

## DIVERGENCE TO $\pm\infty$

It is sometimes useful to distinguish between sequences like  $\{(-1)^n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  that diverge because they “oscillate”, and sequences like  $\{n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  that diverge because they “head toward infinity”.

- (1) In intuitive language, a sequence converges to  $L$  if no matter how close we want or sequence to be to  $L$ , all values past some point are at least that close. Intuitively, a sequence *diverges to*  $+\infty$  if no matter how large we want our sequence to be, all values past some point are at least that large. Write a precise definition for a sequence to diverge to  $+\infty$ .
- (2) Write a precise definition for a sequence to diverge to  $-\infty$ .
- (3) Stop and check your definitions with Jack, Uyen, or a group that has been checked before proceeding.
- (4) Carefully write the logical negation of “ $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to  $+\infty$ ” in simplified form.
- (5) Use the definition to prove that the sequence  $\{\sqrt{n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to  $+\infty$ .
- (6) Use the definition to prove that the sequence  $\{(-1)^n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  does not diverge to  $+\infty$ .
- (7) Prove that if a sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to  $+\infty$  then it is not bounded above.
- (8) Use (7) to show that if a sequence diverges to  $+\infty$  then it diverges.
- (9) Disprove the following: If a sequence is not bounded above, then it diverges to  $+\infty$ .
- (10) Disprove the following: If a sequence diverges to  $+\infty$  then it is increasing.