

## Sequence and Series

### Sequence :-

→ List of things which are in order.

A sequence usually have a rule, which is a way to find the value of each term -

$$\text{e.g. } \{3, 5, 7, 9, \dots\}$$

$$\{4, 3, 2, 1\}$$

### Sequence

Infinite

$$\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

Finite

$$\{a, b, c, d\}$$

Oscillating

$$\{0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots\}$$

function whose domain is

→ Sequence can also be defined as the set of all natural numbers and range may be any sets.

\* Real Sequence :- A real sequence is a function

whose domain is the set of all natural numbers and range is the subset of set R of real numbers

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

\* Range of a sequence :- The set of all distinct terms of a sequence is known as its range.

e.g.  $\{-1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, \dots\}$  (Infinite)

is an oscillating sequence. Its range is  $\{-1, 1\}$ , which is a finite set

$\{x_n\}$  or  $\{a_n\}$   
or  $\langle a_n \rangle$

Notation of a sequence

\* Constant sequence :- A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  defined

by  $a_n = c$ , where  $c$  is a fixed real number,

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  is called Constant sequence.

$$\{x_n\} = \{c, c, c, c, \dots\}$$

\* Bounded / Unbounded Sequence

→ Bounded above :- A sequence  $\{x_n\}$

is said to be bounded above if there exists a real number  $m$  such that

$$a_n \leq m \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

→ Bounded below :- A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be bounded below if there

exists a real number  $b$  such that

$$a_n > b \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

~~e.g.~~ Sequence  $\{a_n\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots \right\}$  osq

Each term of above sequence lies b/w 0 and 1

i.e.  $a_n > 0$  and  $a_n \leq 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

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bounded below

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bounded above

A sequence which is both bounded below and bounded above is known as bounded sequence.

→ Unbounded sequence :- The sequence which

is neither bounded above nor bounded below is known as unbounded sequence.

~~e.g.~~

Sequence  $\{a_n\} = \{1, 2, 2^2, 2^3, \dots\}$  osq

$$a_n = 2^{n-1}$$

here  $a_n > 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

there exists no real number  $m$  such that  
 $a_n < m \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

the sequence is unbounded above.

### Convergent Sequence -

A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be convergent

if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  is finite

$\downarrow$   
 $n^{\text{th}}$  term of sequence

### Divergent Sequence - A sequence is said to

be divergent if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  is not finite.

i.e. if  $a_n = +\infty$  or  $-\infty$ .

C.g.

~~$1 + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \dots$~~

A sequence  $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \dots$

or

$$1, \frac{1}{g^1}, \frac{1}{g^2}, \frac{1}{g^3}, \dots, -\frac{1}{g^n}, \dots$$

here

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2^\infty} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0 \text{ (finite)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  sequence  $\{a_n\}$  i.e.  $\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \dots\}$

it's convergent

$\rightarrow$  Another sequence  $\{a_n\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n, \dots\}$

here  $a_n = n$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n = \infty$  (not finite)

$\Rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$  is divergent

sequence.

Oscillatory Sequence :- A sequence which

neither converges to a finite number  
nor diverges to  $+\infty$  or  $-\infty$  is known as  
oscillating sequences

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Oscillate finitely      Oscillate infinitely

Eg.

$$\{a_n\} = \{1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, \dots\}$$

$$= \{(-1)^n\}$$

where if  $a_n = -1$  or  $1$   
 $n \rightarrow \infty$

oscillate finitely.

e.g.

Consider

$$\{a_n\} = \{(-1)^n \cdot n^2\}$$

$$= \{-1, 2, -3, 4, -5, 6, \dots\}$$

here  $a_n = (-1)^n \cdot n$

If  $a_n = +\infty$  or  $-\infty$  (depends  $n$  is even  
 $n \rightarrow \infty$  or odd)

$\Rightarrow$  sequence oscillates infinitely.

### Monotonic Sequences

$\rightarrow$  A monotonic sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be  
monotonically increasing sequence if  $a_{n+1} \geq a_n$   
 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 i.e.  $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3 \dots \leq a_n \leq a_{n+1} \leq \dots$

$\rightarrow$  A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is said to be monotonically decreasing sequence if  $a_{n+1} \leq a_n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 i.e.  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq a_3 \geq \dots \geq a_n \geq a_{n+1} \geq \dots$