

1 (a). The answer is 1, since

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{3^{n+1}} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{2^n}{3^n} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} \quad (\text{geometric series}) \\ &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

1 (b). The series diverges by the Divergence Test, since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$ and so the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt[n]{n}} \quad \text{DNE.}$$

2 (a). The answer is $8/3$, since

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1 + (-1)^n}{2^n} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^n \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{-1}{2}} \\ &= 2 + \frac{2}{3} \\ &= \frac{8}{3}.\end{aligned}$$

2 (b). The answer is $3/2$. Note that (e.g. by partial fractions)

$$\frac{2}{n(n+2)} = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+2}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{2}{n(n+2)} &= \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+2}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6}\right) + \cdots + \left(\frac{1}{N} - \frac{1}{N+2}\right) \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{N+2} \\ &= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{N+2}.\end{aligned}$$

Taking $N \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n(n+2)} = \frac{3}{2}.$$