

### Problem Set #143

#1, 3, 5, 6

1.) A sum is geometric if

$$\frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} = r \text{ where } r \text{ is a constant.}$$

a)  $\sum_{k=1}^{70} \left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$       $\frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} = \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{n-1}} = \frac{n-1}{n} \neq \text{constant.}$

⇒ not a geometric sum

b)  $\sum_{k=1}^{50} \left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^2$       $\frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{1}{n-1}\right)^2} = \frac{(n-1)^2}{n^2} \neq \text{constant}$

⇒ not a geometric sum

c)  $\sum_{k=1}^{60} \left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^k$       $\frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^n}{\left(\frac{1}{n-1}\right)^{n-1}} = \frac{(n-1)^{n-1}}{n^n} \neq \text{constant}$

⇒ not a geometric sum

d)  $\sum_{k=1}^{60} (1.01)^{\frac{k}{3}}$       $\frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} = \frac{(1.01)^{n/3}}{(1.01)^{(n-1)/3}} = \frac{(1.01)^{n/3}}{(1.01)^n (1.01)^{-1/3}} = (1.01)^{\frac{1}{3}} = r$

$$S_n = \frac{a_0(1-r^n)}{1-r} = \frac{(1.01)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{1-(1.01)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \left[ 1 - (1.01)^{20} \right]$$

3) No. If you have an a series that converges and you add a finite number of terms to the beginning of the series, the series still converges. Hence, the first few terms do not affect whether the series converges.

Yes. If you have a convergent series whose sum is  $S$ . Then if you add a term to the beginning of the series whose value is  $a$ . Then, the sum of the series is  $S+a$ .

a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ . Must be true

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = k$ , then the partial sums  $S_n$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  ( $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$ ) wouldn't equal a finite number since you would continue adding  $k$  to the partial sum as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 0$ . False

Since every term  $a_k > 0$ . Then,  $0 < S_1 < S_2 < \dots < S_k$  because  $S_2 - S_1 = a_2 > 0$ . Thus,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n \neq 0$ .

c) Since the partial sums converge, then they converge to a finite number  $S$ . Thus, just choose  $M = S + 1$   
Must be true.

$\sum_{k=5}^{\infty} a_k$  converges. Must be true If  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k$  converges, then

$\sum_{k=5}^{\infty} a_k$  converges since the first few terms of a series

doesn't affect whether a series converges.

b.) Not necessarily true. Example is  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$  diverges but  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k} = 0$