

JANUARY 9

Which of the following sequences converge? How do you know?

$$a_n = (-1)^n \left(\frac{7n^2}{100n + \pi} \right)$$

$$a_n = (-1)^n \left(\frac{6n^3 - 5}{20 + 2n^3} \right)$$

$$a_n = (-1)^n \left(\frac{5n+1}{n^2-2} \right)$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| (-1)^n \left(\frac{6n^3 - 5}{20 + 2n^3} \right) \right| = 3 \quad \text{Diverges}$$
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| (-1)^n \left(\frac{5n+1}{n^2-2} \right) \right| = 0 \quad \text{Converges}$$

Absolute
Value
Theorem

$$\text{If } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = 0$$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

$$\text{If } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| \neq 0$$

Then a_n diverges
(if a_n is alternating)

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Students will verbally explain how to
determine if a series converges
(using the words:
 n^{th} term test, partial sum, diverge...)

Series

sum of the terms in
a sequence

$$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$$

expand the
series

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

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \dots + \frac{1}{3^n} + \dots$$

(geometric series)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}$$

$$\frac{(-1)^0}{1} + \frac{(-1)^1}{2} + \frac{(-1)^2}{3} + \frac{(-1)^3}{4} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} + \dots$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} + \dots$$

(alternating
series)

Partial Sums

sum of a finite series

P_1 = sum of first term

P_2 = sum of the first two terms
 $a_1 + a_2$

\vdots

P_n = sum of the first n terms
 $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$

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

find the first
five partial
sums

$$P_1 = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$= .2$$

$$P_2 = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{25} = \frac{6}{25}$$

$$= .24$$

$$P_3 = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{25} + \frac{1}{125} = \frac{31}{125}$$

$$= .249$$

$$P_4 = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{25} + \frac{1}{125} + \frac{1}{625} = \frac{156}{625}$$

$$= .2496$$

$$P_5 = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{25} + \frac{1}{125} + \frac{1}{625} + \frac{1}{3125} = \frac{781}{3125} = .24992$$

Convergent Series

If the limit of the sequence of Partial Sums exists (limit = L) then the series converges to the value of the limit (L)

Divergent Series

If the limit of the sequence of partial sums does not exist then the series diverges

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$
converges

$$\text{then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

If the series converges then the sequence converges to 0

n^{th} term test for divergence

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ ^(sequence)
then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges _(series)

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