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Homework 4

- ① A travels 200 mph.
T travels 50 mph, gets 50 miles headstart

$$D(A) = 200t$$

$$D(T) = 50 + 50t$$

(a) at $t=0$: $D(A) = 0$

$$D(T) = 50$$

$t = 1/4$: $D(A) = 50$

$$D(T) = 50 + 50/4 = 250/4$$

$t = 5/16$: $D(A) = 250/4$

$$D(T) = 250/4 + 50/16 = 1050/16$$

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According to Zeno's proof, we can keep incrementing t , but by the time A catches up to T's old distance, T will be a bit ahead.

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

$$150t = 50$$

$$t = 1/3$$

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

since $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x}$, we have our sum to

$$\text{be } \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{3/4}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) = \boxed{1/3}$$

(d) t	$D(A)$	$D(T)$
0	0	50
$\frac{1}{4}$	50	$50 + 50/4$
$\frac{5}{16}$	$50 + 50/4$	$50 + 50/4 + 50/16$
$\frac{21}{64}$	$50 + 50/4 + 50/16$	$50 + 50/4 + 50/16 + 50/64$

No longer possible to sub-divide time
T is ahead

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

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

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

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

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$$1 - x^{n+2} = 1 - x^{n+2} \quad \checkmark$$

(3) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x}$ if $0 \leq x < 1$

(a) $\sum_{i=0}^{k} x^i = \frac{1 - x^{k+2}}{1 - x}$

If $k = \infty$, x^k will be an infinitely small value.
The numerator will be 1 so

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

$$(b) \quad D(T) = 1 + X^t$$

$$D(A) = t$$

$$t=0$$

$$t=0+X$$

$$D(A) = 0$$

$$D(A) = \frac{1}{X}$$

$$D(T) = 1$$

$$D(T) = 1 + \frac{1}{X}$$

$$t=0+X^2$$

$$D(A) = \frac{1}{X} + \frac{1}{X^2}$$

$$D(T) = 1 + \frac{1}{X} + \frac{1}{X^2}$$

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(I)

$$t=0+X^2+\dots+X^n \quad D(A) = \frac{1}{X} + \frac{1}{X^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{X^n}$$

$$D(T) = 1 + \frac{1}{X} + \frac{1}{X^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{X^n}$$

(II)

$$1 + X^t = t$$

$$1 = t - X^t$$

$$1 = t(1 - X)$$

$$t = \frac{1}{1-X} \quad \checkmark$$

(4)

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

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

If we keep splitting in half, we will never reach an end.

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n}$$

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

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