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Calculus II – Final Exam Problems  
**Sequences, Geometric and Telescoping Series**

1. Given the sequence  $\left\{\frac{1 + \ln n}{n^3}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ 
    - (a) Is it monotonic? Is it bounded?
    - (b) What can be concluded from (a)?
  2. Illustrate each of the following with an example.
    - (a) A bounded sequence need not converge.
    - (b) A monotonic sequence need not be bounded.
  3. If possible, state an example for each of the following
    - (a) A convergent sequence which is not monotonic.
    - (b) A convergent sequence which is not bounded.
  4. Determine whether each sequence is convergent or divergent? If convergent find what it converges to. If divergent, state when it diverges to  $\infty$  or  $-\infty$ .
    - (a)  $\left\{\frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{n}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$
    - (b)  $\left\{\frac{n^2}{n!}\right\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$
    - (c)  $\left\{\frac{n!2^n}{(2n)!}\right\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$
    - (d)  $a_n = -2 + \ln\left[\frac{2+n}{3n}\right], \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
    - (e)  $a_n = (5n)^{3/\ln n}, \quad n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$
    - (f)  $\left\{\frac{2n+1}{3n-1}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$
    - (g)  $a_n = \ln(2n+1) - \ln n, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
    - (h)  $\left\{\frac{n}{e^n}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$
    - (i)  $\left\{\frac{2^n}{n!}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$
    - (j)  $\{1 - (-1)^n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$
    - (k)  $\left\{\frac{\ln(n+1)}{(n+1)^2}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$
    - (l)  $\{e^{-n} \sin n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$
    - (m)  $\left\{\frac{n^3+2n}{n^2+7}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$
    - (n)  $\left\{\frac{n+1}{2^n}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$
    - (o)  $\left\{\frac{3^{n+2}}{(n+1)!}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$
  - (p)  $a_n = \frac{n}{n^2+n+2}, \quad n = 3, 4, 5, \dots$
  - (q)  $\left\{\frac{e^n}{n!}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$
  - (r)  $\left\{\frac{\sqrt{n}}{n-3}\right\}_{n=4}^{\infty}$
  - (s)  $\left\{\frac{2n^2+1}{5n^2-3}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$
  5. For each geometric sequence determine its common ratio  $r$ , whether it converges or diverges, and find its sum when it converges.
    - (a)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{4}{(-3)^n}$
    - (b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{2^{n+2}}$
    - (c)  $\frac{8}{3} + \frac{64}{27} + \frac{512}{243} + \dots$
    - (d)  $1 - e + e^2 - e^3 + \dots$
  6. Determine whether the telescoping sum converges or diverges. Find its sum when it converges.
    - (a)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+3)}$
    - (b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+3)(n+5)}$
    - (c)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$
- Answers:
1. (a) Yes. Yes. (b) It converges.
  2. (a)  $\{(-1)^n\}$  is bounded and oscillating.  
(b)  $\{n\}$  is monotonic and unbounded.
  3. (a)  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$   
(b) Not possible.
- Answers:
4. (a) Converges to 0.  
(b) Converges to 0.  
(c) Converges to 0.  
(d) Converges to  $-2 - \ln 3$ .  
(e) Converges to  $e^3$   
(f) Converges to  $\frac{2}{3}$ .
  5. (a) Yes. Yes. (b) It converges.
  6. (a)  $\{(-1)^n\}$  is bounded and oscillating.  
(b)  $\{n\}$  is monotonic and unbounded.
  7. (a)  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$   
(b) Not possible.
- Answers:
4. (a) Converges to 0.  
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(e) Converges to  $e^3$   
(f) Converges to  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

- (g) Converges to  $\ln 2$ .
  - (h) Converges to 0.
  - (i) Converges to 0.
  - (j) Diverges.
  - (k) Converges to 0.
  - (l) Converges to 0.
  - (m) Diverges to  $\infty$ .
  - (n) Converges to 0.
  - (o) Converges to 0.
  - (p) Converges to 0.
  - (q) Converges to 0.
  - (r) Converges to 0.
  - (s) Converges to  $\frac{2}{5}$ .
5. (a)  $r = -\frac{1}{3}$ . Converges to  $\frac{1}{3}$   
(b)  $r = \frac{3}{2}$ . Diverges to  $\infty$ .  
(c)  $r = \frac{8}{9}$ . Converges to 24.  
(d)  $r = -e$ . Diverges.
6. Determine whether the telescoping sum converges or diverges. Find its sum when it diverges.
- (a) Converges to
  - (b) Converges to
  - (c) Diverges to  $\infty$ .