

## ANSWERS:

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| 1) | <p><i>Solution.</i><br/>Here <math>a_n = \frac{n}{n+2}</math>. Then the limit is</p> $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+2-2}{n+2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{2}{n+2}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n+2} = 1 - 0 =$ <p>Thus, the sequence converges to 1.</p>   |
| 2) | <p><i>Solution.</i><br/>We easily can see that <math>n</math>th term of the sequence is given by the formula <math>a_n = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}n}{2^{n-1}}</math>. Since <math>-n \leq (-1)^{n-1}n \leq n</math>, we can write:</p> $\frac{-n}{2^{n-1}} \leq \frac{(-1)^{n-1}n}{2^{n-1}} \leq \frac{n}{2^{n-1}}$ <p>Using L'Hopital's rule, we obtain</p> $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \pm \frac{x}{2^{x-1}} \right) = \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{2^{x-1}} = \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^{x-1} \ln 2} = 0.$ <p>Hence, by the squeezing theorem, the limit of the initial sequence is</p> $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}n}{2^{n-1}} = 0.$ |
| 3) | <p><i>Solution.</i><br/>Divide by the highest power in the numerator and denominator:</p> $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+3}{5n-7} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2n+3}{n}}{\frac{5n-7}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 + \frac{3}{n}}{5 - \frac{7}{n}} = \frac{2}{5}.$ <p>Hence, the sequence converges to <math>\frac{2}{5}</math>.</p>  |

4) *Solution.*  
As L'Hopital's rule yields

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \pm \frac{x}{2^{x-1}} \right) = \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{2^{x-1}} = \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^{x-1} \ln 2} = 0.$$

Since the limit is finite, the given sequence converges.

5) Determine whether the sequence  $\{\sqrt{n+2} - \sqrt{n+1}\}$  converges or diverges.

*Solution.*  
Multiply this expression by the quotient  $\frac{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n+1}}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n+1}} = 1$ . We obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{n+2} - \sqrt{n+1}) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{n+2} - \sqrt{n+1}) \frac{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n+1}}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n+1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt{n+2})^2 - (\sqrt{n+1})^2}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+2 - (n+1)}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+2} + \sqrt{n+1}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

This means that the sequence converges.

6) *Solution.*  
The  $(n+1)$ th term of the sequence is given by the formula

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{5(n+1) - 7}{3(n+1) + 4} = \frac{5n - 2}{3n + 7}.$$

Check the inequality  $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{5n-7}{3n+4} \leq \frac{5n-2}{3n+7} &\Rightarrow \frac{5n-7}{3n+4} - \frac{5n-2}{3n+7} \leq 0, \Rightarrow \frac{(5n-7)(3n+7) - (5n-2)(3n+4)}{(3n+4)(3n+7)} \leq 0, \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{15n^2 - 21n + 35n - 49 - (15n^2 - 6n + 20n - 8)}{(3n+4)(3n+7)} \leq 0, \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{15n^2 - 21n + 35n - 49 - 15n^2 + 6n - 20n + 8}{(3n+4)(3n+7)} \leq 0, \Rightarrow \frac{-41}{(3n+4)(3n+7)} \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality is obvious, since the numerator is negative and  $3n+4 \geq 0$  and  $3n+7 \geq 0$  for  $n \geq 1$ . The this sequence is increasing.

7)

*Solution.*

Write out the first few terms of the sequence:

$$\left\{ \frac{2^n + 3}{2^n + 1} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{5}{3}, \frac{7}{5}, \frac{11}{9}, \frac{19}{17}, \frac{35}{33}, \dots \right\}.$$

We see that this is a decreasing sequence. To confirm this, we prove the inequality  $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$ . We

$$a_n = \frac{2^n + 3}{2^n + 1}, \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{2^{n+1} + 3}{2^{n+1} + 1}.$$

Then the condition  $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$  implies that

$$\frac{2^n + 3}{2^n + 1} \geq \frac{2^{n+1} + 3}{2^{n+1} + 1}.$$

Multiply both sides of the inequality by  $(2^n + 1)(2^{n+1} + 1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (2^n + 3)(2^{n+1} + 1) &\geq (2^{n+1} + 3)(2^n + 1), \\ \Rightarrow 2^n 2^{n+1} + 3 \cdot 2^{n+1} + 2^n + 3 &\geq 2^n 2^{n+1} + 3 \cdot 2^n + 2^{n+1} + 3, \Rightarrow 2 \cdot 2^{n+1} \geq 2 \cdot 2^n, \\ \Rightarrow 2^{n+1} &\geq 2^n, \Rightarrow 2 \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since the last inequality is true, we can conclude that the sequence is decreasing.

