

MATH 1432, SECTION 12869

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HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 9

DUE DATE: 3/21/14 IN LAB

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Print out this file and complete the problems. You must do all the problems!
- If the problem is from the text, the section number and problem number are in parentheses.
- Use a blue or black pen or a pencil (dark).
- Write your solutions in the spaces provided. You must show work in order to receive credit for a problem.
- Remember that your homework must be complete, neatly written and stapled.
- Submit the completed assignment to your Teaching Assistant in lab on the due date.
- If you do not do all of the problems, then your recitation quiz from the previous Friday will automatically become a ZERO.

1. (Section 10.1, Problem 1)

$$(0, 2)$$

$$\text{lub}(0, 2) = 2$$

$$\text{glb}(0, 2) = 0.$$

2. (Section 10.1, Problem 2)

$$\text{lub}[0, 2] = 2$$

$$\text{glb}[0, 2] = 0$$

3. (Section 10.1, Problem 3)

$$\text{lub}(0, \infty) \text{ DNE}$$

$$\text{glb}(0, \infty) = 0$$

4. (Section 10.1, Problem 5)

$$\{x \mid x^2 < 4\} = \{x \mid -2 < x < 2\}$$

$$(x^2 < 4 \Rightarrow x^2 - 4 < 0 \Rightarrow (x+2)(x-2) < 0)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} + & - & + \\ | & | & | \\ -2 & & 2 \end{array} \Rightarrow -2 < x < 2$$

$$\text{lub}(\{x \mid x^2 < 4\}) = 2$$

$$\text{glb}(\{x \mid x^2 < 4\}) = -2$$

5. (Section 10.1, Problem 6)

$$\{x: |x-1| < 2\} = \{x: 2 < x-1 < 2\}$$

$$= \{x: 1 < x < 3\}$$

$$\text{lub}(\{x: |x-1| < 2\}) = 3$$

$$\text{glb}(\{x: |x-1| < 2\}) = 1.$$

6. (Section 10.1, Problem 10)

$$\{-1, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{4}, \dots\} = \{-\frac{1}{n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$$

$$\text{lub} = 0$$

$$\text{glb} = -1.$$

7. (Section 10.1, Problem 13)

$\{x: \ln x < 1\}$ For the property of "ln" function we have " $x > 0$ "

and $\ln x < 1$ implies $x < e$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < x < e$$

$$\text{lub} = e$$

$$\text{glb} = 0$$

8. (Section 10.1, Problem 14)

$\{x: \ln x > 0\}$ First, $x > 0$.
Furthermore, $\ln x > 0 \Rightarrow x > 1$.
 $\Rightarrow x > 1$.

lub DNE

$$\text{glb} = 1.$$

9. (Section 10.2, Problem 1)

$$2, 5, 8, 11, 14$$

$$a_n = 2 + (n-1)3$$

$$= 3n - 1$$

$$a_1 = 2 = 2 + 0 \cdot 3$$

$$a_2 = 5 = 2 + 3 = 2 + 1 \cdot 3$$

$$a_3 = 8 = 2 + 3 + 3 = 2 + 2 \cdot 3$$

$$a_4 = 11 = 2 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 2 + 3 \cdot 3$$

10. (Section 10.2, Problem 2)

$$2, 0, 2, 0, 2, \dots$$

~~$$a_1 = 2$$~~

~~$$a_2 = 0 = 2 - 2$$~~

~~$$a_3 = 2 = 2 - 2 + 2$$~~

~~$$a_4 = 0 = 2 - 2 + 2 - 2$$~~

$$a_1 = 2 = 1 + 1 = 1 - (-1)^1$$

$$a_2 = 0 = 1 - 1 = 1 - (-1)^2$$

$$a_3 = 2 = 1 + 1 = 1 - (-1)^3$$

$$a_4 = 0 = 1 - 1 = 1 - (-1)^4$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_n = 1 - (-1)^n$$

11. (Section 10.2, Problem 3)

$$1, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{5}, -\frac{1}{7}, \frac{1}{9}, \dots \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{1}{(-1)^{n+1}(2n-1)} \text{ or } \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2n-1}$$

(1, +3, 5, +7, 9 \Rightarrow odd numbers $\Rightarrow 2n-1$)

(1, -3, 5, -7, 9 \Rightarrow alternative odd number $\Rightarrow (-1)^{n+1}(2n-1)$)

12. (Section 10.2, Problem 4)

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{7}{8}, \frac{15}{16}, \frac{31}{32}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{4} & \frac{7}{8} & \frac{15}{16} & \frac{31}{32} \\ \parallel & \parallel & \parallel & \parallel & \parallel \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2} & 1 - \frac{1}{4} & 1 - \frac{1}{8} & 1 - \frac{1}{16} & 1 - \frac{1}{32} \end{matrix} \Rightarrow a_n = 1 - \frac{1}{2^n}$$

(2, 4, 8, 16, 32 $\Rightarrow 2^n$)

13. (Section 10.2, Problem 5)

$$2, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{10}{3}, \frac{17}{4}, \frac{26}{5}, \dots \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{1+n^2}{n}$$

$$\left[2, 5, 10, 17, 26 \right] + \sum_{k=1}^n [1 + 2(k-1)]$$

$\Rightarrow 1 + 2(n-1)$ backward

$$1 + \sum_{k=1}^n (2k-1) = 1 + \frac{(1+2n-1)n}{2} = 1+n^2$$

or $\frac{2}{1+1}, \frac{5}{4+1}, \frac{10}{9+1}, \frac{17}{16+1}, \frac{26}{25+1} \Rightarrow \frac{n^2}{n^2+1}$

14. (Section 10.2, Problem 6)

$$-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{9}, -\frac{3}{16}, \frac{4}{25}, -\frac{5}{36}, \dots \Rightarrow \frac{(-1)^n n}{(n+1)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(-1)^n n}{(n+1)^2}$$

15. (Section 10.2, Problem 9)

$$a_n = \frac{2}{n}$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{2}{n+1} \Rightarrow a_n > a_{n+1}$$

$$a_1 = 2$$

$$a_2 = 1$$

$$a_3 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{2}{4}$$

decreasing
bounded below by 0
bounded above by 2

16. (Section 10.2, Problem 11)

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

$$a_1 = \frac{1+(-1)^1}{1} = 0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{2+(-1)^2}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \text{ increasing}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{3+(-1)^3}{3} = \frac{2}{3} \text{ decreasing}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{4+(-1)^4}{4} = \frac{5}{4} \text{ increasing}$$

not monotone. $a_n = \frac{n+(-1)^n}{n}$

$$= \frac{n}{n} + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$$



bdd below by 0 above by $\frac{3}{2}$

17. (Section 10.2, Problem 15)

$$a_n = (0.9)^n$$

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(0.9)^{n+1}}{(0.9)^n} = 0.9 < 1$$

$a_1 = 0.9$
 $a_2 = 0.81$
 $a_3 = 0.729$

$\Rightarrow a_{n+1} < a_n \Rightarrow$ decreasing

bdd below by 0
 above by 0.9

18. (Section 10.2, Problem 15)

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

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n+2}$$

$a_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ \downarrow increasing
 $a_2 = \frac{4}{3}$ \downarrow increasing
 $a_3 = \frac{9}{4}$ \downarrow increasing

$$a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{(n+1)^2}{n+2} - \frac{n^2}{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)^3 - n^2(n+2)}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

$$= \frac{n^3 + 3n^2 + n + 1 - n^3 - 2n^2}{(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n^2 + n + 1}{(n+1)(n+2)} > 0$$

$\Rightarrow a_{n+1} > a_n$ below $\frac{1}{2}$

19. (Section 10.2, Problem 20)

$$a_n = \frac{n^2}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} = \sqrt{\frac{n^4}{n^2+1}} = \sqrt{\frac{n^4+n-n}{n^2+1}}$$

$a_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ \downarrow increasing
 $a_2 = \frac{4}{\sqrt{5}}$ \downarrow increasing
 $a_3 = \frac{9}{\sqrt{10}}$ \downarrow increasing

$$= \sqrt{\frac{n(n^3+1)}{n^2+1} - \frac{n}{n^2+1}} = \sqrt{n - \frac{n}{n^2+1}}$$

\Rightarrow increasing

below $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
 above

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

$a_1 = 2^2 = 4$ ← above
 $a_2 = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4}$ \downarrow decreasing

∴ \downarrow below

20. (Section 10.2, Problem 25)

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

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(n+2)^2}{(n+1)^2} \cdot \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2}$$

$$a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{(n+2)^2}{(n+1)^2} - \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} = \frac{n^2(n+2)^2 - (n+1)^4}{(n+1)^2 n^2}$$

$$= \frac{n^4 + 4n^3 + 4n^2 - n^4 - 4n^3 - 6n^2 - 4n - 1}{(n+1)^2 n^2} = \frac{-2n^2 - 4n - 1}{(n+1)^2 n^2} < 0$$

\Rightarrow decreasing

21. (Section 10.2, Problem 24)

$$a_n = (-1)^n \sqrt{n}$$

↑ alternating

\Rightarrow not monotone

above
 below

22. (Section 10.2, Problem 26)

$$a_n = \ln\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right) = \ln(n+1) - \ln n$$

$$a_{n+1} - a_n = \ln\left(\frac{n+2}{n+1}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)$$

above \Rightarrow increasing

$$= \ln\left(\frac{n+2}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{n+1}\right)$$

$a_1 = \ln(2)$
 $a_2 = \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$ \downarrow decreasing

$$= \ln\left(\frac{n^2+2n}{n^2+2n+1}\right) < 0 \Rightarrow$$
 decreasing

$\therefore \frac{n^2+2n}{n^2+2n+1} < 1$

$\ln 1 = 0 \rightarrow$ below

29. (Section 10.3, Problem 3)

$$a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$$

$$\left| \frac{(-1)^n}{n} - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{1}{n} \right| < \varepsilon \text{ as } n \geq k.$$

limit 0



30. (Section 10.3, Problem 4)

$$a_n = \sqrt{n}. \Rightarrow \text{limit DNE.}$$



31. (Section 10.3, Problem 5)

$$a_n = \frac{n-1}{n}$$

$$\left| a_n - 1 \right| = \left| \frac{n-1}{n} - 1 \right| = \left| \frac{1}{n} \right| < \varepsilon \text{ as } n \geq k.$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$



32. (Section 10.3, Problem 6)

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

$$\left| a_n - 1 \right| = \left| \frac{n+(-1)^n}{n} - 1 \right| = \left| \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{n} \right| < \varepsilon \text{ as } n \geq k$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$



33. (Section 10.3, Problem 7)

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

$$\left| a_n - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{n+1}{n^2} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} \right| < \left| \frac{1}{n} \right| + \left| \frac{1}{n^2} \right| < \varepsilon \text{ as } n \geq k$$

$$a_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$



34. (Section 10.3, Problem 8)

$$a_n = \sin \frac{\pi}{2n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

since $\frac{\pi}{2n} \rightarrow 0$ and $\sin x$ is continuous



23. (Section 10.2, Problem 27)

$$a_n = (-1)^{n+1} \sqrt{n}$$

$$a_1 = (-1)^3 \sqrt{1} = -\sqrt{1} = -1 \leftarrow \text{above}$$

$$a_2 = (-1)^4 \sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$a_3 = (-1)^5 \sqrt{3} = -\sqrt{3}$$

↓ decreasing

$$a_n = -\sqrt{n}$$

below

24. (Section 10.2, Problem 31)

$$a_n = \sin \frac{\pi}{n+1}$$

→ above

$$a_1 = \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1$$

$$a_2 = \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$a_3 = \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

↓ decreasing

$$a_4 = \sin \frac{\pi}{5}$$

→ 0 = below

25. (Section 10.2, Problem 36)

$$a_n = \cos n\pi$$

above: 1, below = -1

$$a_1 = \cos \pi = -1$$

$$a_2 = \cos 2\pi = 1$$

$$a_3 = \cos 3\pi = -1$$

$$a_4 = \cos 4\pi = 1$$

alternating
↓
not monotone

26. (Section 10.2, Problem 45)

$$a_1 = 1 \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+1} a_n$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{1+1} a_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{2+1} a_2 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{3!}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1}{3+1} a_3 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{24} = \frac{1}{4!}$$

$$a_5 = \frac{1}{4!} \quad a_6 = \frac{1}{5!}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \frac{1}{n!}$$

27. (Section 10.2, Problem 48)

~~$$a_1 = 1, \quad a_{n+1} = a_n + 2$$~~

see below

1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11

~~$$n=1 \quad a_2 = a_1 + 2 = 1 + 2 = 3$$~~

~~$$n=2 \quad a_3 = a_2 + 2 = 3 + 2 = 5$$~~

~~$$n=3 \quad a_4 = a_3 + 2 = 5 + 2 = 7$$~~

~~$$n=4 \quad a_5 = 9$$~~

~~$$n=5 \quad a_6 = 11$$~~

$$\Rightarrow a_n = 2n - 1$$

(n=1, 2, 3, ...)

28. (Section 10.2, Problem 55)

$$a_1 = 1, \quad a_2 = 3, \quad a_{n+1} = 2a_n - a_{n-1} \quad n \geq 2$$

$$n=2 \quad a_3 = 2a_2 - a_1 = 2 \cdot 3 - 1 = 5$$

$$n=3 \quad a_4 = 2a_3 - a_2 = 10 - 3 = 7$$

$$n=4 \quad a_5 = 2a_4 - a_3 = 14 - 5 = 9$$

$$n=5 \quad a_6 = 2a_5 - a_4 = 18 - 9 = 9$$

1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11

$$\Rightarrow a_n = 2n - 1$$

41. (Section 10.3, Problem 21)

$$a_n = \cos n\pi.$$

~~"cos x is conti. and~~

$$a_1 = \cos \pi = -1 \Rightarrow +, -, +, -, +, \dots$$

$$a_2 = \cos 2\pi = 1$$

$$a_3 = \cos 3\pi = -1 \Rightarrow \text{limit DNE.}$$

42. (Section 10.3, Problem 23)

$$a_n = e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}$$

" e^x is continuous and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow e^0 = 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

43. (Section 10.3, Problem 25)

$$a_n = \ln n - \ln(n+1) = \ln\left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)$$

" $\ln x$ is conti. and $\frac{n}{n+1} \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\therefore a_n \rightarrow \ln 1 = 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

44. (Section 10.3, Problem 25)

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} = \frac{n+1-n}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$0 < a_n < \frac{1}{n \cdot n} \downarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

45. (Section 10.3, Problem 29)

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{2n} = \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n\right]^2$$

" $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow e$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ as x^2 is conti.

$$\therefore \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{2n} \rightarrow e^2 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

46. (Section 10.3, Problem 32)

$$a_n = 2 \ln 3n - \ln(n^2+1)$$

$$= \ln(3n)^2 - \ln(n^2+1) = \ln\left(\frac{9n^2}{n^2+1}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{9n^2}{n^2+1}\right)$$

" $\ln x$ is conti. and $\frac{9n^2}{n^2+1} \rightarrow 9$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\therefore a_n \rightarrow \ln 9 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

35. (Section 10.3, Problem 9)

$$a_n = \frac{2^n}{4^n + 1}$$

$$0 < a_n = \frac{2^n}{4^n + 1} < \frac{2^n}{4^n} \quad \forall n.$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$
 \downarrow
 0

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \rightarrow 0 \quad \left(\left|\frac{1}{2}\right| < 1\right)$$



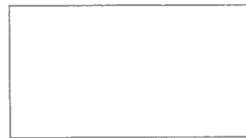
$$\Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

36. (Section 10.3, Problem 12)

$$a_n = \frac{4n}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1}} = \frac{\sqrt{16n^2}}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1}} = \sqrt{\frac{16n^2 \cdot \frac{1}{n^2}}{n^2 + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{n^2}}} = \frac{\sqrt{16}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n^2}}} \rightarrow 4 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

$\because 1 + \frac{1}{n^2} \rightarrow 1$ and \sqrt{x} is continuous

$$\therefore \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n^2}} \rightarrow \sqrt{1} = 1 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$



37. (Section 10.3, Problem 15)

$$a_n = \tan \frac{n\pi}{4n+1}$$

Since $\tan x$ is ~~not~~ continuous

$$\text{and } \frac{n\pi}{4n+1} \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$



$$\Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow \tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

38. (Section 10.3, Problem 17)

$$a_n = \frac{(2n+1)^2}{(3n-1)^2} = \left(\frac{2n+1}{3n-1}\right)^2.$$

$\because x^2$ is conti. and $\frac{2n+1}{3n-1} \rightarrow \frac{2}{3}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$



39. (Section 10.3, Problem 13)

$$\ln\left(\frac{2n}{n+1}\right)$$

$\because \ln x$ is conti. and $\frac{2n}{n+1} \rightarrow 2$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{2n}{n+1}\right) \rightarrow \ln 2 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

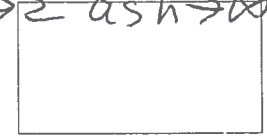


40. (Section 10.3, Problem 19)

$$a_n = \frac{n^2}{\sqrt{2n^4 + 1}} = \sqrt{\frac{n^4}{2n^4 + 1}} = \sqrt{\frac{n^4 \cdot \frac{1}{n^4}}{(2n^4 + 1) \cdot \frac{1}{n^4}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 + \frac{1}{n^4}}}$$

Since \sqrt{x} is conti. and $2 + \frac{1}{n^4} \rightarrow 2$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2 + \frac{1}{n^4}} \rightarrow \sqrt{2}$$



$$\Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

47. (Section 10.3, Problem 55)

$$a_1 = 1, \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+1} a_n$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \frac{1}{n!} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$(n=1) \quad a_2 = \frac{1}{1+1} a_1 = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2!}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{2+1} a_2 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3!}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1}{3+1} a_3 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4!}$$

(Say $0 \leq a_n \leq \frac{1}{n}$ and by Pinching Thm)

48. (Section 10.3, Problem 57)

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_{n+1} = 1 - a_n$$

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 1 - a_1 = 0$$

$$a_3 = 1 - a_2 = 1 - 0 = 1$$

$$a_4 = 1 - a_3 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots$ No limit!

27. $a_1 = 1, \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} a_n + 1$

$$(n=1) \quad a_2 = \frac{1}{2} a_1 + 1 = \frac{1}{2} + 1 = \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{2^0}$$

$$(n=2) \quad a_3 = \frac{1}{2} a_2 + 1 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) + 1 = \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^0}$$

$$(n=3) \quad a_4 = \frac{1}{2} a_3 + 1 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^0} \right) + 1 = \frac{1}{2^3} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^0}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} + \frac{1}{2^{n-2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^0}$$

a_n is a series with first term $\frac{1}{2^0} = 1$ and common ratio " $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Thus

$$a_n = \frac{1 \cdot (1 - (\frac{1}{2})^n)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1 \cdot (1 - (\frac{1}{2})^n)}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 \cdot (1 - (\frac{1}{2})^n)$$

Formula of a sum of a common ratio sequence.

(or call it "geometric sequence")

If a sequence has first term "a" and common ratio "r"

we have $\{a, ar, ar^2, ar^3, \dots\}$

Then $a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^n$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{a(r^{n+1} - 1)}{r - 1}, & \text{if } |r| > 1 \\ \frac{a(1 - r^{n+1})}{1 - r}, & \text{if } |r| < 1 \end{cases}$$

The proof of this formula: (let $|r| < 1$).

$$\text{Let } S = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^n, \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Then } rS = ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{n+1} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Cancel out

Do subtraction

$$(1) - (2) \Rightarrow$$

$$S - rS = a - ar^{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-r)S = a(1-r^{n+1})$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{a(1-r^{n+1})}{1-r}$$

When $|r| > 1$, we can do $rS - S$.