

- Today: Even more applications and Outroduction.

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1.
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n+1}{(2n)!} 2^n$$

2. Find $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!(n+1)}$

What is $f^{(56)}(0)$?

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

Recall: Challenge

We want to calculate the value of

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)3^n}$$

Hints:

1. Compute $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n x^{2n}$
2. Compute $\frac{d}{dx} [\arctan x]$
3. Pretend you can take derivatives and antiderivatives of series the way you can take them of sums. Which series adds up to $\arctan x$?
4. Now attempt the original problem.

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Note: This problem was the origin of Pascal's triangle. The answer: if one player needs r points to win and the other needs s points to win, the correct division of the stakes is in the ratio: (sum of the first s entries):(sum of the last r entries) in the line of length $r + s$ in Pascal's triangle.

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Pi Day 3/14 is also a Doomsday.

Finally, Tuesdays are Feb.0 (=Jan.31) and Jan.3 in 2023.

(In leap years, Doomsdays are Feb.29, Feb.1 (=Jan.32), and Jan.4.)

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