

§12.1 #5 List first five terms in sequence  $a_n = \frac{3(-1)^n}{n!}$

$$\begin{aligned} \{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} &= \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, \dots\} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{-3}{1}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{-3}{6}, \frac{3}{24}, \frac{-3}{120}, \dots \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{I assume we begin at } n=1 \text{ although it is ambiguous given Stewart's Problem statement})$$

§12.1 #15 List first 6 terms in  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  where  $a_n = \frac{n}{2n+1}$ . What limit does  $a_n$  tend towards? Find the limit.

$$\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} = \left\{ \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{7}, \frac{4}{9}, \frac{5}{11}, \frac{6}{13}, \dots \right\} \rightarrow \text{going towards } \frac{1}{2}.$$

Observe that:

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

§12.1 #22 Find limit of  $a_n = 3^{n+2}/5^n$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{3^{n+2}}{5^n} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{3^n \cdot 3^2}{5^n} \right) \\ &= 9 \cancel{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left( \frac{3}{5} \right)^n \right)} \rightarrow 0 \\ &= \boxed{0}. \end{aligned}$$

§12.1 #25  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} n}{n^2 + 1}$  find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ , does it converge or diverge?

$$\text{Notice } |a_n| = \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n + \frac{1}{n}} \right)$$

thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = 0$ . By the absolute conv. Th<sup>n</sup> for sequences

$$\text{we conclude } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{(-1)^{n+1} n}{n^2 + 1} \right) = 0 \quad (\text{it converges to zero})$$

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§12.1 # 30 / Determine if  $\{\tan^{-1}(2n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is convergent or divergent. If it's a convergent sequence then find its limit.

Observe that  $f(x) = \tan^{-1}(2x)$  is a function of  $\mathbb{R}$  which corresponds to  $a_n = \tan^{-1}(2n)$  since  $f(n) = a_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Observe that the inverse function for  $f(x)$  (relative to restriction of tangent near zero) is found by the usual algorithm,

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \tan^{-1}(2x) \rightarrow x = \tan^{-1}(2y) \\ &\rightarrow \tan(x) = \tan(\tan^{-1}(2y)) \\ &\rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}\tan(x) \\ &\rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2}\tan(x) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the horizontal asymptotes for  $\tan^{-1}(2x)$  are the same as those for  $\tan^{-1}(x)$ . They are  $y = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ . In particular  $\tan^{-1}(2n) \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence, by correspondence Th,  

 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}(2n) = \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 (if converges!)

Alternatively,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\tan^{-1}(an)) = \underbrace{\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (\tan^{-1}(m))}_{\text{this is a "known" limit.}} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

making the substitution  
 $m = 2n$   
 where clearly  
 $m \rightarrow \infty$   
 if  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

§12.1 #33] Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n^2 e^{-n})$ , does it converge or diverge? (3)

Extend  $n$  to be a continuous variable in what follows,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n^2 e^{-n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^2}{e^n} \right) \stackrel{(1)}{\neq} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2n}{e^n} \right) \stackrel{(2)}{\neq} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2}{e^n} \right) = 0.$$

Thus  $a_n = n^2 e^{-n}$  converges to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

§12.1 #6a] Let  $a_n = \frac{2n-3}{3n+4}$ . Is this sequence increasing, decreasing, monotonic? Is the sequence bounded?

There are many ways to argue this sequence is increasing. Consider, extending  $n$  to be a continuous variable,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dn}(a_n) &= \frac{d}{dn} \left[ \frac{2n-3}{3n+4} \right] \\ &= \frac{2(3n+4) - 3(2n-3)}{(3n+4)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{17}{(3n+4)^2} > 0 \text{ for all } n \neq -\frac{4}{3}.$$

$\Rightarrow a_n$  is increasing on  $[1, \infty)$

$\Rightarrow a_{n+1} > a_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We can find bounds from graphing  $f(x) = \frac{2x-3}{3x+4}$ , or we can just think about inequalities for a few moments,

$a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3 \leq \dots$  since  $a_n$  is increasing.  $\therefore$  it's monotonic

$-\frac{1}{7} \leq a_n$  for  $n \geq 1$ . (gives lower bound)

For upper bound notice  $a_n = \frac{2n-3}{3n+4} = \frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{n - \frac{3}{2}}{n + \frac{4}{3}} \right] < \frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{n + \frac{4}{3}}{n + \frac{4}{3}} \right] = \frac{2}{3}$

Hence  $a_n \leq \frac{2}{3}$  for  $n \geq 1$

made numerator bigger.

$$\therefore -\frac{1}{7} \leq \frac{2n-3}{3n+4} \leq \frac{2}{3} \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \leftarrow \{a_n\} \text{ is bounded}$$

and again, yes it's monotonic.

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[§ 12.1 #64] Is  $a_n = ne^{-n}$  monotonic and bounded?

I will use a completely CALC. I  $\oplus$  graphing approach for this problem. I extend  $n$  to be a continuous variable and seek to graph  $y = ne^{-n}$  via differential calculus' wisdom.

- 1.) The only zero is  $n=0$  and  $(0,0)$  is on graph  $y=a_n$ .
- 2.) Critical #'s found from  $\frac{da_n}{dn} = 0$

$$\frac{d}{dn}(ne^{-n}) = e^{-n} - ne^{-n} = (1-n)e^{-n} \therefore \underline{n=1}$$

only critical #

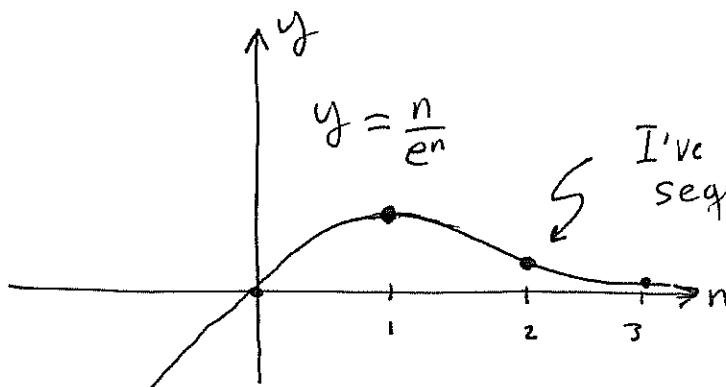
$$3.) \quad \begin{array}{c|c} + + + + & \xrightarrow{\frac{da_n}{dn}} \\ \hline & \end{array}$$

By 1<sup>st</sup> derivative test  $(1, e^{-1})$  is a local max.

- 4.)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow -\infty} (ne^{-n}) = -\infty$  by common sense.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (ne^{-n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{e^n}\right) \not\equiv \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{e^n}\right) = 0$$

Hence the function has horizontal asymptote  $y=0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  whereas it diverges to  $-\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow -\infty$ .



(it's monotonic since)  
(it's decreasing)

I've illustrated the actual sequence by the dots.  
From this graph we can deduce that

$a_n = ne^{-n}$  is decreasing  
and  $0 \leq ne^{-n} \leq 1/e$   
so it's bounded