

Quiz # 6 Solutions

1. Any method (L'Hopital's, also mult. by $1/n^4$, etc.) was accepted:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - 5n^4}{n^4 + 8n^3} = -5.$$

2. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1/(\ln n)} = \frac{1}{e}$, that is, it converges. In fact,

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

so also $\lim \ln a_n = -1$, and thus $\lim a_n = \lim e^{\ln a_n} = e^{-1}$.

3. $1.\overline{414} = 1.414\ 414\ 414\ 414\ \dots = \frac{1413}{999}$

Method one: Let $x = 1.\overline{414}$. Subtracting the lines below gives $x = 1413/999$:

$$\begin{array}{r} 1000x = 1414.\overline{414} \\ x = 1.\overline{414} \\ \hline 999x = 1413 \end{array}$$

Method two:

$$\begin{aligned} 1.\overline{414} &= 1 + \frac{414}{1000} + \frac{414}{1000^2} + \frac{414}{1000^3} + \dots = 1 + 414 \left(\frac{1}{1000} + \frac{1}{1000^2} + \frac{1}{1000^3} + \dots \right) \\ &= 1 + 414 \left(\frac{1/1000}{1 - (1/1000)} \right) = 1 + \frac{414}{999} = \frac{1413}{999}. \end{aligned}$$

4. The sequence $a_n = \frac{n!}{2^n \cdot 3^n}$ diverges because

$$\frac{n!}{2^n \cdot 3^n} = \frac{n!}{6^n} = \frac{n}{6} \frac{n-1}{6} \dots \frac{2}{6} \frac{1}{6} \geq \frac{12}{6} \frac{12}{6} \dots \frac{12}{6} \frac{11}{6} \dots \frac{2}{6} \frac{1}{6} = 2^{n-11} \left(\frac{11!}{6^{11}} \right),$$

so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{2^n \cdot 3^n} \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{n-11} \left(\frac{11!}{6^{11}} \right) = \infty.$$