $p$  will that converge?
- iv) Determine for which values of  $r$  will our series converge. [Hint: The answer to this item is NOT the same as the last item.]

1. The general term is  $\frac{3\sqrt{n^3}}{7n^{5r}}$ . We may simplify it to  $\frac{3}{7} \frac{1}{n^{5r-3/2}}$ .
2. Indeed it's a  $p$ -series, as the general term looks like 1 over  $n$  to some power, in this case  $5r - \frac{3}{2}$ .
3. A general  $p$  series converges when  $p > 1$ .
4. We require that  $5r - \frac{3}{2} > 1$  so solving for  $r$  we get  $5r > \frac{5}{2}$  which means that  $r > \frac{1}{2}$ . So for values of  $r$  larger than  $\frac{1}{2}$ , our series converges.

**Exercise 2** (Filling a triangle). Consider an empty triangle of area  $A$  which we start filling with smaller triangles. The objective of this question is to determine if we can fill completely the triangle in question.



We start adding a triangle with area  $a_1 = \frac{A}{4}$  in the middle, then the second step adds 3 triangles of area  $\left(\frac{A/4}{4}\right) = \frac{A}{16}$ . So in total we are adding an area of  $a_2 = \frac{3A}{16}$ .

- i) In the third step, how many triangles do we add? What is the area of each of the new smaller triangles? In total how much area  $a_3$  are we adding in the third step?
- ii) Derive a formula for the area added  $a_n$  at the  $n^{\text{th}}$  step by considering how many triangles are we adding and the area of each of those new triangles.
- iii) As a sequence, is  $a_n$  geometric? If it is, what's its initial term and common ratio?
- iv) Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ , in terms of area, what does this series represent? What do the partial sums represent?
- v) Using the information above, determine if we fill up the triangle.

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