Spring 2018

Worksheet 15

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- 1. Warm up: Answer the following true / false questions.
 - (a) The sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ for $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$ converges.
 - (b) The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ converges.
 - (c) If a series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ converges and $a_n \to c$ as $n \to \infty$, then c = 0.
 - (d) If a sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges to 0, then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ converges.
- 2. Determine if the following infinite series converge. If so, find the sum.

(a)
$$\frac{1}{10} + \frac{3}{20} + \frac{9}{40} + \frac{27}{80} + \frac{81}{160} + \cdots$$

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

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

(d)
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{2n} + \frac{3 \cdot 8^n}{81^{n/2}}$$

(e)
$$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{108} + \cdots$$

3. Use geometric series to show that:

(a)
$$0.99999.... = 1$$

(b)
$$0.5555555...$$
 = $5/9$

(c)
$$1.36363636... = 15/11$$

- 4. Recall that the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges.
 - (a) Reindex this series so that the index starts at n=0. That is, keep the series the same, but change the $\frac{1}{n}$ to something else.
 - (b) Use part (a) to show that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1}$ diverges.
 - (c) Use these ideas to show that, for any positive integer k, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+k}$ diverges.

5. Determine if the following statements are true or false. If true, provide some justification. If false, provide a counterexample.

(a)
$$\sum_{n=0}^{k} (a_n + b_n) = \sum_{n=0}^{k} a_n + \sum_{n=0}^{k} b_n$$
 for $k < \infty$

(b)
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$$

(c)
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n\right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n\right)$$