

§ 12.1

15. $a_n = n(n-1)$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Divergent}}$$

17. $a_n = \frac{3+5n^2}{n+n^2}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \frac{3/n^2 + 5}{1/n + 1} = \boxed{5}$$

19. $a_n = \frac{2^n}{3^{n+1}}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = \boxed{0}$$

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

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

23. $a_n = \cos(n/2)$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ DNE. (does not exist) since cosine is an oscillating ($\propto$ periodic) function $\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Divergent}}$

25. $\left\{ \frac{(2n-1)!}{(2n+1)!} \right\}$

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

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n-1)!}{(2n+1)!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n(2n+1)} = \boxed{0}$$

27. $\left\{ \frac{e^n + e^{-n}}{e^{2n} - 1} \right\}$

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

29. $\{n^2 e^{-n}\}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 e^{-n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{e^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{e} = \boxed{0}$$

31. $a_n = \frac{\cos^2 n}{2^n}$

For all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $-1 \leq \cos n \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq \cos^2 n \leq 1$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{0}{2^n} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos^2 n}{2^n} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos^2 n}{2^n} = \boxed{0}$$

33. $a_n = n \sin(1/n)$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sin(1/n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(1/n)}{1/n} = \lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(m)}{m} \quad (\text{let } m = 1/n)$$
$$= \boxed{1}$$

35. $a_n = \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^{2n}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \boxed{1}$$

Let $b = \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^{2n}$, $\ln b = \frac{\ln(1 + \frac{2}{n})}{1/n}$

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

so, $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\ln b \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow b \rightarrow e^0 = 1$

37. $\{0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, \dots\}$ let a_n be this sequence

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ D.N.E. since the sequence oscillates between 0 and 1

9. $a_n = \frac{n!}{2^n}$ Note that both the top and bottom have n terms

$$a_n = \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdots (n-2) \cdot (n-1) \cdot n}{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdots 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} > (1/2) (n/2) = n/4, \text{ since } k/2 > 1 \text{ for } k > 2.$$

Since $n/4$ tends to infinity as n tends to infinity, the series is divergent

$\Rightarrow$ Divergent

14. $a_n = \frac{1}{5^n}$

$$a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{1}{5^{n+1}} - \frac{1}{5^n} = \frac{1}{5^n} \left(\frac{1}{5} - 1 \right) < 0 \quad \Rightarrow a_n \text{ is monotonically decreasing}$$

Since $a_n = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^n$ and a_n is decreasing, we have $0 \leq a_n \leq 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$\Rightarrow a_n$ is bounded

15. $a_n = \frac{1}{2n+3}$

$$a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{1}{2n+5} - \frac{1}{2n+3} = \frac{-2}{(2n+5)(2n+3)} < 0 \quad \text{for all } n > 0$$

$\Rightarrow a_n$ is decreasing

$$n > 0 \Rightarrow a_n > 0, \quad a_n \text{ decreases} \Rightarrow a_n \leq a_1 = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq a_n \leq \frac{1}{5} \quad \Rightarrow a_n \text{ is } \underline{\underline{\text{bounded}}}$$

16. $\{\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2\sqrt{2\sqrt{2}}}, \dots\}$

Let a_n denote this sequence.

$$\text{Note: } a_1 = \sqrt{2} = 2^{1/2}, \quad a_2 = \sqrt{2\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{\sqrt{2}} = 2^{1/2} \cdot 2^{1/4} = 2^{1/2 + 1/4}$$

$$a_3 = \sqrt{2\sqrt{2\sqrt{2}}} = \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}} = 2^{1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8} \dots$$

$$\text{So, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{1/2 + (1/2)^2 + (1/2)^3 + \dots + (1/2)^n}, \quad \Rightarrow \log_2 a_n = \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

$$\text{Let } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \rightarrow \frac{1/2}{1 - 1/2} = 2/2 = 1 \quad (\text{geometric series})$$

$$\text{So, } \log_2 a_n \rightarrow 1, \quad \text{Therefore } a_n \rightarrow 2^1 = \boxed{2}$$

12.2

3, 5, 7 check w/ answers on the back of your textbooks

$$1. 3 + 2 + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{8}{9} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1} \cdot 3 = \frac{3}{1-\frac{2}{3}} = \boxed{9}$$

$$3. -2 + \frac{5}{2} - \frac{25}{8} + \frac{125}{32} - \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{n-1} \cdot 2$$

The sequence $\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{n-1}$ is divergent, so is $(-1)^{n-1} \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{n-1} \cdot 2$. Hence this series is divergent.

$$5. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 5 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{5}{1-\frac{2}{3}} = \boxed{15}$$

$$7. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^{n-1}}{4^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{3^{n-1}}{4^{n-1} \cdot 4} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4} \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{1/4}{1+\frac{3}{4}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{7}}$$

$$9. \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\pi^n}{3^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^n \quad \text{Since } \left|\frac{\pi}{3}\right| > 1, \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^n \text{ is divergent, so is } \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^n$$

$\Rightarrow$ The series is divergent.

$$21. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n+5} \quad \text{Since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+5} = 1 \neq 0, \text{ the series is } \boxed{\text{divergent}} \text{ by Divergence Test}$$

$$23. \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2}{n^2-1} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2}{(n+1)(n-1)} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \quad (\text{Telescoping!!!})$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} \right) + \dots = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$25. \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^2}{k^2-1} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^2-1+1}{k^2-1} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2-1} \right) = \underbrace{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} 1}_{\text{divergent}} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^2}{k^2-1} \text{ is } \boxed{\text{divergent}}.$$

$$27. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n + 2^n}{6^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{n-1} \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^{n-1} \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = \boxed{\frac{3}{2}}$$