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Quiz 9 — March 21, 2014 – Section 7 – 12:00 – 12:50

Remove everything from your desk except this page and a pencil or pen.

The solution will be posted soon after the quiz is given.

Circle your answer. **Show your work. Your work must be correct and coherent.**

The quiz is worth 5 points.

Find the values of x for which the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 4^n x^n$ converges. Find the sum of the series for those values of x . Explain what you are doing. Your work must be correct and meaningful.

Answer: The given series is the geometric series with initial term $a = 1$ and ratio $r = 4x$. This geometric series converges if $-1 < 4x < 1$; that is, if $-\frac{1}{4} < x < \frac{1}{4}$.

When $-1 < r < 1$, then the geometric series $a \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n$ converges to $\frac{a}{1-r}$, which, for us, is $\frac{1}{1-4x}$. We conclude that

The series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 4^n x^n$ converges for $-\frac{1}{4} < x < \frac{1}{4}$
and when $-\frac{1}{4} < x < \frac{1}{4}$, then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 4^n x^n$ converges to $\frac{1}{1-4x}$.