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Midterm Exam Question 2.

Determine the exact sum of each of the following series:

a. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n 2^n}$

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

In this question you might want to use the fact that:

$$\ln(1+x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} x^n \text{ for } -1 < x \leq 1 \Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n 2^n} \Rightarrow \ln 2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n 2^n}$$

$x = -\frac{1}{2}$

Show all your work!

Explain your reasoning fully and in detail using correct mathematical notation and terminology, and in well-formed mathematical and English sentences!

(a)
$$\sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n 2^n} = \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n 2^n} + \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n 2^n} = \underbrace{\sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n}}_{\text{geo. series with } a=\frac{1}{2}, r=\frac{1}{2}} + \underbrace{\sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n 2^n}}_{\ln 2}$$

$$= \frac{1/2}{1-1/2} + \ln 2 = 1 + \ln 2$$

(b)
$$\sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n \cdot (n+2) 2^n} = \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n \cdot (n+2)} \cdot \frac{1}{2^n} = \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+2} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n 2^n} + 2 \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+2) 2^{n+2}} = \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 + 2 \ln 2 - 1 - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} \ln 2 - \frac{5}{4}$$

$\ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2^2}$