

Sequences and Series
Selected Examples

	Sequence $\{ a_n \}$	Series $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} a_n$
$a_n = \frac{1}{2^n}$	$\left\{ \frac{1}{2^n} \right\}$ converges to 0. $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 0$	$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 = \text{sum}$ convergent, geometric
$a_n = \left(\frac{-1}{3} \right)^n$	$\left\{ \left(\frac{-1}{3} \right)^n \right\}$ converges to 0. $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\frac{-1}{3} \right)^n = 0$	$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{-1}{3} \right)^n = \frac{-1}{4} = \text{sum}$ convergent, geometric
$a_n = \frac{1}{n}$	$\left\{ \frac{1}{n} \right\}$ converges to 0 $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$	$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n} = +\infty$ (no sum) divergent, harmonic
$a_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$	$\left\{ \frac{n}{n+1} \right\}$ converges to 1 $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = 1$	$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = +\infty$ (no sum) divergent
$a_n = (-1)^{n+1}$	$\{ (-1)^{n+1} \}$ diverges $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (-1)^{n+1}$ DNE	$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (-1)^{n+1}$ DNE (no sum) divergent
$a_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$	$\left\{ \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \right\}$ converges to 0. $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = 0$	$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = \ln 2 \approx 0.693$ = sum convergent, alternating
$a_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$	$\left\{ \frac{1}{n^2} \right\}$ converges to 0 $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 0$	$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \approx 1.645$ convergent, p series
$a_n = \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)}$	$\left\{ \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)} \right\}$ converges to 0 $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)} = 0$	$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\ln(n+1)} = +\infty$ (no sum) divergent
$a_n = \frac{1}{T_n}$ $T_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$	$\left\{ \frac{1}{T_n} \right\}$ converges to 0 $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{T_n} = 0$	$\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{T_n} = 2 = \text{sum}$ convergent

