

Problem statement Consider an infinite series of the form

$$\pm 3 \pm 1 \pm \frac{1}{3} \pm \frac{1}{9} \pm \frac{1}{27} \pm \cdots \pm \frac{1}{3^n} \pm \cdots .$$

The numbers 3, 1, etc., are given but *you* will decide what the signs should be.

- a) Can you choose the signs to make the series diverge?
- b) Can you choose the signs to make the series sum to 3.5?
- c) Can you choose the signs to make the series sum to 2.25?

In each case, if your answer is “Yes”, then specify how to choose the signs; if your answer is “No”, then explain.