

EXERCISES [MAI 1.7]

INFINITE SERIES

SOLUTIONS

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A. Paper 1 questions (SHORT)

1. (a) $10 \times 0.5^{n-1}$ ($= 20 \times 0.5^n$)

(b) 0.000610

(c) 19.999981

(d) 20

2. (a) $5/3$ (b) $5/7$

3. (a) $\frac{4(4^6 - 1)}{4 - 1} = 5460$ (b) $\frac{0.25(1 - 0.25^6)}{1 - 0.25} = 0.333252$ (c) $\frac{0.25}{1 - 0.25} = \frac{1}{3}$

4. (a) $u_{10} = 3(0.9)^9$

(b) $S = \frac{3}{1 - 0.9} = \frac{3}{0.1} = 30$

5. (a) $\frac{1}{5}$ ($= 0.2$)

(b) (i) $u_{10} = 25\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^9 = 0.0000128$ (ii) $u_n = 25\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{n-1}$

(c) $S = \frac{125}{4} = 31.25$

6. (a) $r = \frac{2}{3}$

(b) $u_{15} = 1.39$

(c) $S = 1215$

7. $r = -\frac{1800}{3000} = -0.6$ $S = \frac{3000}{1.6} = 1875$

8. (a) $r = \frac{16}{32} \left(= \frac{1}{2} \right)$

(b) $u_6 = 32 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{6-1} = 1$

(c) $S_\infty = \frac{32}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 64$

9. $r = -\frac{1}{3}$ $S_\infty = \frac{27}{1 + \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{81}{4}$ ($= 20.25$)

$$10. \quad S = \frac{u_1}{1-r} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{1 - \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$11. \quad u_3 = u_1 r^2 = 8 \Leftrightarrow 8 = 18r^2 \Leftrightarrow r^2 = \frac{8}{18} \left(= \frac{4}{9} \right) \Leftrightarrow r = \pm \frac{2}{3}$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{u_1}{1-r}, \quad S_\infty = 54 \quad \text{or} \quad S_\infty = \frac{54}{5} (= 10.8)$$

$$12. \quad S_\infty = \frac{-12}{1 - \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)} = \frac{-36}{5} \quad \text{or} \quad -7.2$$

13.

$$(a) \quad u_1 r^3 = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 18r^3 = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^3 = -\frac{1}{27} \Rightarrow r = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$S_n = \frac{18 \left(1 - \left(-\frac{1}{3} \right)^n \right)}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{3} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{27}{2} \left(1 - \left(-\frac{1}{3} \right)^n \right)$$

$$(b) \quad S_\infty = \frac{u_1}{1-r} = \frac{18}{1 + \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{27}{2}$$

$$14. \quad r = \frac{1}{2}, \quad u_1 = 20$$

$$15. \quad u_1 + u_1 r = 15 \Rightarrow u_1(1+r) = 15; \quad \frac{u_1}{1-r} = 27$$

$$1 - r^2 = \frac{15}{27}$$

$$(i) \quad r = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$(ii) \quad u_1 = 27 \times \frac{1}{3} = 9$$

$$16. \quad S_\infty = \frac{u_1}{1-r} = 32 \quad \text{and} \quad S_4 = \frac{u_1(1-r^4)}{1-r} = 30$$

$$\text{Divide } S_4 \text{ by } S_\infty : 1 - r^4 = \frac{30}{32} = \frac{15}{16} \Leftrightarrow r^4 = \frac{1}{16} \Leftrightarrow r = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and so } u_1 = 16$$

$$S_\infty - S_8 = 32 - \frac{16(1-0.5^8)}{1-0.5} = 32 - 32(1-0.5^8) = 32 \times 0.5^8 = 0.0125$$

$$17. \quad k + \frac{2}{3}k + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 k + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 k + \dots = 1$$

$$k \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} \right) = 1 \quad \text{so} \quad k = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$18. \quad (a) \quad \frac{x+1}{x-3} = \frac{2x+8}{x+1} \Leftrightarrow x^2 + 2x + 1 = 2x^2 + 2x - 24 \Leftrightarrow x^2 = 25 \Leftrightarrow x = 5 \text{ or } x = -5$$

$$(b) \quad \text{For } x = -5, r = \frac{1}{2} \text{ so the series converges (while for } x = 5, r = 3)$$

$$(c) \quad S = \frac{-8}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = -16$$

$$19. \quad (a) \quad -1 < \frac{2x}{3} < 1. \text{ This gives } -1.5 < x < 1.5 \text{ or } |x| < \frac{3}{2}$$

$$(b) \quad \text{When } x = 1.2, \text{ the common ratio is } r = 0.8 \text{ and the sum is } \frac{1}{1 - 0.8} = 5$$

$$20. \quad (a) \quad r = 4 - 3x \Rightarrow -1 < 4 - 3x < 1 \Rightarrow 1 < x < \frac{5}{3}$$

$$(b) \quad x = 1.2 \Rightarrow u_1 = 0.8 \quad r = 0.4, \quad S_\infty = \frac{0.8}{0.6} = \frac{4}{3}$$

B. Paper 2 questions (LONG)

$$21. \quad (a) \quad (i) \quad \text{Area B} = \frac{1}{16}, \quad \text{area C} = 64$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{\frac{1}{16}}{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{\frac{64}{1}}{\frac{1}{16}} = \frac{1}{4} \quad (\text{Ratio is the same.})$$

$$(iii) \quad \text{Common ratio} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$(b) \quad (i) \quad \text{Total area } (S_2) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} = \frac{5}{16} = (= 0.3125) \text{ (0.313, 3 s.f.)}$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{Required area} = S_8 = \frac{\frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^8 \right)}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} = 0.333328 \text{ (6 s.f.)}$$

$$(c) \quad \text{Sum to infinity} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

22. (a) (i) $PQ = \sqrt{AP^2 + AQ^2} = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{4(2)} = 2\sqrt{2}$ cm
(ii) Area of PQRS = $(2\sqrt{2})(2\sqrt{2}) = 8$ cm²
- (b) (i) Side of third square = $\sqrt{(\sqrt{2})^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$ cm
Area of third square = 4 cm²
(ii) $r = \frac{8}{16} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$ geometric progression
- (c) (i) $u_{11} = u_1 r^{10} = 16 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10} = \frac{16}{1024} = \frac{1}{64}$ (= 0.015625 = 0.0156, 3 s.f.)
(ii) $S_\infty = \frac{u_1}{1-r} = \frac{16}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = 32$
23. (a) Let $p = 1.77, p = -0.5, p = -2.27$
(b) Geometric sequence: $4, 4p, 4p^2, 4p^3$
(c) Arithmetic sequence: $4, 4 + 5p, 4 + 10p, 4 + 15p$
(d) $4p^2 + 4p^3 = 4 + (4 + 15p) \Rightarrow 4p^3 + 4p^2 - 15p - 8 = 0$
So the values are as in (a): $p = 1.77, p = -0.5, p = -2.27$
(e) For $p = -0.5, S_\infty = \frac{4}{1-0.5} = 8$
24. (a) G.S. $u_1 = 1, r = e, S_{10} = \frac{e^{10} - 1}{e - 1}$
(b) G.S. $u_1 = 1, r = \frac{1}{e}, S_{10} = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{e^{10}}}{1 - \frac{1}{e}} \left(= \frac{e^{10} - 1}{e^{10} - e^9} \right)$
(c) $r = \frac{1}{e} < 1, S_\infty = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{e}} = \frac{e}{e-1}$
(d) $\frac{1}{1-e^x} = 2 \Leftrightarrow 1 - e^x = \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow e^x = \frac{1}{2}$ (i) $x = \ln \frac{1}{2}$ (= ln 0.5) (ii) $x = -0.693$
25. (a) The series in fact is $\log x + 2 \log x + 3 \log x + \dots$
so there is a common difference $d = \log x$
(b) $u_1 = \log 3, d = \log 3, S_{10} = \frac{10}{2}(\log 3 + \log 3^{10}) = 5(11 \log 3) = 55 \log 3 = 26.2$
(c) There is a common ratio $r = \log x$
(d) $u_1 = \log 3, r = \log 3, S_{10} = \frac{\log 3(1 - (\log 3)^{10})}{1 - \log 3} = 0.912$
(e) $r = \log 3 = 0.477 < 1, S_\infty = \frac{1}{1 - \log 3} = 1.91$