

Warm-up:

1. Vocabulary and Discussion:
 - (a) Make sure everyone in your workshop understands these words: sequence, convergent, divergent, increasing, decreasing, bounded, monotonic, geometric.
 - (b) Answer the following true or false:
 - i. You can tell if a sequence is convergent or divergent by looking at the first 1,000 terms.
 - ii. If the terms of a convergent series $\{a_n\}$ are all positive, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n > 0$.
 - iii. If all the terms of a sequence satisfy $a_n < 5$, then $\lim a_n \leq 5$.
 - iv. If a monotone sequence of positive terms is divergent, then the sequence contains a term that is greater than 1,000,000.
2. Do the following sequences converge or diverge? If they converge, find their limits.

(a) $\{\sin(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

(b) $\{\sin(n\pi)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

(c) $\{1 + (-1)^n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

(d) $\left\{ \frac{n^{100} + 6n^{58} - 123}{-2n^{100} + 55n^{99} + 32n^2} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

(e) $\{e^{.08n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

Problems:

1. Recall that, for a positive integer n , $n! = n(n-1)(n-2) \cdots (2)(1)$. We let $0! = 1$, by convention.

Simplify the following expressions:

(a) $\frac{n!}{(n+1)!}$

(b) $\frac{5!}{7!3!}$

(c) $\frac{(2n)!}{(2n-4)!(2n)}$

Which is greater, $\frac{n!}{n^n}$ or $\frac{1}{n}$? Why?

2. (a) Find the general term, a_n , for the following sequence:
 $\left\{ 3, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{7}{9}, \frac{9}{16}, \frac{11}{25}, \dots \right\}$
 (b) Find the limit of the sequence in part (a), if it exists.
3. (a) Use the Squeeze Theorem to show that, if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = 0$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ also.
 (b) Use part (a) to find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos(n\pi)}{n^2}$.
4. Identify a_3 for the following sequences whose general term a_n is given.
 (a) $a_n = (-1)^n 2^{n-1} n^2$ (c) $a_n = 2 + 3a_{n-1}$, where $a_0 = 5$.
 (b) $a_n = \sum_{k=0}^n 3 \cdot 2^k$ (d) $a_n = \int_{1/n}^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx$
5. Use the Squeeze Theorem to find the limit of the sequence $\left\{ \frac{\arctan n}{n^3} \right\}$.
 Use L'Hopital's rule to find the limit of the sequence $\left\{ \frac{\ln(n^2 + 6n)}{n^2 + 6n} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$.
6. Consider the sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+2} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$.
 (a) Write out the first 5 terms of $\{a_n\}$.
 (b) Now consider a related sequence:

$$\{S_n\} = \{a_1, a_1 + a_2, a_1 + a_2 + a_3, a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4, \dots\}.$$

Write out the first 5 terms of S_n .

- (c) Find a general term S_n .
 (d) Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$.

In this example, S_n is the **sequence** of partial sums of the **series**

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+2}.$$

The sum of a series is defined to be the limit of the sequence of partial sums, if this limit exists.