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Quiz # 1T

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JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS.

Answer each question in the space provided.

A correct answer without work shown may be worth 0 points,
while an incorrect answer with full justification may be worth partial credit.

1. Let $a_n = \frac{n}{\ln n}$ for $n \geq 2$.

Is the sequence ultimately monotonic, bounded and convergent? Explain. [5]

$$\text{for } n \geq 2 \quad \ln n > 0 \quad \rightarrow a_n > 0 \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\ln n} = (\text{L'H.R.}) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^{-1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x = +\infty$$

the sequence is **divergent, not bounded above, bounded below by 0**

for monotonicity

$$\text{for } x \geq 2 \quad f(x) = \frac{x}{\ln x} \quad f'(x) = \left(\frac{x}{\ln x} \right)' = \frac{\ln x - 1}{(\ln x)^2} > 0 \quad \text{if } \ln x > 1, x > e$$

thus the sequence is increasing for $n \geq 3$ **ult.incr.**

2. Let $b_n = \frac{n}{n^2 + 36}$ for $n \geq 1$. Is the sequence $\{b_n\}$ ultimately monotonic, bounded, alternating, convergent? [5]

$$b_n = \frac{n}{n^2 + 36} > 0 \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2 + 36} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{1 + \frac{36}{n^2}} = 0 \text{ or L'H.R., also we can see that}$$
$$\frac{n}{n^2 + 36} < 1$$

the sequence is **convergent and bounded**

$$\text{define } f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 36} \quad f'(x) = \left(\frac{x}{x^2 + 36} \right)' = \frac{x^2 + 36 - 2x^2}{(x^2 + 36)^2} = \frac{36 - x^2}{(x^2 + 36)^2} < 0$$

for $x > 6$

so the sequence is decreasing for $n > 6$ **ult.decr.**

$$\text{also we can prove } b_{n+1} < b_n \quad \frac{n+1}{n^2 + 2n + 37} < \frac{n}{n^2 + 36} \quad (n+1)(n^2 + 36) <$$

$$n(n^2 + 2n + 37)$$

$$n^3 + n^2 + 36n + 36 < n^3 + 2n^2 + 37n \quad 36 < n^2 + n = n(n+1) \text{ true for } n \geq 6$$

3. Evaluate the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^n}{n^n}$. Is the sequence bounded?

If so, provide a lower and an upper bound. [5]

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^n}{n^n} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^x}{x^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{x \ln 4}}{e^{x \ln x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{x(\ln 4 - \ln x)} = "e^{-\infty}" = 0 \text{ since for } x > 4 \text{ the exponent is negative}$$

by Theorem the sequence is bounded, (also decr. for $n \geq 5$)

for $n \geq 5$ $0 < \frac{4^n}{n^n} \leq \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^n < 1$ $b_n = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^n$ is a geom,sequ. convergent to 0, so by Squ.Th

also the original sequ. is convergent to 0; for bounds:

$$a_1 = 4, a_2 = 4, a_3 = \frac{4^3}{3^3} = \frac{64}{27} < 4 \quad a_4 = 1 \quad a_5 < 1 \rightarrow 0 < a_n \leq 4$$