

7. A ball is dropped from the height of 10 feet. Each time it hits the floor it rebounds to $\frac{2}{3}$ its previous height. Find the total distance it travels.

$$10 \downarrow \uparrow 10\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \downarrow 10\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \uparrow 10\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \downarrow 10\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\text{Dist} = 10 + 10\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 10\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 10\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + 10\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \dots$$

$$= 10 + 20\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{3} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 + \dots\right)$$

This is a geometric series with ratio $r = \frac{2}{3}$

$$1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-r}$$

$\text{if } -1 < r < 1$

$$\text{Dist} = 10 + \frac{20\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} = \boxed{50 \text{ ft}}$$

8. Consider the series $\sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^k}$. Give a closed formula for the partial sum

$\sum_{k=4}^n \frac{1}{3^k}$ Does the series converge? If so, what is the sum of the series?

$$\Delta_n = \frac{1}{3^4} + \frac{1}{3^5} + \frac{1}{3^6} + \dots + \frac{1}{3^n}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \Delta_n = \frac{1}{3^5} + \frac{1}{3^6} + \dots + \frac{1}{3^{n+1}}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \Delta_n = \frac{1}{3^4} - \frac{1}{3^{n+1}}$$

$$\Delta_n = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3^4} - \frac{1}{3^{n+1}} \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3^4} - \frac{1}{3^{n+1}} \right) = \boxed{\frac{1}{54}}$$

Yes the series converges to $\frac{1}{54}$.

$$\text{Or } \Delta_n = \frac{1}{3^4} + \frac{1}{3^5} + \dots + \frac{1}{3^n} = \frac{1}{3^4} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{3^{n-3}}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^m = \frac{a(1 - r^{m+1})}{1 - r}$$

$$\text{So } \Delta_n = \frac{\frac{1}{3^4} (1 - \frac{1}{3^{n-3}})}{1 - \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{3^4} \quad m = n - 4$$

$$r = \frac{1}{3}$$