MACM 316 Final Review

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1 Example 1

The following sequence converge to 0 of order α . What is α ? Identify any examples with sublinear convergence. Justify your answers using the definitions

- (a) $p_n = n^{-e}$
- (b) $p_n = e^{-n}$
- (c) $p_n = e^{-(e^n)}$

1.1 a)

Conjecture $\alpha = 1$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - 0|}{|p_n - 0|} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{-e}}{n^{-e}}$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left[1 + \frac{1}{n} \right]^{-e}$$
$$= 1$$

 $\therefore \alpha = 1.$ This is less than linear (sublinear) because $\lambda = 1$

1.2 c)

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|p_{n+1} - 0|}{|p_n - 0|} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{e^{-(e^{n+1})}}{(e^{-(e^n)})^{\alpha}}$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{e^{-e^n \cdot e}}{e^{-e^n \cdot \alpha}}$$
$$= 1 \text{ if } \alpha = e$$