

Quiz 2

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Show all work needed to reach your answers.

High: 20
Median: 20
Low: 7

(5 points each) As $n \rightarrow \infty$, please find the value of the limit L if the sequence converges, or find that the sequence diverges. Also name any test or rule that you use.

1. $a_n = \frac{3^n}{n!}$

Notice that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^{n+1}}{3^n n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^{n+1}}{3^n} \cdot \frac{1}{(n+1)}$
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{n+1} = 0$

By the ratio test, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

2. $a_n = \sqrt{n}(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n})$
 $\frac{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} = \sqrt{n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1/n} + 1}$

So $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1/n} + 1} = \frac{1}{2}$

3. $a_n = (1 + 2n)^{2/n}$

Consider $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln |a_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n} \ln(1+2n) = 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(1+2n)}{n} \stackrel{\text{L'Hôpital's Rule}}{=} 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{1+2n} \cdot 2}{1} = 4 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1+2n} = 0$

So $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = e^0 = 1$

4. $a_n = \ln 2n - \ln 3n = \ln\left(\frac{2n}{3n}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$

Since a_n is constant, $a_n \rightarrow \ln(2/3)$

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