## **Exercise 2c**

1. Show that the following series diverge:

(a) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2n-1}{n}\right)$$
 (b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)$  (c)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2n^2-n+1}{n^2+n+1}\right)$   
(d)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3n+1}{5n-1}\right)$  (e)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2)^n$  (f)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{7}{6}\right)^n$   
(g)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt{n}-1}{\sqrt{n}+1}\right)$  (h)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)$  (i)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(n\pi)$   
(j)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin(n\pi)$ 

- 2. Show that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n+1}} \right)$  diverges.
- 3. Prove that if both ∑(a<sub>k</sub>) and ∑(b<sub>k</sub>) are convergent then
  (a) ∑(a<sub>k</sub> b<sub>k</sub>) = ∑(a<sub>k</sub>) ∑(b<sub>k</sub>)
  (b) ∑c(a<sub>k</sub>) = c∑(a<sub>k</sub>) where c is a constant
  (c) ∑(ca<sub>k</sub> + db<sub>k</sub>) = c∑(a<sub>k</sub>) + d∑(b<sub>k</sub>) where c and d are constants.
- 4. Find the **first error** in the following derivation: Let both  $\sum (a_k)$  and  $\sum (b_k)$  be convergent then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k b_k) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k b_k) \right]$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k) \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k) \right]$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k) \right] \lim_{n \to \infty} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k) \right]$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (b_k)$$

5. Test the following series for convergence. If the series converges then determine its sum.

(a) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( e^{-n} + \pi^{-n} \right)$$
  
(b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{4n^2 - 1} + \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^n \right]$   
(c)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{4^{n-2} + 6^{n-1}}{12^n} \right)$ 

(d) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^2 + n} + e^{-2n} \right)$$
  
(e)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{4}{3n(n+2)} + 2\pi^{-2n} \right)$ 

6. Show that the following series diverge:

(a) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x)\right)^n$$
 where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$   
(b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(e^{i\pi}\right)^n$ 

7. Prove that if |x| < 1 then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} (x^n) = 0$ .

8. Prove that 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n^{1/n})$$
 diverges.

9. Show that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$  diverges.

## **Solutions 2c**

1. All the series diverge because for each case  $\lim_{n\to\infty} (a_n)$  is equal to the following values and none of them are zero:

(a) 2 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 3/5 For (e) and (f) the limits do not exist. (g) 1 (h) 1 For (i) and (j) the limits do not exist. 2. Since  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n+1}} \right) = 1$  therefore the series diverges.

- 3. Very similar to the proofs under section C.
- 4. Error in the second line because

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} (a_{k}b_{k}) \neq \sum_{k=1}^{n} (a_{k}) \sum_{k=1}^{n} (b_{k})$$

Examine the notation carefully and see what it means on both sides of the  $\neq$  sign.

5. All converge with the following values:

(a) 
$$\frac{\pi + e - 2}{(e - 1)(\pi - 1)}$$
 (b) 5/2 (c) 19/96 (d)  $\frac{e^2}{e^2 - 1}$  (e)  $\frac{\pi^2 + 1}{\pi^2 - 1}$ 

6. (a) 
$$\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x) = 1$$
 therefore we have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1)^n$ . Hence  $\lim_{n \to \infty} (1)^n = 1 \neq 0$ 

(b) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (e^{i\pi})^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n$$
 and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} (-1)^n$  does not exist.

7. Consider the geometric series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x^n) = x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

Common ratio |r| = |x| < 1.

8. Let  $n = 1 + k_n$  and we can express the given nth term as

$$(n)^{1/n} = (1+k_n)^{1/n}$$

Expand the Right Hand Side by using the binomial and show  $\lim_{n\to\infty} (n^{1/n}) = 1$ .

9. 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n = e \neq 0.$$