

Exercise 10. Show that the sequence of functions $F_n(z) = z^n/(z^n - 3^n)$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$, converges to zero for $|z| < 3$ and to 1 for $|z| > 3$.

Proof. Consider that

$$\left| \frac{3}{z} \right| = \frac{3}{|z|}.$$

Also

$$F_n(z) = \frac{z^n}{z^n - 3^n} = \frac{z^n}{z^n \left(1 - \frac{3^n}{z^n} \right)} = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{3}{z} \right)^n}$$

When $|z| < 3$, then $3/|z| = |3/z| > 1$, so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{3}{z} \right)^n} = 0$$

since the magnitude of the denominator gets arbitrarily large. When $|z| > 3$, then $3/|z| = |3/z| < 1$, so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{3}{z} \right)^n} = \frac{1}{1 - 0} = 1$$

since the magnitude of $\left(\frac{3}{z} \right)^n$ goes to zero.

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