

Quiz

1. (b)  $t_n = 3n + 5t_{n-1}$   $t_1 = -4$

$t_2 = 3(2) + 5(-4)$   
 $= -14$

$t_3 = 3(3) + 5(-14)$   
 $= -61$

$t_4 = 3(4) + 5(-61)$   
 $= -293$

6/  $4y+1, y+7, 10-y$

$$\frac{y+7}{4y+1} = \frac{10-y}{y+7}$$

$$(y+7)^2 = (4y+1)(10-y)$$

$$y^2 + 8y + 16 = 40y - 4y^2 + 10 - y$$

$$5y^2 - 31y + 6 = 0$$

$$5y^2 - 30y - 1y + 6 = 0$$

$$5y(y-6) - 1(y-6) = 0$$

$$(y-6)(5y-1) = 0$$

$$y = 6, \frac{1}{5}$$

$$25, 10, 4$$

$$\frac{9}{5}, \frac{21}{5}, \frac{49}{5}$$

# Infinite Sequences and Series

Finite Sequence: A sequence that eventually comes to an end.

ex.  $t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, \dots, t_n$

Infinite Sequence: A sequence that continues indefinitely.

ex.  $t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, \dots$

Another example of an infinite sequence would be

$$t_n = \frac{n}{2n+1}, \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Let's look at the first few terms of this infinite sequence...

$$t_1 = \frac{1}{3}, t_2 = \frac{2}{5}, t_3 = \frac{3}{7}, t_4 = \frac{4}{9}$$

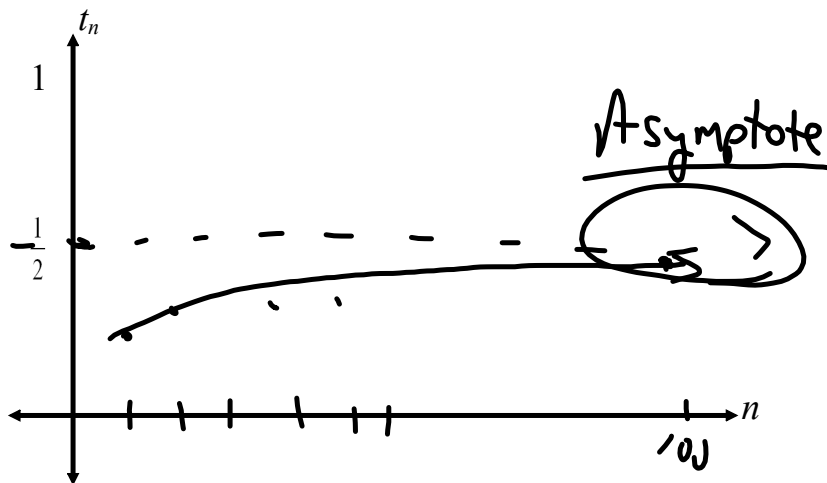
$0.\overline{3}$ 
 $0.\overline{4}$ 
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As  $n$  increases what is happening to  $t_n$ ?

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$$t_{100} = \frac{100}{201} = 0.49\dots$$

What would the graph of this sequence look like?



This result is expressed mathematically as follows:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{"The limit of } \frac{n}{2n+1} \text{ as } n \text{ approaches infinity is } \frac{1}{2} \text{."}$$

## Infinite Series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n + \dots$$

- The first thing to understand about an infinite series is that it is not a true sum. For example we can add a finite number of 2's together and get a real number, but if we add an infinite number of 2's together we do not get a real number at all.

Partial Sum: The sum of a finite number of terms of a series.

Example:  $-2 + 0 + 2 + 4 + 6 + 8 + 10 + \dots$

$-2 \rightarrow 1^{\text{st}}$  partial sum = -2

$-2 + 0$  2<sup>nd</sup> partial sum = -2

$-2 + 0 + 2$  3<sup>rd</sup> partial sum = 0

$-2 + 0 + 2 + 4$  4<sup>th</sup> partial sum = 4

etc.

Sometimes with an infinite series the sequence of partial sums, all of which are true sums, approaches a finite limit  $S$ :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n) = S$$

- If this is the case then we say that the series converges to  $S$ , and it would make sense to define  $S$  as the sum of the infinite series.
- If the limit of the partial sums does not exist, then the series diverges and has no sum.

Example:

Which of the following series converge?

(a)  $0.1 + 0.01 + 0.001 + 0.0001 + \dots$  converges

(b)  $10 + 20 + 30 + 40 + 50 + 60 + \dots$  diverges

(c)  $1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - \dots$  diverges

$$S_1 = 1$$

$$S_2 = 0$$

$$S_3 = 1$$

$$S_4 = 0$$

## Convergence of Geometric Series

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ar^{k-1}$  will converge if and only if  $|r| < 1$ .

If it does converge, the sum of the series will be

$$\frac{a}{1-r}$$

Why?

- Have a look at what happens if you take a fraction that is less than 1 and raise it to large powers.

$$\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{100} \approx 0 \quad \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{1000} \approx 0$$

- Now use what you just found to look at the limit of the sum of a geometric series as  $n$  approaches infinity

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} \\ = \frac{a(1-0)}{1-r} \\ = \frac{a}{1-r} \end{aligned}$$

Example:

Determine whether each of the following series converges. If it converges, give the sum of the series.

$$1) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 3(0.75)^{k-1}$$

( $< 1$ )

$\Rightarrow r = 0.75 \therefore$  convergent

$$S = \frac{3}{1 - \frac{3}{4}} = \frac{3}{\frac{1}{4}} = 12$$

$$3) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^n$$

$r = \frac{3.14}{2} > 1$   
divergent

$$2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)^n$$

$$= 1 + \frac{-4}{5} + \frac{16}{25} - \frac{64}{125} + \dots$$

$$r = \left|-\frac{4}{5}\right| < 1$$

converges

$$S = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{4}{5}} = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$4) 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$

$r = \frac{1}{2}$  converges

$$S = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 2$$

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5. a)  $S_n = 33$      $t_n = 48$      $r = -2$

$$\frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} = 33$$

$$ar^{n-1} = 48$$

$$| \frac{a(-2)^n - 1}{-3} = 33$$

$$a(-2)^{n-1} = 48$$

$$(-2)^{n-1} = \frac{48}{a}$$

$$) a(-2)^n - 1 = -99$$

$$\frac{(-2)^n}{(-2)^1} = \frac{48}{a}$$

$$a\left(\frac{-96}{a} - 1\right) = 99$$

$$(-2)^n = \frac{-96}{a}$$

$$-96 - a = 99$$

$$\boxed{3 = a}$$

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$t_n = ar^{n-1}$$

$$S_n = \frac{ar^n - a}{r - 1}$$

$$t_n = \frac{ar^n}{r}$$

$$rt_n = ar^n$$

$$\boxed{S_n = \frac{rt_n - a}{r - 1}}$$

Practice Pg.63  
# 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 17