

THOMAS' CALCULUS (12/E)

10.1 Sequences

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1 Sequences, Convergence and Divergence

1.1 A sequence is _____ (_____) in a given order.

1.2 Each of a_1, a_2, \dots are the _____ of the sequence.

1.3 Example: $2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, \dots, 2n, \dots$ has first term $a_1 = 2$, second term $a_2 = 4$ and _____ (_____). The integer n is called the _____ of a_n .

1.4 *Definitions: Infinite Sequence*

An infinite sequence of numbers is a _____ whose _____ is the set of _____.

1.5 The sequence $1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$ is not the same as the sequence $2, 1, 3, 4, \dots$; _____ is important.

1.6 Examples:

n th term	listing terms	write
$a_n = \sqrt{n}$	$\{a_n\} =$ _____	$\{a_n\} =$ _____
$b_n = (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n}$	_____	_____
$c_n = \frac{n-1}{n}$	_____	_____
$d_n = (-1)^{n+1}$	_____	_____

1.7 *Definitions: Converges, Diverges, Limit*

The sequence $\{a_n\}$ converges to the number _____ if to every positive number _____ there corresponds an integer _____ such that for all _____,

If no such number L exists, we say that $\{a_n\}$ _____. If $\{a_n\}$ converges to L , we write _____ or simply _____ and call L the _____ of the sequence.

1.8 Examples:

- (a) $\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, \dots\}$; $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n =$ _____
- (b) $\{0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \dots, 1 - \frac{1}{n}, \dots\}$; $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n =$ _____
- (c) $\{\sqrt{1}, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \dots, \sqrt{n}, \dots\}$; _____
- (d) $\{1, -1, 1, -1, \dots, (-1)^{n+1}, \dots\}$; _____

1.9 *Definitions: Diverges to Infinity*

The sequence $\{a_n\}$ _____ to infinity if for every number _____ there is an integer _____ such that for all _____ larger than N , _____. If this condition holds we write

_____ or _____

Similarly if for every number m there is an integer N such that for all $n > N$ we have $a_n < m$ then we say $\{a_n\}$ diverges to negative infinity and write

_____ or _____

1.10 A sequence may diverge without diverging to infinity or negative infinity. Examples: _____ and _____.

2 Calculating Limits of Sequences

2.1 *Theorem 1*

Let $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ be sequences of real numbers and let A and B be real numbers. The following rules hold if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = A$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = B$

1. Sum Rule: _____

2. Difference Rule: _____

3. Product Rule: _____

4. Constant Multiple Rule: _____


5. Quotient Rule: _____

2.2 Theorem 2: The Sandwich Theorem for Sequences

Let $\{a_n\}$, $\{b_n\}$ and $\{c_n\}$ be sequences of real numbers. If _____ holds for all n beyond some index N , and if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n =$ _____ then _____ also.

2.3 Theorem 3: The Continuous Function Theorem for Sequences

Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers. If _____ and if f is a function that is _____ and defined at all a_n , then _____.


 **Ex. 1** (example3, p536)

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

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

(c) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5}{n^2} =$


(d) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4-7n^6}{n^6+3} =$

 **Ex. 2** (example4, p536)

(a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\cos n}{n}\right) =$


(b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right) =$

(c) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{n} =$

 **Ex. 3** (example5, p537)

Show that $\sqrt{(n+1)/n} \rightarrow 1$.

sol:

 **Ex. 4** (example6, p537)

Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{1/n}$.

sol:

3 Using L'Hopital's Rule

3.1 Theorem 4

Suppose that $f(x)$ is a function defined for all $x \geq n_0$ and that is a sequence of real numbers such that _____ for $n \geq n_0$. Then
 \Rightarrow

 **Ex. 5** (example7, p537)

Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} = 0$.

sol:

 **Ex. 6** (example8, p537)

Does the sequence whose n th term is $a_n = \left(\frac{n+1}{n-1}\right)^n$ converges? If so, find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$.

sol:

4 Commonly Occurring Limits

4.1 Theorem 5


1. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
2. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
3. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^{1/n} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ ($x > 0$)
4. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ ($|x| < 1$)
5. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ (any x)
6. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ (any x)

4.2 Definition

A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is if for all n . That is, . The sequence is if for all n . The sequence $\{a_n\}$ is if it is either nondecreasing or nonincreasing.

4.3 Theorem 6: The Monotonic Sequence Theorem

If a sequence $\{a_n\}$ is both and , then the sequence .

 Ex. 7 (example9, p538)

$$(a) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n^2)}{n} =$$

$$(b) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n^2} =$$

$$(c) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{3n} =$$

$$(d) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n =$$

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

$$(f) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{100^n}{n!} =$$

實習課練習 (EXERCISE 10.1)

Find the values of a_1, a_2, a_3 and a_4 .

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

Write out the first ten terms of the sequence.

9. $a_1 = 2, a_{n+1} = (-1)^{n+1}a_n/2$

Find a formula for the n th term of the sequence.

16. The sequence $1, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{9}, -\frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{25}, \dots$

19. The sequence $0, 3, 8, 15, 24, \dots$

Which of the sequence $\{a_n\}$ converge, and which diverge? Find the limit of each convergent sequence.

27. $a_n = 2 + (0.1)^n$

31. $a_n = \frac{1 - 5n^4}{n^4 + 8n^3}$

36. $a_n = (-1)^n(1 - \frac{1}{n})$

43. $a_n = \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{n})$

54. $a_n = (1 - \frac{1}{n})^n$

57. $a_n = (\frac{3}{n})^{1/n}$

63. $a_n = \frac{n!}{n^n}$

71. $a_n = (\frac{x^n}{2n+1})^{1/n}, \quad x > 0$

84. $a_n = \sqrt[n]{n^2 + n}$

86. $a_n = \frac{(\ln n)^5}{\sqrt{n}}$

89. $a_n = \frac{1}{n} \int_1^n \frac{1}{x} dx$