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## HW 4

1) a)  $t=0$   $A(t)=0$ ,  $T(t)=50$

It takes A  $\frac{50}{200} = \frac{1}{4}$  hr to get T's starting point at which time T made it  $50 + 50(\frac{1}{4}) = 62.5$  so

$$t = \frac{1}{4} \quad A(t) = 50, \quad T(t) = 62.5$$

$$\text{At } t = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{8} \quad A(t) = 62.5, \quad T(t) = 65.625$$

Continuing in this same way

$$t = \frac{7}{16} \quad A(t) = 65.625 \quad T(t) = 66.40625$$

So on and so forth, Whenever A will reach the point T was in the previous step, T would have gotten a bit further, ad infinitum, so A will never catch T

b)  $A(t) = 200t$   $T(t) = 50t + 50$

$$200t = 50t + 50$$

$$150t = 50$$

$$t = \frac{1}{3} \text{ hr}$$

A will reach t at  $\frac{1}{3}$  of an hr or 20 min

c) Adding successive time intervals

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots = \frac{1}{4} (1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{4})^n$$

B/c this is a geometric series it converges to

$$\frac{1}{4} \times \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \text{ hr}$$

The sum of the geometric series is the same as (b)



$$d) t = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{64} = \frac{21}{64} \quad A(t) = 65.625 \quad T(t) = 66.40625$$

The next step requires  $\frac{1}{256}$  which is meaningless if time can only advance at  $\frac{1}{64}$  hrs

Therefore the next step

$$t = \frac{21}{64} + \frac{1}{64} = \frac{22}{64}$$

$$A(t) = 68.75 \quad T(t) = 67.1875$$

A has caught up and passed T; therefore time must be discrete

2) Prove

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

Multiply both sides by  $(1-x)$

$$1 - x + x - x^2 + x^2 - x^3 + \dots + x^n - x^{n+1} = 1 - x^{n+1}$$

This is a telescoping series so

$$1 - \cancel{x} + \cancel{x} - \cancel{x^2} + \cancel{x^2} - \cancel{x^3} + \dots + \cancel{x^n} - x^{n+1} = 1 - x^{n+1}$$

All terms of  $x^i - x^n$  cancel out leaving

$$1 - x^{n+1} = 1 - x^{n+1}$$

therefore

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

QED



3)

a) from 2 we have

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

Set  $n = \infty$

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

Since  $0 < x < 1$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1+x^{n+1}) = 1$$

Therefore

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

b)

$$b) t=0 \quad A(t)=0, \quad T(t)=1$$

It takes A 1 hr to reach T's starting point at which time T made it to  $1+x$  so:

$$t=1 \quad A(t)=1 \quad T(t)=1+x$$

$$\text{At } t=1+x \quad A(t)=1+x \quad T(t)=1+x+x^2$$

$$\text{At } t=1+x+x^2 \quad A(t)=1+x+x^2 \quad T(t)=1+x+x^3$$

Continue ad infinitum:

$$A(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{n-1} x^n$$

$$T(t) = \sum_{n=0}^n x^n$$

let  $n = \infty$

$$A(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^{n-1} x^n$$

$$T(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^n x^n = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$A(t) = t$$

$$T(t) = 1 + xt$$

$$t = 1 + xt$$

$$t(1-x) = 1$$

$$t = \frac{1}{1-x}$$



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