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Calc 2 : Tutorial 7

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1. Find a formula for the general term a_n of the following sequences:

(a) $\{-1, 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots\}$

$$a_n = (-1)^n, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

(b) $\{1, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{9}, -\frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{25}, \dots\}$

$$a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

(c) $\{1, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{9}, -\frac{8}{27}, \frac{16}{81}, \dots\}$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{-\frac{2}{3}}{1} \\ &= -\frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$a_n = \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

(d) $\{2, 7, 12, 17, 22, \dots\}$

$$a = 2$$

$$d = 7 - 2$$

$$= 5$$

$$a_n = 2 + (n-1)5$$

$$= 2 + 5n - 5$$

$$a_n = 5n - 3, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

(e) $\{0, 1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, 2, \dots\}$

$$a_n = \sqrt{n}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$a_n = \sqrt{n-1} = n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$(f) \left\{ \frac{2}{5}, \frac{4}{25}, \frac{6}{125}, \frac{8}{625}, \dots \right\}$$

$$a_n = \frac{2n}{5^n}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$(g) \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, e, \frac{3}{2}e^2, 2e^3, \frac{5}{2}e^4, \dots \right\}$$

$$a_n = \frac{n}{2}e^{n-1}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$(h) \left\{ -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{8}{4}, -\frac{27}{5}, \frac{32}{3}, -\frac{125}{7}, \dots \right\}$$

$$a_n = \frac{(-1)^n \cdot (n)^3}{n+2}, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

2. Determine whether the sequence converges or diverges. If it converges, find the limit.

$$(a) a_n = \frac{2n+4n^2}{6n^2-1}$$

i. Converges

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n + 4n^2}{6n^2 - 1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2n}{n^2} + \frac{4n^2}{n^2}}{\frac{6n^2}{n^2} - \frac{1}{n^2}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2}{n} + 4}{6 - \frac{1}{n^2}} \\ &= \frac{4}{6} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) a_n = \frac{3n^2-2n+3}{4+n^2}$$

i. Converges

ii. Limit

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3n^2}{n^2} - \frac{2n}{n^2} + \frac{3}{n^2}}{\frac{4}{n^2} + \frac{n^2}{n^2}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 - \frac{2}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2}}{\frac{4}{n^2} + 1} \\ &= \frac{3}{1} \\ a_n &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) a_n = n(n-1)$$

i. Proof

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n(n-1) &= \infty \cdot \infty \\ &= \infty\end{aligned}$$

ii. Diverges

(d) $a_n = \frac{\ln n^2}{n}$

i. Converges

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \ln n^2 \\ &= 0 \cdot \ln \infty^2 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= 0\end{aligned}$$

(e) $a_n = \frac{2^n}{3^{n+1}}$

i. Converges

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{3^{n+1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{3^{n+1}} \\ &= \frac{2^\infty}{3^{\infty+1}} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

(f) $a_n = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}n}{n^2+1}$

i. Diverges

(g) $a_n = \frac{\sin^2 n}{2^n}$

i. Proof (Squeeze theorem)

$$\begin{aligned}-1 &\leq \sin n \leq 1 \\ 0 &\leq \sin^2 n \leq 1 \\ 0 &\leq \frac{\sin^2 n}{2^n} \leq \frac{1}{2^n}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin^2 n}{2^n} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \\ 0 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin^2 n}{2^n} \leq 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin^2 n}{2^n} = 0$$

ii. Convergent

(h) $a_n = 2 + \cos(n\pi)$

i. Proof

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= 2 + \cos(n\pi) \\ &= 2 + \{\cos \pi, \cos 2\pi, \cos 3\pi, \dots\} \\ &= \{1, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, \dots\} \\ &= \text{diverges} \end{aligned}$$

(i) $a_n = \frac{e^n + e^{-n}}{e^{2n} - 1}$

i. Converges

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{e^n + e^{-n}}{e^{2n} - 1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{e^n}{e^{2n}} + \frac{e^{-n}}{e^{2n}}}{\frac{e^{2n}}{e^{2n}} - \frac{1}{e^{2n}}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{e^n} + \frac{1}{e^{3n}}}{1 - \frac{1}{e^{2n}}} \\ a_n &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(j) $a_n = \frac{(n+2)!}{n!}$

i. Proof

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{(n+2)(n+1)(\cancel{n})(\cancel{n-1})!}{\cancel{n}(\cancel{n-1})!} \\ &= (n+2)(n+1) \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

ii. Diverges

3. Determine if the following sequences are monotonic and/or bounded.

(a) $a = \frac{1}{2n+3}$

i. Monotonic (decreasing)

ii. Bounded above

$$UB = \frac{1}{5}$$

iii. Bounded below

$$LB = 0$$

(b) $a_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$

i. Not monotonic

ii. Not bounded

- (c) $a_n = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$
- i. Proof $\left\{\cos\frac{\pi}{2}, \cos\pi, \cos\frac{3\pi}{2}, \dots\right\}$
 - ii. Not monotonic
 - iii. Bounded
 - A. $UB = 1$
 - B. $LB = -1$
- (d) $a_n = -n^2$
- i. Monotonic $\{-1, -4, -9, -16, \dots\}$
 - ii. Bounded
 - A. $UB = -1$
- (e) $a_n = (-1)^{n-1}$
- i. Not monotonic $\{1, -1, 1, -1, \dots\}$
 - ii. Bounded
 - A. $UB = 1$
 - B. $LB = -1$
- (f) $a_n = \frac{2}{n^2}$
- i. Monotonic $\left\{2, \frac{2}{4}, \frac{2}{9}, \dots\right\}$
 - ii. Bounded
 - A. $UB = 2$
 - B. $LB = 0$