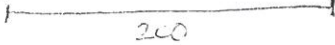


Notes 14.3 Continued

Hannah



Alexia



are 200 inches away from each other. If Hannah walks $\frac{1}{2}$ the remaining distance each time towards Alexia, her steps will be of length 100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25, ...

Will Hannah ever reach Alexia?

The total distance Hannah traveled is given by the geometric series $100 + 50 + 25 + 12.5 + 6.25$

$$S_n = t_1 \cdot \frac{1-r^n}{1-r} \quad r = \underline{.5}$$

as n gets really large, S_n approaches a **limit**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = t_1 \cdot \frac{1}{1-r} = 100 \cdot \frac{1}{1-.5} = \boxed{200}$$

If $|r| < 1$, the geometric series will *converge*.
 If $|r| \geq 1$, the geometric series will *diverge*.

If the series converges, find the limit to which it converges.

1. $25 + 20 + 16 + \dots$

$$\frac{20}{25} = .8 \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 25 \cdot \frac{1}{1-.8} = \boxed{125}$$

$$\frac{16}{20} = .8$$

2. $200 - 140 + 98 + \dots$

$$\frac{-140}{200} = -.7 \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 200 \cdot \frac{1}{1+.7} = \boxed{117.65}$$

$$\frac{98}{-140} = -.7$$

