

10. [9 points] The sequence  $\{\gamma_n\}$  is defined according to the formula

$$\gamma_n = -\ln(n) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}.$$

(You may recall this sequence from team homework 5.) This sequence converges to a positive number  $\gamma$  (which happens to be  $\gamma \approx 0.5772156649$ ).

- a. [2 points] Does the sequence  $\{\gamma_n^2\}$  converge or diverge? If this sequence converges, compute the value to which this sequence converges, either in terms of the constant  $\gamma$  or with five decimal places of accuracy.

*Solution:* Yes, this sequence converges.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n^2 = \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n \right)^2 = \gamma^2 \approx 0.33318.$$

- b. [3 points] Does the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n$  converge or diverge? Briefly explain your answer, and if this series converges, compute the value to which the series converges either in terms of the constant  $\gamma$  or with five decimal places of accuracy.

*Solution:* This series diverges by the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term test for divergence. The terms of this series do not approach 0; instead the terms approach  $\gamma$ , i.e.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = \gamma \approx 0.5772156649 \neq 0.$$

- c. [4 points] Let  $h_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$ . Find the value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{h_n}}{n}$ .

You may give your answer either in terms of the constant  $\gamma$  or with five decimal places of accuracy.

*Hint:* First consider  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left( \frac{e^{h_n}}{n} \right)$ .

*Solution:* Following the hint, we first compute

$$\ln \left( \frac{e^{h_n}}{n} \right) = \ln \left( \frac{e^{\sum_{k=1}^n 1/k}}{n} \right) = \ln(e^{\sum_{k=1}^n 1/k}) - \ln(n) = -\ln(n) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} = \gamma_n.$$

Next, we take the limit of this expression.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left( \frac{e^{h_n}}{n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = \gamma \approx 0.5772156649.$$

Finally, the limit we are looking for is found by exponentiating this result (in order to “undo” the natural log from before).

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{h_n}}{n} = e^\gamma \approx e^{0.5772156649} \approx 1.78107.$$