

Consider the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{5k^2 - 42}{3k^2 + 5} \right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ . We want to know whether or not this sequence converges, and if so, what to.

Just to try to get a feel for what's going on with this sequence, let's look at the first several terms of this sequence.

$k$	$a_k = \frac{5k^2 - 42}{3k^2 + 5}$
1	$\frac{5 \cdot 1^2 - 42}{3 \cdot 1^2 + 5} = -\frac{37}{8}$
2	$\frac{5 \cdot 2^2 - 42}{3 \cdot 2^2 + 5} = -\frac{22}{17}$
3	$\frac{5 \cdot 3^2 - 42}{3 \cdot 3^2 + 5} = \frac{3}{32}$
4	$\frac{38}{53}$
5	$\frac{83}{80}$
6	$\frac{138}{113}$

Thus the sequence begins like

$$\left\{ -\frac{37}{8}, -\frac{22}{17}, \frac{3}{32}, \frac{38}{53}, \frac{83}{80}, \frac{138}{113}, \dots \right\}$$

Do the following sequences converge or diverge?

If the sequence converges, find the limit.

1.  $\left\{ \frac{j^2 + 32j}{e^j} \right\}_{j=3}^{\infty}$

2.  $\left\{ \frac{\sin(k)}{k^2} \right\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$

**Example:**  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k$  is a geometric series, with  $r = \frac{1}{2}$ .

The associated **sequence of terms**  $\{a_k\}$  is

$$\left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \right\}_{k=0}^{\infty} = \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \dots \right\}$$

The associated **sequence of partial sums**  $S_n$  is

$$\left\{ 1, 1 + \frac{1}{2}, 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}, 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8}, \right. \\ \left. 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16}, \dots \right\} = \left\{ 1, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{7}{4}, \frac{15}{8}, \frac{31}{16}, \dots \right\}$$