

Math 1232: Single-Variable Calculus 2  
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Recitation 9

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**Problem 1.** Write out the first five terms of:

(a)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^{k+1}}{3k}$

(b)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k+1}{k!}$

(c)  $\sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{k+3}{k^2-k-2}$

**Problem 2.** Write in series/summation notation:

(a)  $1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{5} + \frac{4}{7} + \dots$

(b)  $1 - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{25} + \dots$

(c)  $2 + 7 + 14 + 23 + 34 + \dots$

**Problem 3.** (a) Use a telescoping series argument to write down a formula for  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2+3k+2}$ .

(b) Compute  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2+3k+2}$ .

(c) Use a telescoping series argument to write down a formula for  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2}{k^2+2k}$ .

(d) Compute  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{k^2+2k}$ .

(e) Use a telescoping series argument to write down a formula for  $\sum_{k=1}^n \ln\left(\frac{k+1}{k+3}\right)$ .

(f) Compute  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ln\left(\frac{k+1}{k+3}\right)$ .

**Problem 4** (Geometric Series). Compute:

(a) 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^k}{3^k}$$

(b) 
$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-5)^{k+2}}{2^{3k}}$$

(c) 
$$\frac{5}{2} + \frac{5}{4} + \frac{5}{8} + \frac{5}{16} + \dots$$

(d) 
$$\frac{-2}{3} + \frac{8}{9} + \frac{-32}{27} + \dots$$

(e) 
$$\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} - \frac{1}{81} + \dots$$

**Problem 5** (Infinite Decimals). We want to find a rational representation of the infinite decimal  $0.\overline{47}$ . That is, we want to write  $0.\overline{47} = \frac{p}{q}$  for integers  $p, q$ .

(a) First, what happens if we multiply  $0.\overline{47}$  by 100?

(b) Using part (a), what can you tell about  $(99) \cdot 0.\overline{47}$ ?

(c) Give a rational representation of  $0.\overline{47}$ .

(d) Now let's take a different approach. Write  $0.\overline{47}$  as an infinite series.

(e) What kind of series is this? Can you use that fact to find a rational representation of  $0.\overline{47}$ ?

(f) Now use the same logic to find a rational representation of  $2.\overline{63}$ .