

List 1*Sequences, limits of sequences*

20. If $a_n = (n + 2)^3$, give the value of a_3 . $5^3 = \boxed{125}$

21. For the sequence $b_n = n^{-n}$, what are the values b_1 , b_2 , and b_3 ?

$$\boxed{b_1 = 1}, \quad \boxed{b_2 = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25}, \quad \boxed{b_3 = \frac{1}{27} \approx 0.037037}$$

22. If $c_n = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$, what are the values c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 ? Give exact formulas (by hand) and decimal answers (using a calculator). $c_1 = \boxed{2}$, $c_2 = \frac{9}{4} = 2.25$,

$$\boxed{c_3 = \frac{64}{27} \approx 2.3704}$$

23. For the sequence $a_n = n^2 - 1$, give a formula for a_{n+1} .

$$(n + 1)^2 - 1 = (n^2 + 2n + 1) - 1 = \boxed{n^2 + 2n}$$

24. Consider the sequence

$$a_1 = 2$$

$$a_2 = 22$$

$$a_3 = 222$$

$$a_4 = 2222$$

$$a_n = \underbrace{22\dots2}_{n \text{ digits}}$$

(a) Calculate $(10a_1 + 2) - a_1$, then $(10a_2 + 2) - a_2$, then $(10a_3 + 2) - a_3$.

$$\boxed{20, 200, 2000}$$

(b) Find a formula for $(10a_n + 2) - a_n$ in terms of n only. $\boxed{2 \cdot 10^n}$

(c) Find a formula for a_n . $\boxed{\frac{2}{9}(10^n - 1)}$

The sequence a_n **converges** to the real number L if for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists an N such that

$$L - \varepsilon < a_n < L + \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } n > N.$$

In this case we say the **limit** of the sequence is L , and we write

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L.$$

A sequence that does not converge to any number is said to **diverge**.

25. (a) For which positive integers n is $4 - \frac{1}{100} < \frac{8n}{2n+9} < 4 + \frac{1}{100}$?

$$\boxed{n \geq 1796}$$

(b) For which positive integers n is $\frac{8n}{2n+9} = 4$? $\boxed{\text{None!}}$

(c) Is it true that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8n}{2n+9} = 4$? $\boxed{\text{Yes}}$

26. Calculate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^2 + n + \sqrt{n}}{5n^2} = \boxed{\frac{3}{5}}$

27. Determine whether each sequence converges or diverges.

(a) n^n **diverges**

(b) $\frac{n}{n+1}$ **converges**

(c) $(-1)^n$ **diverges**

☆(d) $\sin(3n)$ **diverges**

(e) $\sin(\pi n)$ **converges** because the sequence is $0, 0, 0, 0, \dots$

(f) $\frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^n}$ **converges** Specifically, this converges to 0.

We say a_n **diverges to infinity** and write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty$ if for any $M > 0$ there exist an N such that

$$a_n > M \quad \text{for all } n > N.$$

Similarly, we write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = -\infty$ if for any $M > 0$ there exist an N such that

$$a_n < -M \quad \text{for all } n > N.$$

28. Find the following limits if they exist.

(a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+13}{n^2} = \boxed{0}$

(b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+5)(n-2)}{n^2 - 6n + 7} = \boxed{1}$

(c) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n+13} = \boxed{\infty}$

(d) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -2^n = \boxed{-\infty}$

(e) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-2)^n$ **doesn't exist**

(f) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{-n} = \boxed{0}$

☆(g) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{1/n} = \boxed{1}$

29. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left((9\sqrt{n} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})^2 - 81n \right) = \boxed{18}$

☆30. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot (2^{1/n} - 1)$. The ☆ means that this task is harder than what is normally expected in this course. $\boxed{\ln(2)}$

31. (a) Simplify the formula $\frac{(\sqrt{n} - \sqrt{n-1})(\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n-1})}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n-1}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n-1}}}$

(b) Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} - \sqrt{n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n-1}} = \boxed{0}$

32. Use the Squeeze Theorem with $\frac{-1}{n} \leq \frac{\cos(n)}{n} \leq \frac{1}{n}$ to find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos(n)}{n}$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{n} = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0, \text{ so by Squeeze Theorem we have } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos(n)}{n} = \boxed{0}.$$

☆33. Use the fact that $\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^n \leq \frac{1}{n}$ to find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1/n)^{1/n}$.

We need an inequality involving $(1/n)^{1/n}$, but the right side of $\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^n \leq \frac{1}{n}$ is just $(1/n)$. Raising both sides of the equation to the power $1/n$ gives

$$1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1/n}.$$

The Squeeze Theorem requires two inequalities. The left-hand side now has limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 1 - 0 = 1,$$

so another inequality involving a limit of 1 would be good. In fact,

$$\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1/n} \leq 1$$

is enough, and it is true because $\frac{1}{n} \leq 1^n$ is true for all $n \geq 1$ (this is just $\frac{1}{n} \leq 1$). We can now use the Squeeze Theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} &\leq \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1/n} \leq 1 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1/n} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 \\ 1 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1/n} \leq 1 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1/n} &= \boxed{1} \end{aligned}$$

34. (a) The *definition* of the number “0.385” is

$$3 \cdot 10^{-1} + 8 \cdot 10^{-2} + 5 \cdot 10^{-3}.$$

Write this number as a fraction (or an integer, if possible).

$$\frac{385}{1000} \text{ or } \frac{77}{200}$$

(b) The *definition* of the number “0.2222...” is the **limit** of the sequence

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= 0.2 \\ S_2 &= 0.22 \\ S_3 &= 0.222 \\ S_4 &= 0.2222 \\ S_n &= 0.\underbrace{22\dots2}_n \end{aligned}$$

Write this number as a fraction (or an integer, if possible).

Hint: See Task 24(c).

$$S_n = \frac{a_n \text{ from Task 24(c)}}{10^n} = \frac{\frac{2}{9}(10^n - 1)}{10^n} = \frac{2}{9}(1 - 10^{-n}).$$

$$\text{Therefore } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{9}(1 - 10^{-n}) = \boxed{\frac{2}{9}}$$

(c) The *definition* of the number “0.9999...” is the ***limit*** of the sequence

$$S_n = 0.\underbrace{99\dots9}_{n \text{ digits}}.$$

Write this number as a fraction (or an integer, if possible).

$$S_n = 1 - 10^{-n}, \text{ so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \boxed{1}$$