

**PART I** — Basic properties of a sequence.

**Exercise 1.** Calculate:  $2!$ ,  $4!$ ,  $2! \cdot 3!$ ,  $(2 \cdot 3)!$ ,  $\binom{4}{1}$ ,  $\binom{3}{2}$ .

**Exercise 2.** Simplify:  $\frac{(n-1)!}{(n+1)!}$ ,  $\frac{(n+2)!(n+1)!}{n!(n-1)!}$ ,  $\frac{(n+1)!+n!}{(n+1)!-n!}$ ,  $\frac{\binom{n+2}{n}}{n^2}$ .

**Exercise 3.** Write down the first five terms of each sequence and check the monotonicity. In each case state whether the sequence is bounded.

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= 2n^2 - 3n + 1, & b_n &= \frac{4n+5}{2n+1}, & c_n &= n^2 - n - 1, \\ d_n &= \frac{n^2-1}{n}, & e_n &= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n, & f_n &= -\frac{1}{2} \cdot 4^{n-1}, \\ g_n &= \frac{2^n}{n!}, & h_n &= (-1)^n \cdot \frac{1}{n^2}, & i_n &= \frac{1+n^2}{1+n^3}. \end{aligned}$$

**PART II** — Arithmetic and geometric sequences.

**Exercise 4.** We know that  $a_1 = 6$  and  $a_8 = 34$ . Find  $a_2, \dots, a_7$  so that  $(a_n)$  becomes an arithmetic sequence.

**Exercise 5.** The sum of  $x$  first terms of a sequence  $a_n = 5n + 2$  is 553. Calculate  $x$ .

**Exercise 6.** Calculate the number of terms in a sum  $2 + 5 + 8 + 13 + \dots + 449$ , calculate the sum as well.

**Exercise 7.** Calculate the sum of all two-digit numbers.

**Exercise 8.** Check if numbers:  $\sqrt{5}$ ,  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}-2}$ ,  $\frac{5+2\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}-2}$  given in that specific order create a geometric sequence.

**Exercise 9.** Find the first term of a geometric sequence in which the common ratio is 2 and the sum of eight first terms is 765.

**Exercise 10.** Find the first term and the common difference of an arithmetic sequence knowing that:

$$\text{a) } a_7 - a_3 = 8 \text{ and } a_2 \cdot a_7 = 75, \quad \text{b) } a_2 + a_5 - a_3 = 10 \text{ and } a_2 + a_9 = 17.$$

**Exercise 11.** Find the first term of a geometric sequence knowing that:

$$\text{a) } q = -\sqrt{2} \text{ and } S_6 = -7, \quad \text{b) } q = \frac{2}{3} \text{ and } S_4 = 65.$$

**Exercise 12.** Check if  $(a_n)$  is a geometric progression if: a)  $a_n = 3 \cdot 2^{4n+1}$ , b)  $a_n = 3^{n+1} \cdot 2^n - 6^n$ .

**PART III** — The limit of a sequence.

**Exercise 13.** Draw graphs of the following sequences and find their limits (if they exist).

$$a_n = n - 1, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{n}, \quad c_n = \frac{1}{n} + 2, \quad d_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}, \quad e_n = \frac{n-1}{n}, \quad f_n = (-1)^n \frac{n-1}{n}, \quad g_n = 3.$$

**Exercise 14.** Give your own two examples of a divergent sequence.

**Exercise 15.** Calculate the limits of the following sequences.

Hints:

$(a_n \rightarrow d_n)$  and  $(i_n \rightarrow l_n)$  – basic operations on limits,

$(e_n \rightarrow h_n)$  – use  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q^n$ ,

$(m_n \rightarrow s_n)$  – sandwich theorem or “two sequences” theorem,

$(t_n \rightarrow y_n)$  – use  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{b_n}\right)^{b_n} = e$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
a_n &= \frac{4n^5 - 6n^2 + 1}{6n^5 + n^3 - 8}, & b_n &= \frac{-4n^2 + n - 9}{3n^6 + 2n - 1}, & c_n &= \frac{\binom{n+2}{n}}{n^2}, & d_n &= \frac{3n^6 + 2n - 1}{-4n^2 + n - 9}, \\
e_n &= \frac{5 \cdot 9^n - 5^{n+1} + 3}{-3 \cdot 2^n + 2 \cdot 3^{n+1} - 1}, & f_n &= \frac{5^{n+1} - 2 \cdot 3^n + 8}{2 \cdot 3^{n+1} - 5^n + 7}, & g_n &= \frac{-3 \cdot 2^{3n} - 2^n + 5}{7 \cdot 3^{n+2} - 2 \cdot 2^{n+1} + 1}, & h_n &= \sqrt{\pi^n} - \sqrt{e^n}, \\
i_n &= \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n + \sqrt{n + \sqrt{n}}}}, & j_n &= \frac{\sqrt[3]{n^2 + 1} - 1}{\sqrt[3]{n^2 - n}}, & k_n &= \sqrt{n^2 + 1} - \sqrt{n^2 - 1}, & l_n &= \sqrt[3]{n^3 + 2n^2} - n, \\
m_n &= \sqrt[n]{e^n + \pi^n + 8^n}, & o_n &= \sqrt[n]{7 + \cos(n\pi)}, & p_n &= \frac{5 \cdot 4^n + 3 \sin(n!)}{2^{2n} + 7}, & q_n &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + n}}, \\
r_n &= (4 - \arctan n)^n, & s_n &= \frac{2n^3 + 1}{4n^2 + \cos(n^2)}, & t_n &= \left(\frac{n+5}{n}\right)^{3n}, & u_n &= \left(\frac{n-2}{n+4}\right)^{5n+2009}, \\
v_n &= \left(\frac{n^2 + n}{n^2 - 3n - 4}\right)^{n-10}, & w_n &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right)^n, & x_n &= \left(\frac{n+4}{n+3}\right)^{1979-2n}, & y_n &= \left(1 - \frac{2}{n^2}\right)^{2-3n}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 16.** Calculate the following limits. In each case firstly simplify the  $n$ -th term.

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{2}{n} + \dots + \frac{n-1}{n}, \quad b_n = \frac{1+2+\dots+2n}{(2-3n)(n+2)}, \quad c_n = \frac{1}{n^3} + \frac{2}{n^3} + \dots + \frac{n-1}{n^3}.$$

**Exercise 17.** Calculate sums of the following infinite geometric sequences.

$$\text{a) } 7 + 2.1 + 0.63 + \dots, \quad \text{b) } \sqrt{5} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{1}{5\sqrt{5}} + \dots$$

**Exercise 18.** Express the following periodic decimal fractions as common fractions: a) 3.(14), b) 0.3(21), c) 1.24(36).

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