

1. Given the sequence $\{a_n\} = \left\{2, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{9}, \frac{5}{16}, \dots\right\}$

(a) Find the formula for the n -th term a_n

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 1^2 \leftarrow a_1 = \frac{2}{1} \leftarrow n=1 & 2 &= 1+1 \\ 4 &= 2^2 \leftarrow a_2 = \frac{3}{4} \leftarrow n=2 & 3 &= 2+1 \\ 9 &= 3^2 \leftarrow a_3 = \frac{4}{9} \leftarrow n=3 & 4 &= 3+1 \\ 16 &= 4^2 \leftarrow a_4 = \frac{5}{16} \leftarrow n=4 & 5 &= 4+1 \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n = \frac{n+1}{n^2}$$

(b) Find the limit of the sequence.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{n} \cdot \frac{n+1}{\cancel{n}}}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n}{n} + \frac{1}{n}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{n}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ (convergent).

(c) Is this a monotonic sequence?

$$2 > \frac{3}{4} > \frac{4}{9} > \frac{5}{16} > \dots$$

for all $n \geq 1$

$a_{n+1} < a_n$ — **monotonic**

max term of the sequence.

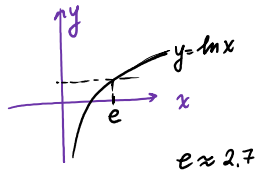
(d) Is this a bounded sequence?

$0 < a_n < 2$ hence **bounded.**

since $a_n = \frac{n+1}{n^2}$, and n is a positive integer, then $a_n > 0$.

$$n > 0, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

2. Is the sequence given by $a_n = \frac{\ln n}{n}$ increasing or decreasing? Find the limit of the sequence.



$$a'_n = \left(\frac{\ln n}{n} \right)' = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \cdot n - \ln n}{n^2} = \frac{1 - \ln n}{n^2} < 0, \text{ if } n \geq 3$$

decreasing for $n \geq 3$.

$$a_1 = \frac{\ln 1}{1} = 0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{\ln 2}{2} \approx 0.346573$$

$$\dots < a_4 < a_3 < a_2$$

3. Find the limit of the sequence

(a) $a_n = \cos(\pi n)$

$$\cos 0 = 1$$

$$\cos \pi = -1$$

$$\cos 2\pi = 1$$

$$\cos 3\pi = -1$$

...

$$\cos \pi n = (-1)^n$$

$$n \text{ is even} \rightarrow a_n = 1$$

$$n \text{ is odd} \rightarrow a_n = -1$$

1, -1, 1, -1, ... not monotonic.

divergent

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos \pi n \text{ DNE.}$$

$$(b) a_n = \frac{5 - 2n - 3n^2}{6n^2 + n - 6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 - 2n - 3n^2}{6n^2 + n - 6} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 \frac{5 - 2n - 3n^2}{n^2}}{n^2 \frac{6n^2 + n - 6}{n^2}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{5}{n^2} - \frac{2}{n} - 3}{\frac{6n^2}{n^2} + \frac{n}{n^2} - \frac{6}{n^2}} = -\frac{3}{6} = -\frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \ln(a_n) = \ln\left(1 + \frac{3}{n}\right)^{2n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln a_n &= 2n \ln\left(1 + \frac{3}{n}\right) \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2n \ln\left(1 + \frac{3}{n}\right) &= |0 \cdot \infty| = 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{3}{n}\right)}{\frac{1}{n}} \left| \frac{0}{0} \right| \\ \text{L'Hospital's Rule} \quad 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{1 + \frac{3}{n}} \left(-\frac{3}{n^2}\right)}{+\frac{1}{n^2}} &= 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{1 + \frac{3}{n}} = 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln a_n = 6 \quad \text{hence} \quad \boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = e^6}$$

$$(d) a_n = \frac{4 + (-1)^n}{n}$$

$$\text{if } n \text{ is even, then } a_n = \frac{4 + (-1)^n}{n} = \frac{4 + 1}{n} = \frac{5}{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5}{n} = 0$$

$$\text{if } n \text{ is odd, then } (-1)^n = -1 \text{ and } a_n = \frac{4 - 1}{n} = \frac{3}{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{n} = 0$$

Both limits match, thus

$$\boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 + (-1)^n}{n} = 0}$$

4. Find the limit of the sequence $\{a_n\}$ given recursively

$$a_1 = 2, \quad a_{n+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{a_n}$$

if it converges.

$$a_1 = 2$$

$$a_2 = a_{1+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{a_1} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_3 = a_{2+1} \stackrel{n=2}{=} 1 - \frac{1}{a_2} = 1 - \frac{1}{1/2} = 1 - 2 = -1$$

$$a_4 = a_{3+1} \stackrel{n=3}{=} 1 - \frac{1}{a_3} = 1 - \frac{1}{-1} = 2$$

$$a_5 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_6 = -1$$

$$a_7 = 2$$

not monotonic, not convergent.

$$a_1 > a_2 > a_3 < a_4$$

Denote $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{a_n} \right)$$

$$L = 1 - \frac{1}{L} \quad \text{or} \quad L^2 = L - 1 \quad \text{or} \quad L^2 - L + 1 = 0 \quad \text{solve for } L.$$

5. Find the limit of the sequence $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n(n^2 + 2)}{3n^2 + 1}$ or show that it diverges.

n is even, $(-1)^n = 1$, and $a_n = \frac{n^2 + 2}{3n^2 + 1}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 2}{3n^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{3}$$

n is odd, $(-1)^n = -1$, and $a_n = \frac{-(n^2 + 2)}{3n^2 + 1}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-(n^2 + 2)}{3n^2 + 1} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

do not match.

the limits don't match $\Rightarrow$ the sequence is divergent.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n + \dots$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k = s_n \quad \text{a partial sum.}$$

6. Find the third partial sum s_3 of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(\pi n)}{n} = \underbrace{\frac{\cos \pi}{1}}_{n=1} + \underbrace{\frac{\cos 2\pi}{2}}_{n=2} + \underbrace{\frac{\cos 3\pi}{3}}_{n=3} + \dots$

$$s_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = \cancel{\frac{\cos \pi}{1}}^{-1} + \frac{\cos 2\pi}{2} + \frac{\cos 3\pi}{3}^{-1} = -1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3-2}{6} = \boxed{-\frac{5}{6}}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1} + a_n + \dots$$

$$s_n = \overbrace{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1}}^{s_{n-1}} + a_n \rightarrow s_n = s_{n-1} + a_n \rightarrow a_n = s_n - s_{n-1}$$

$$s_{n-1} = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1}$$

7. The n -th partial sum of the series is $s_n = 3 - \frac{n}{2^n} = 3 - \frac{n}{2^n}$

(a) Find a_n

$$a_n = s_n - s_{n-1} = \overbrace{3 - \frac{n}{2^n}}^{s_n} - \underbrace{\left(3 - \frac{n-1}{2^{n-1}} \right)}_{s_{n-1}} = -\frac{n}{2^n} + \frac{n-1}{2^n \cdot 2^{-1}} = -\frac{n}{2^n} + \frac{2(n-1)}{2^n}$$

$$= \frac{2n-2-n}{2^n} = \boxed{\frac{n-2}{2^n} = a_n}$$

(b) Find the sum of the series.

s_n is the n th partial sum of the series
then the sum of the series $S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$

$$S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(3 - \frac{n}{2^n} \right) = 3 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2^n} \left(\frac{\infty}{\infty} \right)$$

L'Hospital's Rule

$$3 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n \ln 2} = 3$$

$$\boxed{S=3}$$

8. Find the n -th partial sum of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n^2+n}$. Does the series converge? If yes, find the sum of the series?

Step 1. Partial fractions $\frac{1}{n^2+n} = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{A}{n} + \frac{B}{n+1}$

$$\frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{A(n+1) + Bn}{n(n+1)}$$

$$1 = A(n+1) + Bn$$

$$\begin{array}{l} n=0 \quad 1=A \\ n=-1 \quad 1=-B \rightarrow B=-1 \end{array}$$

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

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n^2+n} = 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right)$$

Step 2. Find a formula for the n -th partial sum S_n .

$$a_1 = S_1 = 3 \left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{1+1} \right) = 3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$a_1 + a_2 = S_2 = 3 \left(\underbrace{1 - \frac{1}{2}}_{n=1} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}}_{n=2} \right) = 3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$S_2 + a_3 = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = S_3 = 3 \left(\underbrace{1 - \frac{1}{3}}_{S_2} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right)}_{a_3} \right) = 3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

$$\boxed{S_n = 3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \right)}$$

Step 3. $S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) = \boxed{3}$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a r^n = \frac{a}{1-r}, \text{ if } |r| < 1$$

9. Find the sum of the series $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} 10 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{n-1}$.

$$= \underbrace{10 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{3-1}}_{n=3} + \underbrace{10 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{4-1}}_{n=4} + \underbrace{10 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{5-1}}_{n=5} + \dots$$

$$= 10 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 + 10 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^3 + 10 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4 + \dots$$

$$= 10 \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 \left[1 + \left(\frac{2}{5}\right) + \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= 10 \cdot \frac{4}{25} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^n = \frac{8}{5} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{r} &= \frac{2}{5} \\ a &= 1 \\ &= \frac{8}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} = \frac{8}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{3}{5}} \\ &= \frac{8}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{3} = \boxed{\frac{8}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

both series converge

10. Find the sum of the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{5^n} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \right]$.

geometric $r = \frac{1}{5} < 1$

geometric $r = \frac{2}{3} < 1$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$$

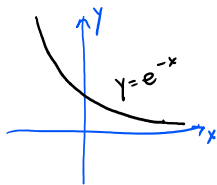
$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{5}} + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{\frac{4}{5}} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \frac{5}{4} + 3 = \boxed{\frac{17}{4}}$$

Test for divergence. For a series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$, if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ then the series is divergent.

11. Determine whether the series is convergent or divergent. If it converges, find its sum.

(a) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4 + e^{-n}}$



$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4 + e^{-n}} = \frac{1}{4} \neq 0$$

The series is divergent by the divergence test.

(b) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n + 1}{e^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2^n}{e^n} + \frac{1}{e^n} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{2}{e} \right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{e} \right)^n \right]$
 geometric series.

convergent.

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{e} \right)^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{e} \right)^n = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{e}} + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{e}} = \frac{e}{e-2} + \frac{e}{e-1}$$

(c) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{n^3}$ divergent

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^n}{n^3} \left(\frac{\infty}{\infty} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{L'Hospital's Rule}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^n}{3n^2} \xrightarrow{\text{L'Hospital's Rule}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^n}{6n}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{L'Hospital's Rule}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^n}{6} = \infty$$

divergent by the test of divergence.