

QUIZ 11 SOLUTIONS: LESSONS 15-16
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Write legibly, clearly indicate the question you are answering, and put a box or circle around your final answer. If you do not clearly indicate the question numbers, I will take off points. Write as much work as you need to demonstrate to me that you understand the concepts involved. If you have any questions, raise your hand and I will come over to you.

1. [4 pts] Determine whether

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

converges or diverges. If it converges, find its value.

Solution: The function $\frac{1}{x^2}$ does not exist at $x = 0$, so this is the point we need to consider via a limit. Write

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \int_s^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \int_s^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx &= -\frac{1}{x} \Big|_s^1 \\ &= -\frac{1}{1} - \left(-\frac{1}{s}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{s} - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit,

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{s} - 1\right) = \infty - 1 = \infty.$$

Therefore, we conclude the integral diverges.

2. [2 pts] Find the 4th partial sum of

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n+2}.$$

Round your answer to 2 decimal places.

Solution: The 4th partial sum is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{2}{0+2} + \frac{2}{1+2} + \frac{2}{2+2} + \frac{2}{3+2} \\
 &= \frac{2}{2} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{2}{5} \\
 &= 1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{5} \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{10}{15} + \frac{6}{15} \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{16}{15} \\
 &= \frac{45}{30} + \frac{32}{30} \\
 &= \frac{77}{30} \approx \boxed{2.57}.
 \end{aligned}$$

3. [4 pts] Determine if the following geometric series converges or diverges (give a reason for how you know it converges or diverges). If it converges, find its sum.

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

Solution: Because $|r| = \left|-\frac{2}{3}\right| < 1$, the series converges. We compute its sum. Write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2} \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^n &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2} \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n+1} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2} \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1) \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \\
 &= \frac{-1}{1 - \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)} \\
 &= \frac{-1}{1 + \frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= \frac{-3}{3 + 2} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{3}{-5}}
 \end{aligned}$$