

Unit 4

Infinite Series

Sequence! → A sequence is a succession of number or terms formed according to some definite rule.

The n th term in sequence is denoted by u_n

Example! → If $u_n = 2n + 1$

So by giving different value of n in u_n , we get different terms of sequence

like $u_1 = 3$, $u_2 = 2(2) + 1 = 5$, $u_3 = 2(3) + 1 = 7$...

A sequence having unlimited number of terms is known as an infinite sequence.

Limit! → If a sequence tends to a limit l , then we write

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = l$$

Convergence of Sequence! →

If the limit (l) of a sequence is finite, then sequence is called convergent.

If the limit (l) of a sequence does not tend to a finite number, then the sequence is said to be divergent.

Ex! → $1, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{16}, \dots, \frac{1}{n^2} \dots$ is a "convergent sequence".

$3, 5, 7, \dots, (2n+1)$ is a "divergent sequence".

Bounded Sequence! $\rightarrow u_1, u_2, u_3 \dots u_n$ is a bounded sequence if $u_n < K$ for every n .

Monotonic Sequence! \rightarrow The sequence is either increasing or decreasing, such sequences are called monotonic.

Ex. (i) $1, 4, 7, 10, \dots$ is an increasing (monotonic) sequence.

(ii) $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots$ is a decreasing (monotonic) sequence.

(iii) $1, -1, 1, -1, 1, \dots$ is not a monotonic sequence.

Note! \rightarrow "A sequence which is monotonic and bounded is a convergent sequence."

Questions! \rightarrow Determine the general term of each of the following sequence. Prove that the following sequence are convergent.

Q. (1) $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \dots$

Sol! \rightarrow General term: $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2^2}, \frac{1}{2^3}, \frac{1}{2^4}, \dots, \frac{1}{2^n}$

$$u_n \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2^n}$$

Yes it is convergent, as $n \rightarrow \infty$ then sequence tends to zero (finite value)

Q.2: $\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \dots$

Sol: General term, $u_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$

Now checking the convergency:

thus $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n} \left(\frac{1}{1 + 1/n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(1 + 1/n)}$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(1 + 1/n)} = \frac{1}{(1+0)} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$ (finite)

Hence sequence is convergent.

Q.3: Is the sequence $u_n = 3n$ is convergent?

Sol: No, because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3n \Rightarrow \infty$ (not tend to finite no.)

Q.4: Is the sequence $u_n = 1/n$ is convergent?

Sol: Yes, because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$ (finite number)

Remember The following limits

(i) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = 0$ if $x < 1$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = \infty$ if $x > 1$

(ii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0$ for all values of x

(iii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n}{n} = 0$ (iv) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n = e$ (v) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n!)^{1/n} = \infty$

(vi) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n!]^{1/n} = \infty$ (vii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n!}{n^n} \right]^{1/n} = 1/e$ (viii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n x^n = 0$ if $x < 1$

$$(ix) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^h = \infty$$

$$(x) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^h} = 0$$

$$(xi) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{a^n - 1}{n} \right] = \log a$$

$$\text{OR } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^{1/n} - 1}{1/n} = \log a$$

$$(xii) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$(xiii) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} = 1$$