

AP Calculus BC
Unit 9 – Day 1 – Assignment

Name: Answer Key *

#'s 1 – 2: Write the first five terms of the sequence.

$$\boxed{3, \frac{9}{2}, \frac{9}{2}, \frac{27}{8}, \frac{81}{40}}$$

1)

$$a_n = 5 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$a_1: 5 - \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{1^2} = 5$$

$$a_2: 5 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} = \frac{19}{4}$$

$$a_3: 5 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{43}{9}$$

$$a_4: 5 - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4^2} = \frac{77}{16}$$

$$a_5: 5 - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5^2} = \frac{121}{25}$$

$$\boxed{5, \frac{19}{4}, \frac{43}{9}, \frac{77}{16}, \frac{121}{25}}$$

2)

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

$$a_1: \frac{3^1}{1!} = 3$$

$$a_2: \frac{3^2}{2!} = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$a_3: \frac{3^3}{3!} = \frac{27}{6} = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$a_4: \frac{3^4}{4!} = \frac{81}{24} = \frac{27}{8}$$

$$a_5: \frac{3^5}{5!} = \frac{243}{120} = \frac{81}{40}$$

3) Write the next two apparent terms of the sequence. Describe the pattern you used to find these terms.

$$\frac{7}{2}, 4, \frac{9}{2}, 5, \dots$$

$$\frac{7}{2}, \frac{8}{2}, \frac{9}{2}, \frac{10}{2}, \frac{11}{2}, \frac{12}{2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{11}{2}, 6}$$

$$\boxed{a_n = \frac{n+6}{2}}$$

#'s 4 – 5: Simplify the ratio of factorials.

4)

$$\frac{10!}{8!}$$

$$\frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8!}{8!} = 10(9) = \boxed{90}$$

5)

$$\frac{(2n-1)!}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$\frac{(2n-1)!}{(2n+1)(2n)(2n-1)!}$$

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

#'s 6 – 15: Determine the convergence or divergence of the sequence with the given n th term. If the sequence converges, find its limit.

6)

$$a_n = \frac{5n^2}{n^2+2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5n^2}{n^2+2} = \boxed{5} \quad \boxed{\text{converges}}$$

H.A. → Look @ leading coeff.

7)

$$a_n = \frac{2n}{\sqrt{n^2+1}}$$

Converges

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{\sqrt{n^2+1}}$$

Divide by $\frac{n}{n}$

$$\frac{\frac{2n}{n}}{\sqrt{\frac{n^2}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^2}}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n^2}}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n^2}}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{\infty}}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 + 0}} = \boxed{\frac{2}{\sqrt{1}}} = \boxed{2}$$

8)

$$a_n = \sin \frac{1}{n}$$

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

$$= \sin(0)$$

$$= \boxed{0}$$

(1,0)

Converges

9)

$$a_n = \frac{n+1}{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right) = \boxed{1}$$

H.A. → Look @ leading coeff.

Converges

diverges

b/c oscillates
between positive
& negative.

10)

$$a_n = \cos \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\infty\pi}{2}\right) = \cos(\infty) = \text{DNE}$$

diverges

11)

$$a_n = (-1)^n \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right) = 1$$

$$a_1: (-1)^1 \left(\frac{1}{1+1}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_2: (-1)^2 \left(\frac{2}{2+1}\right) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$a_3: (-1)^3 \left(\frac{3}{3+1}\right) = -\frac{3}{4}$$

You
can't
use
abs. value
then

12)

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + (-1)^n}{n} = \frac{\#}{\infty} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 0 \\ a_2 &= 1 \\ a_3 &= 0 \\ a_4 &= \frac{1}{2} \\ a_5 &= 0 \\ a_6 &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Converges

13)

$$a_n = \frac{3^n}{4^n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^\infty = 0$$

Converges

14)

$$a_n = \frac{(n-1)}{(n-1)^p} + \frac{-n}{n-1}, n \geq 2$$

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2n+1}{n^2 - n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2}{2n-1} = -\frac{2}{\infty} = 0$$

Converges

15)

$$a_n = \frac{n^p}{e^n}, p > 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^p}{e^n} = \frac{\#}{e^\infty} = \frac{\#}{\infty}$$

= 0 Converges

#'s 16 – 18: Determine whether the sequence with the given nth term is monotonic.

Discuss the boundedness of the sequence.

16)

$$a_1: 4 - \frac{1}{1} = 3$$
$$a_n = 4 - \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(4 - \frac{1}{n}\right) = 4 - \frac{1}{\infty} = 4$$

Bounded by 3 & 4

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 4 - \frac{1}{1} = 3 \\ a_2 &= 4 - \frac{1}{2} = 3.5 \\ a_3 &= 4 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{11}{3} = 3.\overline{6} \\ a_4 &= 4 - \frac{1}{4} = 3.75 \end{aligned}$$

Increasing, monotonic

17)

$$a_n = \frac{n}{2^{n+2}}$$
$$\frac{n+1}{2^{n+3}} = \frac{n+1}{2^{n+2} \cdot 2} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{n+1}{2^{n+2}}$$
$$\text{increasing faster}$$
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2^{n+2}} = 0$$
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^{n+2}} = 0$$

18)

$$a_1: \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_2: \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$a_3: \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{6}\right) = 1$$

$$a_4: \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

not monotonic

$$a_n = \sin \frac{n\pi}{6}$$

sin graphs are bounded by
-1 & 1

bounded by -1 & 1