

Warm-Up Problems and Lecture Problems
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1. Some properties of sequences are listed below. Determine which properties, if any, the sequences satisfy.

- **Increasing:** $a_{n+1} \geq a_n$ for all n . (i.e., the terms increase.)
- **Decreasing:** $a_{n+1} \leq a_n$ for all n . (i.e., the terms decrease.)
- **Monotonic:** The sequence is either increasing or decreasing.
- **Bounded above:** There is a number M such that $a_n \leq M$ for all n . (i.e., the sequence is always below a certain number.)
- **Bounded below:** There is a number M such that $a_n \geq M$ for all n . (i.e., the sequence is always above a certain number.)
- **Bounded:** The sequence is bounded above and bounded below.

(a) $1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

(b) $-1, -2, -3, \dots$

(c) $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1,5}{}, \dots$

(d) $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \dots$

(e) $-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \dots$

(f) $2, 2, 2, 2, 2, \dots$

(g) $1, -2, 3, -4, 5, -6, \dots$

(h) $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{32}, \dots$

(i) $-1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, -\frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{32}, \dots$

If you have time, determine the limit of the above sequences and see if you can find a general formula for the n -th term of the sequence.