

## SECTION 5.3: DIVERGENCE TEST

1. The Divergence Test:

Given a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ ,

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = c \neq 0$  OR  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \text{DNE}$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

2. For each series below, find the limit if the *terms* of the series and determine if the Divergence Test applies. If the test applies, draw a conclusion.

(a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{40n+30}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{40n+30} = \frac{1}{40} \neq 0$ . Series Diverges

(b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{40n^2+30}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{40n^2+30} = 0$

Divergence Test does not apply. We can draw no conclusion.

(c)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 8^{(n-2)}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 8^{\frac{1}{n^2}} = 1 \neq 0$

Series diverges.

3. Explain how you know the following argument is FALSE:

The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges because  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Ex harmonic series:  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$  diverges even though  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$ .