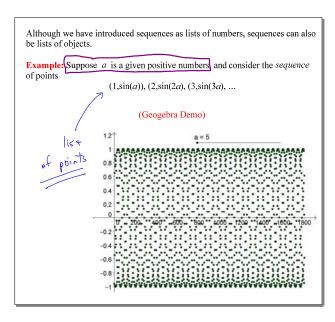


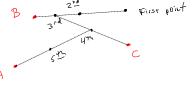
Note: Sometimes sequences of numbers have a pattern or nice behavior, and sometimes they don't.

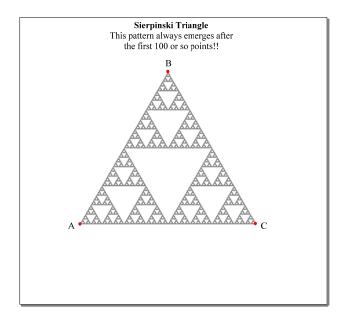
Example: Consider the sequence generated by randomly flippling a coin (forever) and recording 1 for each head, and 0 for each tail.

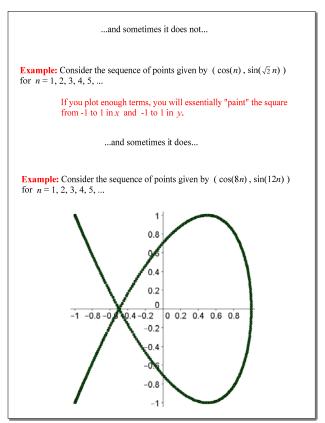


Sometimes random behavior can lead to emerging patterns!

Example: 3 non-colinear points named A, B and C are fixed in the xy-plane. Then a sequence of points is created as follows. The first point is chosen at random. To create the second point in the sequence, we select one of A, B or C (at random), and then create the midpoint of the line segment from this point to the first point. To create the third point in the sequence, we select one of A, B or C (at random), and then create the midpoint of the line segment from this point to the second point. This process continues forever.

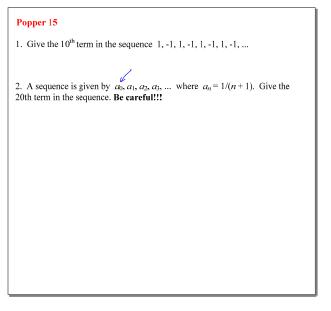






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Infinite Sequences Example: 1, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, ... Sequences sequences with infinitely many terms. Example: -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, ...



Most of the sequences that we deal with will have a **pattern** and reasonably **nice behavior**.

The pattern will come from a generating formula.

The nice behavior will come in the form of "limiting behavior."

Notes:

- 1. Formally, a an infinite sequence of numbers is a function from a set of the form $\{k,\,k+1,\,k+2,\,\dots\}$ to the set of real numbers. In many cases $\ k=0$ or $\ k=1$.
- 2. One of the most important aspects (from our perspective) will be something called the "limit of a sequence."

If we know the function a(n), then we use the notation a_n to stand for a_n , and we write one of $a_n = \underbrace{a_n}_{a_n \ge 1}$ or $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ to stand for the sequence $\underbrace{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots}_{n=-2}$ $\sum_{n=-2}^{\infty} \underbrace{a_n a_2}_{n=-2}$ $\sum_{n=-2}^{\infty} \underbrace{a_n a_2}_{n=-2}$

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3. Find the function associated with the sequence 1, 1/4, 1/9, 1/16, ... and then give the 10th term in the sequence.

The limit of a sequence is a number that the sequence values a_n tend towards as $n \to \infty$.

(if such a number exists)

The limit of a sequence might not dependent upon the first 10, 10^2 , 10^3 , 10^4 , or 10^{20} values.

Example: Suppose $a_n = \begin{cases} 2^n & \text{for } n < 10^{50} \\ \frac{1}{n} & \text{for } n \ge 10^{50} \end{cases}$ The sequence of the sequence

Example: Give the limit of the sequence
$$\left\{\frac{2n-1}{3n+2}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \longrightarrow \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\operatorname{Converges}.$$

$$\operatorname{lim} \frac{2n-1}{3n+2} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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4. Give the limit of $\left\{ \frac{2n-3}{n^2+6n+1} \right\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$

Example: Give the limit of the sequence

$$\left\{ (-1)^n \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$$
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The sequence diverges. There is no limit.

Example: Give the limit of the sequence

$$\left\{ \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \longrightarrow e$$

See Chapter 7. The limit of this sequence is how e is defined.

This sequence converges to e.

Example: Give the limit of the sequence

$$\left\{\frac{1}{2^n}\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \longrightarrow 0$$

1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32, 1/64, 1/128, ...

The sequence converges to 0.