

Sequence - A ordered list of numbers

Finite - stops

Infinite - continues

Explicit Form

Expressed as a function

Input
n

Output
 a_n

Ex $a_n = 2n(-1)^n$

Recursive Form

Defined by giving one or more of the first few terms and defines the terms that follow using those previous terms,

Ex $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2n - 1$

where $a_1 = 2$

Recall $a_{n-1} =$ Previous Term

$a_n =$ Term

$a_{n+1} =$ Next
Term

Assignment

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Recall $a! = a(a-1)(a-2)(a-3)\dots(3)(2)(1)$

Ex $5! = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$

$2! = 2(1)$

Recall $(-1)^n = \text{positive if } 2n \text{ (Even)}$

$(-1)^n = \text{odd if } 2n-1 \text{ (Odd)}$

Ex $(-1)^5 = -1$

$(-1)^{12} = 1$

Converge vs Diverge

A sequence converges if the terms approach a specific number

A sequence diverges if the terms approach, ∞ or $-\infty$

Ex) 1, 2, 3, 4, ... approaches ∞
so Diverges

Ex) 1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, ... approaches 0
so converges

Recall: Infinite Limit rules

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0 \quad \text{if degree of } g(x) > f(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \quad \text{Does not exist or } \pm \infty \quad \text{if degree of } g(x) < f(x)$$

Infinite Limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{a}{b}$$

if degree of $f(x) = g(x)$
a and b represent
the leading coefficient
of f and g

* You may typically determine if a series converges or diverges by

taking $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$

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$$\text{ex: } a_n = \frac{n^2 + 4}{3 + n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 4}{3 + n} = \frac{\infty}{\infty} = \infty \quad \text{Diverges}$$

$$\text{L'Rule } \frac{2n}{1} = 2n = \infty$$