

1. Write out the first 5 terms of the sequence (beginning with  $n = 1$ ). Do you think it will converge? To what?

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{(a)} \quad a_n = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \right\} & \text{(c)} \quad a_n = \{3^n\} & \text{(e)} \quad x_n = n^{\frac{1}{n}} & \text{(g)} \quad e_n = \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^n \\ \text{(b)} \quad a_n = \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \right\} & \text{(d)} \quad a_n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^n & \text{(f)} \quad y_n = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^n & \end{array}$$

2. Do the following sequences converge? Find the limit of each convergent sequence.

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{(a)} \quad b_n = \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n \right\} & \text{(d)} \quad e_n = \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^n & \text{(g)} \quad b_n = \sqrt{\frac{2n}{n+1}} & \\ \text{(b)} \quad a_n = \frac{\ln(n)}{n} & \text{(e)} \quad p_n = \left\{ \frac{2n^2 - n + 3}{n^2 + 4n + 1} \right\} & \text{(h)} \quad g_n = \{(-1)^n\} & \\ \text{(c)} \quad x_n = \frac{(\ln(n^2 + 1))^2}{n} & \text{(f)} \quad a_n = \frac{n + (-1)^n}{n} & \text{(i)} \quad y_n = \left(1 + \frac{7}{n}\right)^n & \end{array}$$

3. Let  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ . For each of the following, find  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$  and  $S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4$ .

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{(a)} \quad a_n = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n & \text{(b)} \quad a_n = \frac{1}{n} & \text{(c)} \quad a_n = \frac{1}{n^2} & \text{(d)} \quad a_n = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \end{array}$$

4. Do the following series converge? Find the sum of each convergent series.

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{(a)} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n & \text{(d)} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5}{2^n} - \frac{1}{3^n}\right) & \text{(g)} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^n & \\ \text{(b)} \quad \sum_{n=6}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^n & \text{(e)} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}\right) & \text{(h)} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{2n} & \\ \text{(c)} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 7 \left(\frac{8}{9}\right)^n & \text{(f)} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\sqrt{3})^n & \text{(i)} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-2n} & \end{array}$$

①

a)  $q_1 = \frac{1}{1} = 1, q_2 = \frac{1}{2}, q_3 = \frac{1}{3}, q_4 = \frac{1}{4}, q_5 = \frac{1}{5}$ . Converges to 0.

b)  $q_1 = \frac{1}{2}, q_2 = \frac{1}{4}, q_3 = \frac{1}{8}, q_4 = \frac{1}{16}, q_5 = \frac{1}{32}$ . Converges to 0

c)  $q_1 = 3, q_2 = 9, q_3 = 27, q_4 = 81, q_5 = 243$ . Diverges

d)  $q_1 = (1 - \frac{1}{1})^1 = 0, q_2 = (1 - \frac{1}{2})^2 = (\frac{1}{2})^2 = \frac{1}{4}, q_3 = (1 - \frac{1}{3})^3 = (\frac{2}{3})^3 = \frac{8}{27}$

$$q_4 = (1 - \frac{1}{4})^4 = (\frac{3}{4})^4 = \frac{81}{256}, q_5 = (1 - \frac{1}{5})^5 = (\frac{4}{5})^5 = \frac{1024}{3125}.$$

Unclear pattern, but it can be related with continuous functions. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(1 - \frac{1}{n})^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \ln(1 - \frac{1}{n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(1 - \frac{1}{n})}{\frac{1}{n}} \stackrel{\text{LHR}}{\equiv} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{n}} \cdot (-\frac{1}{n^2})}{-\frac{1}{n^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{n}} = -1. \text{ Thus, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \frac{1}{n})^n = e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e}.$$

e)  $x_1 = 1^{1/1} = 1, x_2 = 2^{1/2} = \sqrt{2}, x_3 = 3^{1/3}, x_4 = 4^{1/4}, x_5 = 5^{1/5}$ .

Limit is unclear. Consider the continuous function  $x^{1/x}$  when  $x > 0$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln x^{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \ln x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} \stackrel{\text{LHR}}{\equiv} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x}} = 0, \text{ so}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{1/x} = e^0 = 1, \text{ so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1,$$

f)  $y_1 = \frac{2}{5}, y_2 = \frac{4}{25}, y_3 = \frac{8}{125}, y_4 = \frac{16}{625}, y_5 = \frac{32}{3125}$ . Converges to 0.

g)  $\ell_1 = (1 + \frac{2}{1})^1 = 3, \ell_2 = (1 + \frac{2}{2})^2 = 2^2 = 4, \ell_3 = (1 + \frac{2}{3})^3 = (\frac{5}{3})^3 \approx 4.026$

$$\ell_4 = (1 + \frac{2}{4})^4 = (\frac{3}{2})^4 \approx 5.0625, \ell_5 = (1 + \frac{2}{5})^5 = (\frac{7}{5})^5 \approx 5.37824. \text{ Unclear limit.}$$

As before, we consider  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln(1 + \frac{2}{x})^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(\frac{4+2}{x})}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{1+\frac{2}{x}}(-\frac{2}{x^2})}{-\frac{1}{x^2}}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} +(\frac{2}{1+\frac{2}{x}}) = 2, \text{ so } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{2}{x})^x = e^2, \text{ so } \ell_n \text{ converges to } e^2$$

(2) a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^n = \boxed{0}$

b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1} = \boxed{0}$

c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n^2+1)}{n} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\ln(n^2+1) \cdot \frac{1}{n^2+1} \cdot 2n}{1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4\ln(n^2+1) \cdot n}{n^2+1}$

$$\stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{4}{n^2+1} \cdot 2n \cdot n + 4\ln(n^2+1)}{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n}{n^2+1} + \frac{2\ln(n^2+1)}{n}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{4}{2n} + \frac{2\frac{1}{n^2+1} \cdot 2n}{1}}{1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n} + \frac{4n}{n^2+1} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} 0 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{2n} = \boxed{0}$$

d)  $e^2 \rightarrow$  see solution to 1g.

e)  $p_n = \frac{2n^2 - n + 3}{n^2 + 4n + 1} = \frac{2 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2}}{1 + \frac{4}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}}$ , so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = \frac{2}{1} = \boxed{2}$

f) as  $n$  gets large, the  $\pm 1$  is less significant. Clearly the limit is 1.

g)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{2n}{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{2n+2-2}{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n+1} - \frac{2}{n+1}}$   
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2 - \frac{2}{n+1}} = \boxed{\sqrt{2}}$

h) alternates between 1 and -1, so it does not converge.

i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{7}{n}\right)^n = 1^\infty$ . indeterminate.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left( \left(1 + \frac{7}{n}\right)^n \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \ln \left(1 + \frac{7}{n}\right)^{\frac{n}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{7}{n}\right)}{\frac{1}{n}} \stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{L'H}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{1+\frac{7}{n}} \left(-\frac{7}{n^2}\right)}{-\frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7}{1+\frac{7}{n}} = 7.$$

Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{7}{n}\right)^n = \boxed{e^7}$

③ a)  $a_1 = \frac{1}{2}, a_2 = \frac{1}{4}, a_3 = \frac{1}{8}, a_4 = \frac{1}{16} \cdot S_1 = \frac{1}{2}, S_2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}, S_3 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$   
 $S_4 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} = \frac{15}{16}$

b)  $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$   $a_1 = 1, a_2 = \frac{1}{2}, a_3 = \frac{1}{3}, a_4 = \frac{1}{4}$

$$S_1 = 1, S_2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}, S_3 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{6+3+2}{6} = \frac{11}{6}, S_4 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{12+6+4+3}{12} = \frac{25}{12}$$

c)  $a_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$   $a_1 = \frac{1}{1^2} = 1, a_2 = \frac{1}{2^2} = \frac{1}{4}, a_3 = \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{1}{9}, a_4 = \frac{1}{4^2} = \frac{1}{16}$

$$S_1 = 1, S_2 = 1 + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{4}, S_3 = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{36+9+4}{36} = \frac{49}{36}, S_4 = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} = \frac{144+36+16+9}{144} = \frac{205}{144}$$

d)  $a_n = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n, a_1 = \frac{2}{3}, a_2 = \frac{4}{9}, a_3 = \frac{8}{27}, a_4 = \frac{16}{81} \cdot S_1 = \frac{2}{3}, S_2 = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{9} = \frac{6+4}{9} = \frac{10}{9}$

$$S_3 = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{8}{27} = \frac{2 \cdot 9 + 4 \cdot 3 + 8}{27} = \frac{38}{27}, S_4 = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{8}{27} + \frac{16}{81} = \frac{2 \cdot 27 + 4 \cdot 9 + 8 \cdot 3 + 16}{81} = \frac{130}{81}$$

④ a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^0 = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{4}} - 1 = \frac{1}{\frac{3}{4}} - 1 = \frac{4}{3} - 1 = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$  because  $\frac{1}{4} < 1$

b)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^n - \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^0 - \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^1 - \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^4 - \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^5$  because  $\frac{e}{\pi} < 1$   
 $= \boxed{\frac{1}{1-\frac{e}{\pi}} - 1 - \frac{e}{\pi} - \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^4 - \left(\frac{e}{\pi}\right)^5}$

c)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 7\left(\frac{8}{9}\right)^n = 7 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{8}{9}\right)^n = 7\left(\frac{1}{1-\frac{8}{9}}\right) = 7 \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{9}} = 7 \cdot 9 = \boxed{63}$

d)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5}{2^n} - \frac{1}{3^n}\right) = 5 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n = 5 \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = 5 \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{\frac{2}{3}} = 10 - \frac{3}{2} = \boxed{\frac{17}{2}}$

e) Let  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}$ . Then  $S_1 = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, S_2 = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ , etc.

$$S_n = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}. \text{ Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} = \boxed{1}$$

④ f)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\sqrt{3})^n$  diverges since it is geometric with  $r = \sqrt{3} > 1$

g) noting that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \frac{1}{n})^n = \frac{1}{e}$  (see 1d for this limit.)  
so by the nth term test, the series diverges.

h)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{2n} = \infty$ , since this is  $\infty \cdot 0$ , the series diverges by nth term test.

$$\begin{aligned} i) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-2n} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{2n}} = e^{-2 \cdot 0} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{e^2}\right)^n - 1 = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{e^2}} - 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{e^2 - 1}{e^2}} - 1 = \frac{e^2}{e^2 - 1} - 1 = \frac{e^2 - (e^2 - 1)}{e^2 - 1} = \boxed{\frac{1}{e^2 - 1}}. \end{aligned}$$