

Quiz 1

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Show all work needed to reach your answers.

High: 20
Median: 20
Low: 17

(5 points each) As $n \rightarrow \infty$, please determine whether each of the following sequences $\{a_n\}$ converges to a limit L or diverges. If it converges, please give the limit, L .

$$1. a_n = \frac{1-n^2}{2+3n^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{n^2}-1}{\frac{2}{n^2}+3}$$

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

$-1/3$

$$2. a_n = \frac{\sin^2 n}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Since $\forall n, |\sin^2 n| \leq 1$, by the Squeeze Thm,

$$0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin^2 n}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0.$$

0

$$3. a_n = \frac{\ln(n-1)^2}{\ln(n+1)}$$

L'Hopital's Rule

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

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$$4. a_n = (e^n + 1)^{1/n}$$

L'Hopital

$$\ln(L) = \ln\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(a_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(e^n + 1)}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{e^n}{e^n + 1}}{1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + e^{-n}} = 1 \Rightarrow L = e$$

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