

HW 4

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- 1) Driver A: constant 200 mph  
Driver T: constant 50 mph  
T sets 50-mile head start.

a) At the beginning  $t=0$ ,  
Starting: A's distance is 0, T's distance is 50

It takes A  $\frac{50}{200} = \frac{1}{4}$  to get to T's starting pt.

but at that point, T made it to  $50 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 50$   
 $= 62.5$

- At time  $t = \frac{1}{4}$  hrs:

A's distance is 50 T's distance is 62.5

- At time  $t = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{8}$  hrs.

A's distance is 62.5 T's distance is 68.75

- At time  $t = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} = \frac{7}{16}$  hrs

A's distance is 68.75 T's distance is 71.88

- At time  $t = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} = \frac{15}{32}$

A's distance is 71.88 T's distance is 73.44

And so on, we see that T will always still be ahead of A, based on infinitum.

- b) After  $t$  hours, the distance of A is  $200t$ , and the distance of T from the starting point is  $50 + 50t$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} 200t = 50 + 50t \\ -50t \quad \quad -50t \end{array}$$

$$\frac{150t}{150} = \frac{50}{150} \quad t = \frac{1}{3}$$

They will meet in  $\frac{1}{3}$  of an hour.

$$c) \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{64} + \frac{1}{256} \dots = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \checkmark$$

$$d) \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{64} = \frac{21}{64} \text{ hrs}$$

A's distance from the start is 21 T's distance from start  $21\frac{1}{4}$

The next steps requires  $\frac{1}{256}$ , but it is meaningless

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{64} + \frac{1}{64} = \frac{11}{32}$$

A's distance  $21 + \frac{11}{32} = 21.34$  T's distance 21.5

They do not catch up.

2) for any int  $n \geq 0$  for any number  $x$

$$1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n = \frac{1 - x^{n+1}}{1 - x}$$

$$x(1-x)$$

$$x^n \cdot \frac{1 - x^{n+1}}{1 - x} = \frac{x^n - x^{n+1}}{1 - x} = \frac{x^n(1-x)}{1-x}$$

3)  $0 < x < 1$ , the value of the infinite sum

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

a) using 2

$$\frac{1}{1-2} = \frac{1}{-1} = -1$$

b)

4) dichotomy paradox

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots = 1$$

We see the numbers increasingly getting smaller adding up to 1.