

### THEOREMS ABOUT CONVERGENCE WARMUP

Which of the following implications about sequences hold in general? Either mention a relevant theorem or give a counterexample.

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| (a) monotone $\implies$ convergent             | (d) increasing + convergent $\implies$ bounded |
| (b) convergent $\implies$ bounded              | (e) convergent $\implies$ monotone             |
| (c) bounded + decreasing $\implies$ convergent | (f) bounded $\implies$ convergent              |

### 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”.

- (I) In intuitive language, a sequence converges to  $L$  if no matter how close we want our 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  $+\infty$ .
- (II) Write a precise definition for a sequence to diverge to  $-\infty$ .

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### CHECK ANSWERS TO I & II BEFORE CONTINUING

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- (1) Carefully write the logical negation of “ $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to  $+\infty$ ” in simplified form.
- (2) Use the definition to prove that the sequence  $\{\sqrt{n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to  $+\infty$ .
- (3) Prove that if a sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges to  $+\infty$  then it is not bounded above.
- (4) Use (3) to show that if a sequence diverges to  $+\infty$  then it diverges.
- (5) Prove or disprove: If a sequence is not bounded above, then it diverges to  $+\infty$ .
- (6) Prove or disprove: If a sequence diverges to  $+\infty$  then it is increasing.
- (7) Prove or disprove: If a sequence is increasing and not bounded above, it diverges to  $\infty$ .