

Math 17A  
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 Discussion Sheet 3

1.) Determine a formula (starting with  $n = 0$ ) for each of the following sequences.

- a.)  $(1 + 1)^2, (1 + 1/2)^3, (1 + 1/3)^4, (1 + 1/4)^5, \dots$     b.)  $1, 0, 1, 4, 9, 16, \dots$   
 c.)  $0, 1/5, 2/6, 3/7, 4/8, 5/9, \dots$     d.)  $1, -8, 27, -64, 125, -216, \dots$   
 e.)  $3, 12, 27, 48, 75, 108, \dots$     f.)  $8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, \dots$     g.)  $5/2, 25/4, 125/6, 625/8, \dots$   
 h.)  $1/9, 1/3, 1, 3, 9, 27, \dots$     i.)  $1, 5, 10, 16, 23, 31, \dots$     j.)  $4, 2, 1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, \dots$   
 k.)  $0, 2, 6, 12, 20, 30, \dots$     l.)  $1, -5, 9, -13, 17, -21, \dots$     m.)  $1, -3, 1, -3, 1, -3, \dots$   
 n.)  $0, -1/5, 4/8, -9/11, 16/14, -25/17, \dots$     o.)  $0, 0, 0, 6, 24, 60, 120, 210, \dots$

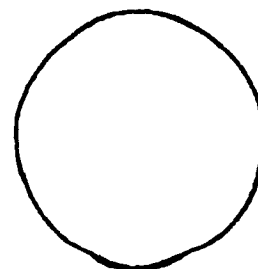
2.) Give a careful, step-by-step  $\epsilon/N$ -proof that

- a.)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n + 5}{1 - 2n} = -1$     b.)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n + 100}{2n - 50} = \frac{1}{2}$   
 c.)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (0.08)^n = 0$     d.)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{\sqrt{3 + \sqrt{n}}} = 0$     e.)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n}{3^n + 10} = 1$

3.) Find all fixed points for each recursion.

- a.)  $a_{n+1} = \frac{6}{a_n - 5}$     b.)  $a_{n+1} = \frac{70}{27 - 2a_n}$   
 c.)  $a_{n+1} = \frac{2a_n^2}{8 - a_n^2}$     d.)  $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{2 - a_n}$     e.)  $a_{n+1} = \frac{a_n + 12}{a_n + 5}$

4.) What is the maximum number of distinct, non-overlapping parts into which a circle can be divided using 100 (non-parallel) lines ?



5.) Consider the Beverton-Holt Growth Recursion

given by  $N_{t+1} = \frac{54N_t}{30 + N_t}$  with  $N_0 = 5$ .

- a.) Find all fixed points for this recursion.  
 b.) Identify the growth parameter  $R$  and the carrying capacity  $K$ .  
 c.) Plot the linear graph of the parent/offspring ratio  $N_t/N_{t+1}$  vs. the amount  $N_t$ .  
 d.) Use the recursion to determine the values of  $N_t$  for  $t = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 10$ .

e.) Plot the values you found in part d.).

6.) Use algebra to evaluate the following limits.

a.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + 3x - 4}{x^2 - x}$     b.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^3 + 1}{x^2 - 1}$     c.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x+2} - x}{x - 2}$

d.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^6 - 1}{x^8 - 1}$     e.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \cos \frac{\pi}{2}x$     f.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \tan \frac{3\pi}{4}x$

g.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x - 4}{3x + 1000}$     h.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 - x}{x^2 + 5}$     i.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 16}{x + 16}$

j.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x + 2}{x - 3}$     k.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x + 2}{x - 3}$     l.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x - 1}{x^2 + x}$

m.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x + 100} - \sqrt{x})$     n.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$     o.)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^x - 4^x}{3^x + 4^x}$

7.) Assume that the weight  $N$  (in lbs.) at time  $t$  (in years) of a chimpanzee is given by the growth model  $N = \frac{200e^t}{36 + 4e^t}$  for  $t \geq 0$ .

a.) What is the chimp's weight at birth ? at 1 year ? at 2 years ?

b.) When will the chimp reach a weight of 10 pounds ? 40 pounds ?

c.) What weight can we expect the chimp to reach as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  ?

d.) Use a graphing calculator to sketch this growth equation.

8.) Determine all constants  $A$  so that the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x)$  exists :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + A, & \text{if } x < -1 \\ x + A^2, & \text{if } x \geq -1 \end{cases}$$

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The following problem is for recreational purposes only.

9.) Without lifting your pencil, join all 16 dots with 6 straight lines.

