Math 2300: Quiz 6, 10/4/2019

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Please show your work on all questions.

1. (5 points) Suppose you have a point pass of 20 at (-1,1), a point mass of 30 at (2,2) and a point mass of 10 at (0,-8). What is the center of mass of this system?
Solution:

$$\overline{x} = \frac{20(-1) + 30(2) + 10(0)}{20 + 30 + 10} = \frac{40}{60} = \frac{2}{3}$$
$$\overline{y} = \frac{20(1) + 30(2) + 10(-8)}{20 + 30 + 10} = \frac{0}{60} = 0$$

So the center of mass is at (2/3, 0).

2. (5 points) Determine if the following series converges or diverges. Be sure to show your work: State which test you use, and show that the hypotheses of that test are satisfied.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{9^n}{n^2}$$

Solution:

Consider the divergence test. Look at the limit of the sequence that defines the terms of this series:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{9^n}{n^2}$$

If we try to compute this limit directly, we get an indeterminate form $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$. Applying l'Hopital's rule:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{9^n}{n^2} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\ln(9)9^n}{2n}$$

We still get $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$, the same indeterminate form, so l'Hopital's rule applies again:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{9^n}{n^2} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\ln(9)9^n}{2n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\ln(9)^2 9^n}{2} = \infty \neq 0$$

Since $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{9^n}{n^2} \neq 0$, by the divergence test the series diverges.