## MA 101 (Mathematics I) Hints/Solutions for Practice Problem Set - 1

**Ex.1(a)** State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: If both  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  are unbounded sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then the sequence  $(x_n y_n)$  cannot be convergent.

Solution: The given statement is FALSE, since both  $(x_n) = (1, 0, 2, 0, 3, 0, ...)$  and

 $(y_n) = (0, 1, 0, 2, 0, 3, ...)$  are unbounded sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$  but the sequence  $(x_n y_n) = (0, 0, 0, ...)$  is convergent.

**Ex.1(b)** State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: If both  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  are increasing sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then the sequence  $(x_n y_n)$  must be increasing.

Solution: The given statement is FALSE, since both  $(x_n) = (-\frac{1}{n})$  and  $(y_n) = (n^2)$  are increasing sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$  but the sequence  $(x_n y_n) = (-n)$  is not increasing.

**Ex.1(c)** State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: If  $(x_n)$ ,  $(y_n)$  are sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $(x_n)$  is convergent and  $(y_n)$  is not convergent, then the sequence  $(x_n + y_n)$  cannot be convergent.

Solution: The given statement is TRUE. If  $(x_n + y_n)$  is convergent, then since  $(x_n)$  is also convergent,  $(y_n) = (x_n + y_n) - (x_n)$  must be convergent, which is not true.

**Ex.1(d)** State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: A monotonic sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  is convergent iff the sequence  $(x_n^2)$  is convergent.

Solution: The given statement is TRUE. If  $(x_n)$  is convergent, then by the product rule,  $(x_n^2) = (x_n x_n)$  is also convergent. Conversely, let  $(x_n^2)$  be convergent. Then  $(x_n^2)$  is bounded, *i.e.* there exists M > 0 such that  $|x_n^2| \leq M$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This gives  $|x_n| \leq \sqrt{M}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $(x_n)$  is bounded. Since it is given that  $(x_n)$  is monotonic, we can conclude that  $(x_n)$  is convergent.

**Ex.1(e)** State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: If  $(x_n)$  is an unbounded sequence of nonzero real numbers, then the sequence  $(\frac{1}{x_n})$  must converge to 0.

Solution: The given statement is FALSE. The sequence  $(x_n) = (1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 4, ...)$  is not bounded, but  $\frac{1}{x_n} \not\to 0$ , because  $(\frac{1}{x_n})$  has a subsequence (1, 1, ...) converging to 1.

**Ex.1(f)** State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: If  $x_n = (1 - \frac{1}{n}) \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then the sequence  $(x_n)$  is not convergent although it has a convergent subsequence.

Solution: The given statement is TRUE. We have  $x_{2n} = (1 - \frac{1}{2n}) \sin n\pi = 0$  and

 $x_{4n+1} = (1 - \frac{1}{4n+1})\sin(2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}) = 1 - \frac{1}{4n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $x_{2n} \to 0$  and  $x_{4n+1} \to 1$ . Thus  $(x_n)$  has two convergent subsequences  $(x_{2n})$  and  $(x_{4n+1})$  with different limits and therefore  $(x_n)$  is not convergent.

**Ex.1(g)** State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: If both the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$  of real numbers are convergent, then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n y_n$  must be convergent.

Solution: The given statement is FALSE. Taking  $x_n = y_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we find that both the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$  are convergent by Leibniz's test (since  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$  is a decreasing sequence of positive real numbers with  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$ ), but we know that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n y_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is not convergent.

**Ex.1(h)** State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: If  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and

f(x) > 0 for all  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then it is necessary that f(x) > 0 for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Solution: The given statement is FALSE, because if  $f(x) = |x - \sqrt{2}|$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and f(x) > 0 for all  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , but  $f(\sqrt{2}) = 0$ .

Ex.1(i) State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: There exists a continuous function from (0, 1) onto  $(0, \infty)$ .

Solution: The given statement is TRUE. The function  $f:(0,1) \to (0,\infty)$ , defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1-x}$ for all  $x \in (0,1)$ , is continuous. Also, f is onto, because if  $y \in (0,\infty)$ , then  $x = \frac{y}{1+y} \in (0,1)$  such that f(x) = y.

**Ex.1**(j) State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: There exists a continuous function from [0, 1] onto (0, 1).

Solution: The given statement is FALSE. If possible, let there exist a continuous function f:  $[0,1] \to (0,1)$  which is onto. Then there exists  $x_0 \in [0,1]$  such that  $f(x_0) \leq f(x)$  for all  $x \in [0,1]$ . Since  $0 < \frac{1}{2}f(x_0) < 1$  and since f is onto, there exists  $c \in [0,1]$  such that  $f(c) = \frac{1}{2}f(x_0)$ . From above, we get  $f(x_0) \leq f(c)$ , *i.e.*  $f(x_0) \leq \frac{1}{2}f(x_0)$ , which is not possible, since  $f(x_0) > 0$ . Hence there does not exist any continuous function from [0, 1] onto (0, 1).

Ex.1(k) State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: There exists a continuous function from (0, 1) onto [0, 1].

Solution: The function  $f: (0,1) \to [0,1]$ , defined by  $f(x) = |\sin(2\pi x)|$  for all  $x \in (0,1)$ , is continuous. Since  $f(\frac{1}{2}) = 0$  and  $f(\frac{1}{4}) = 1$ , by the intermediate value theorem, for each  $k \in (0, 1)$ , there exists  $c \in (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$  such that f(c) = k. Hence f is onto.

**Ex.1(l)** State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: If  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and bounded, then there must exist  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that f(c) = c.

Solution: The given statement is TRUE. Since f is bounded, there exists M > 0 such that  $|f(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let g(x) = f(x) - x for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since f is continuous,  $g: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. If f(-M) = -M or f(M) = M, then we get the result by taking c = -M or c = Mrespectively. Otherwise g(-M) = f(-M) + M > 0 and g(M) = f(M) - M < 0. Hence by the intermediate value theorem, there exists  $c \in (-M, M)$  such that q(c) = 0, *i.e.* f(c) = c.

**Ex.1(m)** State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: If both  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $q : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ are continuous at 0, then the composite function  $q \circ f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  must be continuous at 0. Solution: The given statement is FALSE. If f(x) = x + 1 for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and if

 $g(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}, \\ 3 & \text{if } x = 1, \end{cases}$ then both  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  are continuous at 0, but  $g \circ f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is not continuous at 0, since  $(g \circ f)(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \\ 3 & \text{if } x = 0, \end{cases}$ so that  $\lim_{x \to 0} (g \circ f)(x) = 2 \neq 3 = (g \circ f)(0).$ 

**Ex.1(n)** State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: If  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is not differentiable at  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $g: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is not differentiable at  $f(x_0)$ , then  $g \circ f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  cannot be differentiable at  $x_0$ .

Solution: The given statement is FALSE. If f(x) = |x| for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and if  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \ge 0, \\ -1 & \text{if } x < 0, \end{cases}$ then  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is not differentiable at 0 and  $g: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is not differentiable at f(0) = 0, but  $(g \circ f)(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , so that  $g \circ f$  is differentiable at 0.

**Ex.1(o)** State TRUE or FALSE giving proper justification: If  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is such that  $\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{h}$ exists (in  $\mathbb{R}$ ) for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then f must be differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Solution: The given statement is FALSE. Let f(0) = 1 and f(x) = 0 if  $x \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{0-0}{h} = 0$ , but f (being not continuous at 0) is not differentiable at 0.

**Ex.2(a)** Using the definition of convergence of sequence, examine whether the sequence  $\left(n + \frac{3}{2}\right)$  is convergent.

Solution: If possible, let  $(n + \frac{3}{2})$  be convergent. Then there exist  $\ell \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|n + \frac{3}{2} - \ell| < 1$  for all  $n \ge n_0 \Rightarrow n < \ell - \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $n \ge n_0$ , which is not true. Therefore the given sequence is not convergent.

**Ex.2(b)** Using the definition of convergence of sequence, examine whether the sequence  $\left((-1)^n \frac{3}{n+2}\right)$  is convergent.

Solution: Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $|(-1)^n \frac{3}{n+2} - 0| = \frac{3}{n+2} < \frac{3}{n}$ . There exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n_0 > \frac{3}{\varepsilon}$ . Hence  $|(-1)^n \frac{3}{n+2} - 0| < \frac{3}{n_0} < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \ge n_0$  and so the given sequence is convergent (with limit 0).

**Ex.2(c)** Using the definition of convergence of sequence, examine whether the sequence  $\left((-1)^n\left(1-\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)$  is convergent.

Solution: If possible, let the given sequence  $(x_n)$  (say) be convergent with limit  $\ell$ . Then there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x_n - \ell| < \frac{1}{4}$  for all  $n \ge m \Rightarrow |x_{2m} - \ell| < \frac{1}{4}$  and  $|x_{2m+1} - \ell| < \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow |1 - \frac{1}{2m} - \ell| < \frac{1}{4}$  and  $|1 + \ell - \frac{1}{2m+1}| < \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow 2 - (\frac{1}{2m} + \frac{1}{2m+1}) < \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} < \frac{1}{2m} + \frac{1}{2m+1} \le \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore the given sequence is not convergent.

**Ex.2(d)** Using the definition of convergence of sequence, examine whether the sequence  $\left(\frac{3n^2 + \sin n - 4}{2n^2 + 3}\right)$  is convergent.

Solution: Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\left|\frac{3n^2 + \sin n - 4}{2n^2 + 3} - \frac{3}{2}\right| = \frac{|2\sin n - 17|}{4n^2 + 6} < \frac{19}{4n^2}$ . There exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n_0 > \frac{\sqrt{19}}{2\sqrt{\varepsilon}}$ . Hence  $\left|\frac{3n^2 + \sin n - 4}{2n^2 + 3} - \frac{3}{2}\right| < \frac{19}{4n_0^2} < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \ge n_0$  and so the given sequence is convergent (with limit  $\frac{3}{2}$ ).

**Ex.2(e)** Using the definition of convergence of sequence, examine whether the sequence  $\left(\frac{2\sqrt{n}+3n}{2n+3}\right)$  is convergent.

Solution: Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\left|\frac{2\sqrt{n}+3n}{2n+3} - \frac{3}{2}\right| = \frac{|4\sqrt{n}-9|}{4n+6} < \frac{4\sqrt{n}+9}{4n} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{9}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{n}}$ . There exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n_0 > \frac{100}{\varepsilon^2}$ . Hence  $\left|\frac{2\sqrt{n}+3n}{2n+3} - \frac{3}{2}\right| < \frac{10}{\sqrt{n_0}} < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \ge n_0$  and so the given sequence is convergent (with limit  $\frac{3}{2}$ ).

**Ex.3(a)** Let a, b, c be distinct positive real numbers and let  $x_n = (a^n + b^n + c^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent.

Solution: Let  $\alpha = \max\{a, b, c\}$ . Then  $\alpha^n \leq a^n + b^n + c^n \leq 3\alpha^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $\alpha \leq x_n \leq 3^{\frac{1}{n}} \alpha$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $3^{\frac{1}{n}} \to 1$ ,  $3^{\frac{1}{n}} \alpha \to \alpha$ . Hence by sandwich theorem, it follows that the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \alpha$ .

Alternative solution: Let  $\alpha = \max\{a, b, c\}$ . Then  $\alpha^n \leq a^n + b^n + c^n = \alpha^n [(\frac{a}{\alpha})^n + (\frac{b}{\alpha})^n + (\frac{c}{\alpha})^n] \leq \alpha^n [(\frac{a}{\alpha})^n + (\frac{b}{\alpha})^n + (\frac{c}{\alpha})^n]^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $\alpha \leq x_n \leq \alpha [(\frac{a}{\alpha})^n + (\frac{b}{\alpha})^n + (\frac{c}{\alpha})^n]$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $(\frac{a}{\alpha})^n + (\frac{b}{\alpha})^n + (\frac{c}{\alpha})^n \to 1$ , by sandwich theorem, it follows that  $(x_n)$  is convergent and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \alpha$ .

**Ex.3(b)** Let  $x_n = \frac{1-n+(-1)^n}{2n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent.

Solution: We have  $x_n = \frac{\frac{1}{n} - 1 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n}}{2 + \frac{1}{n}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\frac{1}{n} \to 0$  and  $\frac{(-1)^n}{n} \to 0$ , by the limit rules for algebraic operations,  $(x_n)$  is convergent with  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \frac{0 - 1 + 0}{2 + 0} = -\frac{1}{2}$ .

**Ex.3(c)** Let  $|\alpha| > 1$ , k > 0 and  $x_n = \frac{n^k}{\alpha^n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent.

Solution: We have  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \right| = \lim_{n \to \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^k \frac{1}{|\alpha|} = \frac{1}{|\alpha|} < 1$ . Hence  $(x_n)$  converges to 0.

**Ex.3(d)** Let  $x_n = \frac{p(n)}{2^n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where p(x) is a polynomial in the real variable x of degree 5. Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent. Solution: The highest power of n in each of p(n) and p(n+1) is 5 and the coefficient of  $n^5$  in p(n)and p(n+1) is same. Hence dividing both numerator and denominator by  $n^5$  and using the fact that  $\frac{1}{n} \to 0$ , it follows that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{p(n+1)}{p(n)} \right| = 1$  and consequently  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \right| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{p(n+1)}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n}{p(n)} \right| = \frac{1}{2} < 1$ . This implies that  $(x_n)$  is convergent with limit 0.

**Ex.3(e)** Let  $x_n = \frac{3.5.7.\dots.(2n+1)}{2.5.8.\dots.(3n-1)}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent.

Solution: We have  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \left|\frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n}\right| = \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{2n+3}{3n+2} = \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{2+\frac{3}{n}}{3+\frac{2}{n}} = \frac{2}{3} < 1$ . Hence  $(x_n)$  is convergent and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = 0.$ 

**Ex.3(f)** Let  $x_n = \frac{1}{n} \sin^2 n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent. Solution: Since  $0 \leq \frac{1}{n} \sin^2 n \leq \frac{1}{n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and since  $\frac{1}{n} \to 0$ , by sandwich theorem,  $(x_n)$  is

convergent with limit 0.

**Ex.3(g)** Let  $x_n = \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(n+2)^2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(n+n)^2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent.

Solution: We have  $0 \le x_n \le \frac{n}{(n+1)^2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\frac{n}{(n+1)^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{(1+\frac{1}{n})^2} \to \frac{0}{(1+0)^2} = 0$ . Hence by sandwich theorem, it follows that  $(x_n)$  is convergent with limit 0.

**Ex.3(h)**  $x_n = \frac{n}{n^3+1} + \frac{2n}{n^3+2} + \dots + \frac{n^2}{n^3+n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent. Solution: We have  $(1+2+\cdots+n)\frac{n}{n^3+n} \leq x_n \leq (1+2+\cdots+n)\frac{n}{n^3+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Also,  $(1+2+\cdots+n)\frac{n}{n^3+n} = \frac{1+\frac{1}{n}}{2(1+\frac{1}{n^2})} \to \frac{1}{2}$  and  $(1+2+\cdots+n)\frac{n}{n^3+1} = \frac{1+\frac{1}{n}}{2(1+\frac{1}{n^3})} \to \frac{1}{2}$ . Hence by sandwich theorem,  $(x_n)$  is convergent with limit  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

**Ex.3(i)**  $x_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+n+1}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent. Solution: We have  $\frac{n+1}{\sqrt{n^2+n+1}} \leq x_n \leq \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Also,  $\frac{n+1}{\sqrt{n^2+n+1}} = \frac{1+\frac{1}{n}}{\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n}+\frac{1}{2}}} \to 1$  and  $\frac{n+1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} = \frac{1+\frac{1}{n}}{\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n}}} \to 1$ . Hence by sandwich theorem,  $(x_n)$  is convergent with limit 1. **Ex.3(j)** Let  $x_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}+\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{5}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n-1}+\sqrt{2n+1}} \right)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent. Solution: Since  $x_n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \left( \sqrt{3} - 1 + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3} + \dots + \sqrt{2n+1} - \sqrt{2n-1} \right) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \left( \sqrt{2n+1} - 1 \right) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \left( \sqrt{2n+1} - 1 \right)$  $\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{2+\frac{1}{n}-\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and since  $\frac{1}{n} \to 0$ , by the limit rules for algebraic operations,  $(x_n)$ is convergent with  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{2+0} - 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

**Ex.3(k)** Let  $x_n = (\frac{\sin n + \cos n}{3})^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent.

Solution: We have  $0 \leq |x_n| \leq (\frac{2}{3})^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $(\frac{2}{3})^n \to 0$ , by sandwich theorem, it follows that  $|x_n| \to 0$  and consequently  $(x_n)$  is convergent with limit 0.

**Ex.3(l)** Let  $x_n = \sqrt{4n^2 + n - 2n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  is con-

vergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent. Solution: For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\sqrt{4n^2 + n} - 2n = \frac{n}{\sqrt{4n^2 + n + 2n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 + \frac{1}{n} + 2}}$ . Since  $\frac{1}{n} \to 0$ , by the limit rules for algebraic operations,  $(x_n)$  is convergent and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 + 0} + 2} = \frac{1}{4}$ .

**Ex.3(m)** Let  $x_n = \sqrt{n^2 + n} - \sqrt{n^2 + 1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent.

Solution: For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $x_n = \frac{n-1}{\sqrt{n^2+n} + \sqrt{n^2+1}} = \frac{1-\frac{1}{n}}{\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n}} + \sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n^2}}}$ . Since  $\frac{1}{n} \to 0$ , by the limit rules for algebraic operations,  $(x_n)$  is convergent and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_n = \frac{1-0}{\sqrt{1+0} + \sqrt{1+0}} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Ex.3(n)** Let  $x_1 = 1$  and  $x_{n+1} = 1 + \sqrt{x_n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$ is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent.

Solution: We have  $x_2 = 2 > x_1$ . Also, if  $x_{k+1} > x_k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $x_{k+2} = 1 + \sqrt{x_{k+1}} > x_k$  $1 + \sqrt{x_k} = x_{k+1}$ . Hence by the principle of mathematical induction,  $x_{n+1} > x_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $(x_n)$  is increasing. Again,  $x_1 < 3$  and if  $x_k < 3$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $x_{k+1} = 1 + \sqrt{x_k} < 1 + \sqrt{3} < 3$ . Hence by the principle of mathematical induction,  $x_n < 3$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $(x_n)$  is bounded above. Consequently  $(x_n)$  is convergent. If  $\ell = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n$ , then  $x_{n+1} \to \ell$  and since  $x_{n+1} = 1 + \sqrt{x_n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we get  $\ell = 1 + \sqrt{\ell} \Rightarrow \ell = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  or  $\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}$ . Since  $x_n \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\ell \ge 1$  and so  $\ell = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

**Ex.3(o)** Let  $x_1 = 4$  and  $x_{n+1} = 3 - \frac{2}{x_n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$ is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent.

Solution: We have  $x_1 > 2$  and if we assume that  $x_k > 2$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $x_{k+1} > 3 - 1 = 2$ . Hence by the principle of mathematical induction,  $x_n > 2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore  $(x_n)$  is bounded below. Again,  $x_2 = \frac{5}{2} < x_1$  and if we assume that  $x_{k+1} < x_k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $x_{k+2} - x_{k+1} = 2\left(\frac{1}{x_k} - \frac{1}{x_{k+1}}\right) < 0 \Rightarrow x_{k+2} < x_{k+1}$ . Hence by the principle of mathematical induction,  $x_{n+1} < x_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore  $(x_n)$  is decreasing. Consequently  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Let  $\ell = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n$ . Then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_{n+1} = 3 - \frac{2}{2} \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n \Rightarrow \ell = 3 - \frac{2}{\ell}$  (since  $x_n > 2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}, \ \ell \neq 0$ )  $\Rightarrow (\ell - 1)(\ell - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow \ell = 1 \text{ or } \ell = 2.$  But  $x_n > 2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , so  $\ell \ge 2$ . Therefore  $\ell = 2$ .

Alternative solution: For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $|x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}| = \frac{2}{|x_{n+1}||x_n|} |x_{n+1} - x_n|$ . Also, as shown in the above solution,  $x_n > 2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $|x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}| \leq \frac{1}{2}|x_{n+1} - x_n|$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It follows that  $(x_n)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  and hence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. To show that  $\lim x_n = 2$ , we proceed as in the above solution.

**Ex.3(p)** Let  $x_1 = 0$  and  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{6 + x_n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$ is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent.

Solution: We have  $x_2 = \sqrt{6} > x_1$ . Also, if  $x_{k+1} > x_k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $x_{k+2} = \sqrt{6 + x_{k+1}} > x_k$  $\sqrt{6+x_k} = x_{k+1}$ . Hence by the principle of mathematical induction,  $x_{n+1} > x_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $(x_n)$  is increasing. Again,  $x_1 < 3$  and if  $x_k < 3$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $x_{k+1} = \sqrt{6 + x_k} < \sqrt{6} + 3 = 3$ . Hence by the principle of mathematical induction,  $x_n < 3$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $(x_n)$  is bounded above. Consequently  $(x_n)$  is convergent. If  $\ell = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n$ , then  $x_{n+1} \to \ell$  and since  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{6 + x_n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we get  $\ell = \sqrt{6+\ell} \Rightarrow \ell^2 - \ell - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow \ell = 3$  or -2. Since  $x_n \ge 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}, \ell \ge 0$  and so  $\ell = 3$ .

**Ex.3(q)** Let  $x_1 > 1$  and  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{x_n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  is convergent. Also, find the limit if it is convergent.

Solution: We have  $x_1 > 1$  and if we assume that  $x_k > 1$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $x_{k+1} = \sqrt{x_k} > 1$ . Hence by the principle of mathematical induction,  $x_n > 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Again,  $x_2 = \sqrt{x_1} \leq x_1$ and if we assume that  $x_{k+1} \leq x_k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $x_{k+2} = \sqrt{x_{k+1}} \leq \sqrt{x_k} = x_{k+1}$ . Hence by the principle of mathematical induction,  $x_{n+1} \leq x_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $(x_n)$  is decreasing and bounded below. Consequently  $(x_n)$  is convergent. If  $\ell = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n$ , then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_{n+1} = \ell$  and since  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{x_n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we get  $\ell = \sqrt{\ell} \Rightarrow \ell^2 = \ell \Rightarrow \ell = 0$  or 1. Since  $x_n > 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\ell \ge 1$  and so we must have  $\ell = 1$ .

**Ex.4** Let  $(x_n)$ ,  $(y_n)$  be sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $x_n \to x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $y_n \to y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \max\{x_n, y_n\} = \max\{x, y\}.$ 

Solution: We know that  $\max\{x_n, y_n\} = \frac{1}{2}(x_n + y_n + |x_n - y_n|)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $x_n \to x$  and  $y_n \to y, x_n + y_n \to x + y$  and  $|x_n - y_n| \to |x - y|$ . Consequently  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \max\{x_n, y_n\} = \frac{1}{2}(x + y + |x - y|) = \max\{x, y\}$ .

**Ex.5** If a sequence  $(x_n)$  of positive real numbers converges to  $\ell \in \mathbb{R}$ , then show that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt{x_n} = \sqrt{\ell}$ .

Solution: In view of Ex.2 of Tutorial Problem Set, we get  $\ell \ge 0$ . If  $a \ge 0$  and  $b \ge 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{2}(a+b-|a-b|) = \min\{a,b\} \le \sqrt{ab}$  and hence it follows that  $|\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b}| \le \sqrt{|a-b|}$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $x_n \to \ell$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x_n - \ell| < \varepsilon^2$  for all  $n \ge n_0$ . Therefore using the inequality obtained above, we get  $|\sqrt{x_n} - \sqrt{\ell}| \le \sqrt{|x_n - \ell|} < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \ge n_0$ . Consequently  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt{x_n} = \sqrt{\ell}$ .

**Ex.6** Let  $(x_n)$  be a convergent sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = \ell \neq 0$ . Show that there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_n \neq 0$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

Solution: Since  $x_n \to \ell$  and  $|\ell| > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x_n - \ell| < \frac{1}{2}|\ell|$  for all  $n \ge n_0$ . If for some  $n \ge n_0$ ,  $x_n = 0$ , then we obtain  $|\ell| < \frac{1}{2}|\ell|$ , which is not possible. Hence  $x_n \ne 0$  for all  $n \ge n_0$ .

**Ex.7** If  $x_n = \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n+n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then show that the sequence  $(x_n)$  convergent.

Solution: For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $x_{n+1} - x_n = \frac{1}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{2n+2} - \frac{1}{n+1} \ge \frac{2}{2n+2} - \frac{1}{n+1} = 0 \Rightarrow x_{n+1} \ge x_n$ for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow (x_n)$  is increasing. Also,  $x_n \le \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow (x_n)$  is bounded above. Therefore  $(x_n)$  is convergent.

**Ex.8(a)** Let  $x_1 = 1$  and  $x_{n+1} = \frac{2+x_n}{1+x_n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Show that the sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  is Cauchy (and hence convergent). Also, find the limit. Solution: Since  $x_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{1}{1+x_n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $|x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}| = |\frac{1}{1+x_{n+1}} - \frac{1}{1+x_n}| = |\frac{1}{1+x_n}|$ 

Solution: Since  $x_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{1}{1+x_n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $|x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}| = |\frac{1}{1+x_{n+1}} - \frac{1}{1+x_n}| = \frac{|x_{n+1} - x_n|}{|1+x_{n+1}||1+x_n|}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Also,  $x_1 = 1$  and if we assume that  $x_k \ge 1$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $x_{k+1} = 1 + \frac{1}{1+x_k} \ge 1$ . Hence by the principle of mathematical induction,  $x_n \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consequently  $|x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}| \le \frac{1}{4} |x_{n+1} - x_n|$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It follows that  $(x_n)$  is Cauchy and hence  $(x_n)$  converges. Let  $\ell = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n$ . Then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_{n+1} = \ell$  and so we get  $\ell = 1 + \frac{1}{1+\ell} \Rightarrow \ell^2 = 2 \Rightarrow \ell = \sqrt{2}$  or  $-\sqrt{2}$ . Since  $x_n \ge 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we must have  $\ell \ge 1$  and so  $\ell = \sqrt{2}$ .

**Ex.8(b)** Let  $x_1 > 0$  and  $x_{n+1} = 2 + \frac{1}{x_n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Show that the sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  is Cauchy (and hence convergent). Also, find the limit.

Solution: We have  $|x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}| = |\frac{1}{x_{n+1}} - \frac{1}{x_n}| = \frac{|x_{n+1} - x_n|}{|x_{n+1}||x_n|}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Also,  $x_2 = 2 + \frac{1}{x_1} > 2$ and if we assume that  $x_k > 2$  for some  $k \ge 2$ , then  $x_{k+1} = 2 + \frac{1}{x_k} > 2$ . Hence by the principle of mathematical induction,  $x_n > 2$  for all  $n \ge 2$ . Consequently  $|x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}| \le \frac{1}{4}|x_{n+1} - x_n|$ for all  $n \ge 2$ . It follows that  $(x_n)$  is Cauchy and hence  $(x_n)$  converges. Let  $\ell = \lim_{n \to \infty} x_n$ . Then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} x_{n+1} = \ell$  and so we get  $\ell = 2 + \frac{1}{\ell} \Rightarrow \ell^2 - 2\ell - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \ell = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}$ . Since  $x_n > 2$  for all  $n \ge 2$ , we must have  $\ell \ge 2$  and so  $\ell = 1 + \sqrt{2}$ . **Ex.9(a)** If  $x_n = (-1)^n n^2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  has a convergent subsequence?

Solution: If possible, let the given sequence have a convergent subsequence  $((-1)^{n_k}n_k^2)$ . Then  $((-1)^{n_k}n_k^2)$  must be bounded. So there exists M > 0 such that  $|(-1)^{n_k}n_k^2| \leq M$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow n_k^2 \leq M$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , which is not possible, since  $(n_k)$  is a strictly increasing sequence of positive integers. Therefore the given sequence cannot have any convergent subsequence.

**Ex.9(b)** If  $x_n = (-1)^n \frac{5n \sin^3 n}{3n-2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then examine whether the sequence  $(x_n)$  has a convergent subsequence.

Solution: Since  $|x_n| = \frac{5}{3-\frac{2}{n}} |\sin n|^3 \le 5$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the sequence  $(x_n)$  is bounded and hence by Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem,  $(x_n)$  has a convergent subsequence.

**Ex.10** If  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , then show that the series  $a + (a + b) + (a + 2b) + \cdots$  is not convergent unless a = b = 0.

Solution: Let  $s_n = a + (a+b) + \cdots + a + (n-1)b = n[a + \frac{1}{2}(n-1)b]$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $b \neq 0$ , then the sequence  $(a + \frac{1}{2}(n-1)b)$  is not bounded and so the sequence  $(s_n)$  is not bounded, which implies that  $(s_n)$  is not convergent. If b = 0, then the sequence  $(s_n) = (na)$  is not bounded and hence is not convergent if  $a \neq 0$ . Thus the given series is not convergent  $(i.e. (s_n)$  is not convergent) if  $a \neq 0$  or  $b \neq 0$ .

If a = b = 0, then the series becomes  $0 + 0 + \cdots$ , which is clearly convergent.

**Ex.11(a)** Examine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n}$  is convergent. Solution: Taking  $x_n = \frac{n!}{n^n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we find that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} |\frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n}| = \lim_{n \to \infty} (\frac{n}{n+1})^n = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{(1+\frac{1}{n})^n} = \frac{1}{e} < 1$ . Hence by the ratio test, the given series is convergent.

**Ex.11(b)** Examine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{n^n}$  is convergent. Solution: For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\frac{(2n)!}{n^n} = \frac{2n}{n} \cdot \frac{2n-1}{n} \cdots \frac{n+1}{n} \cdot n! \ge 1$ . Hence  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(2n)!}{n^n} \neq 0$  and consequently the given series is not convergent.

**Ex.11(c)** Examine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{1}{n}$  is convergent. Solution: Since  $0 \leq \frac{1}{n} \sin \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{n^2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and since the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges, by comparison test, the given series is convergent.

**Ex.11(d)** Examine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{2n^2+3}{5n^3+1}}$  is convergent. Solution: Let  $x_n = \sqrt{\frac{2n^2+3}{5n^3+1}}$  and  $y_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt{\frac{2+\frac{3}{n^2}}{5+\frac{1}{n^3}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} \neq 0$ and since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$  is not convergent, by limit comparison test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  is not convergent. **Ex.11(e)** Examine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{2^{n^2}}$  is convergent. Solution: Taking  $x_n = \frac{n^n}{2^{n^2}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\lim_{n \to \infty} |x_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n}{2^n} = 0 < 1$  (since  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+1}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n}{n} = \frac{1}{2} < 1$ ). Hence by the root test, the given series is convergent. **Ex.11(f)** Examine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ((n^3 + 1)^{\frac{1}{3}} - n)$  is convergent. Solution: Taking  $x_n = (n^3 + 1)^{\frac{1}{3}} - n \geq 0$  and  $y_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n^2 (n^3 + 1 - n^3)}{(n^3 + 1)^{2/3} + n(n^3 + 1)^{1/3} + n^2} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{1}{n^3})^{2/3} + (1 + \frac{1}{n^3})^{1/3} + 1} = \frac{1}{3}.$  Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$  is convergent,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  is also convergent by limit comparison test.

**Ex.11(g)** Examine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+1}-\sqrt{n}}{n}$  is convergent. Solution: Let  $x_n = \frac{\sqrt{n+1}-\sqrt{n}}{n} = \frac{1}{n(\sqrt{n+1}+\sqrt{n})}$  and  $y_n = \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{n}}+1} = \frac{1}{2}$  and since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$  is convergent, by limit comparison test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  is convergent. **Ex.11(h)** Examine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\frac{n}{n+1})^{n^2}$  is convergent. *Proof*: Taking  $x_n = (\frac{n}{n+1})^{n^2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\lim_{n \to \infty} |x_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{(1+\frac{1}{n})^n} = \frac{1}{e} < 1$ . Hence by the root test, the given series is convergent.

**Ex.11(i)** Examine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{\sqrt{n}+1}{n+1}$  is convergent. Solution: For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the inequality  $\frac{\sqrt{n+1}+1}{n+2} < \frac{\sqrt{n}+1}{n+1}$  is equivalent to the inequality  $(n+1)^{\frac{3}{2}} < (n+2)\sqrt{n}+1$ . Since  $n(n+2)^2 - (n+1)^3 = n^2 + n - 1 > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we get  $(n+1)^{\frac{3}{2}} < (n+2)\sqrt{n}+1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and hence  $\frac{\sqrt{n+1}+1}{n+2} < \frac{\sqrt{n}+1}{n+1}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consequently the sequence  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}+1}{n+1}\right)$  is decreasing. Also,  $\frac{\sqrt{n}+1}{n+1} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{1}{n}}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \to 0$ . Hence by Leibniz's test, the given series converges.

Alternative method for showing decreasing: Let  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+1}}{x+1}$  for all  $x \ge 1$ . Then  $f: [1, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and  $f'(x) = \frac{1-x-2\sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{x}(x+1)^2} \le 0$  for all  $x \ge 1$ . Hence f is decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$  and so  $f(n+1) \le f(n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Ex.12** Find all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  for which the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$  is convergent. Solution: For x = 0, the given series becomes  $0 + 0 + \cdots$ , which clearly converges. We now assume that  $x \neq 0$ . Then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{|x|}{n+1} = 0 < 1$ . So by the ratio test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$  is absolutely convergent and hence convergent. Therefore the given series is convergent for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Ex.13** Find all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  for which the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(x+2)^n}{3^n \sqrt{2n+1}}$  is convergent. Solution: If x = -2, then the given series becomes  $0 + 0 + \cdots$ , which is clearly convergent. Let  $x(\neq -2) \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $a_n = \frac{(x+2)^n}{3^n \sqrt{2n+1}}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{1}{3} |x+2|$ . Hence by ratio test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent (absolutely) if  $\frac{1}{3} |x+2| < 1$ , *i.e.* if  $x \in (-5, 1)$  and is not convergent if  $\frac{1}{3} |x+2| > 1$ , *i.e.* if  $x \in (-\infty, -5) \cup (1, \infty)$ . If x = -5, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{2n+1}}$  is convergent by Leibniz test, since  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}})$  is a decreasing sequence of positive real numbers and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}} = 0$ . Again, if x = 1, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}}$  is not convergent by limit comparison test, since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  is not convergent and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{2n+1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \neq 0$ . Therefore the set of all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  for which  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent is [-5, 1).

**Ex.14** Show that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a^n}{a^n+n}$  is convergent if 0 < a < 1 and is not convergent if a > 1.

Solution: If 0 < a < 1, then  $0 < \frac{a^n}{a^n + n} < a^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a^n$  is convergent. Hence by comparison test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a^n}{a^n + n}$  is convergent if 0 < a < 1. Again, if a > 1, then  $\frac{a^n}{a^n + n} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{n}{a^n}} \to 1 \neq 0$  and hence  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a^n}{a^n + n}$  is not convergent if a > 1. (We have used that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n}{a^n} = 0$ , which follows from the fact that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+1}{a^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{a^n}{n} = \frac{1}{a} < 1$ .)

**Ex.15** If  $0 < x_n < \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and if the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  converges, then show that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x_n}{1-x_n}$  converges.

Solution: Since  $0 < x_n < \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $0 < \frac{x_n}{1-x_n} < 2x_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Also, since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2x_n$  converges, by comparison test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x_n}{1-x_n}$  converges.

**Ex.16** Let  $(x_n)$ ,  $(y_n)$  be sequences in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $|x_n| \leq |y_n|$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Find out (with justification) the true statement(s) from the following.

- (a) If the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$  converges, then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  must converge.
- (b) If the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  converges, then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$  must converge.
- (c) If the series  $\sum_{\substack{n=1\\\infty}}^{\infty} y_n$  converges absolutely, then the series  $\sum_{\substack{n=1\\\infty}}^{\infty} x_n$  must converge absolutely.
- (d) If the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  converges absolutely, then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$  must converge absolutely.

Solution: By comparison test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|$  is convergent (*i.e.*  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  is absolutely convergent) if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |y_n|$  is convergent (*i.e.*  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$  is absolutely convergent) and so (c) is true. Again, we know that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  is convergent and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is not convergent. Also, since  $(\frac{1}{n})$  is a decreasing sequence of positive real numbers with  $\frac{1}{n} \to 0$ , by Leibniz's test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$  is convergent. Hence to see that (a) is false, we can take  $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $y_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and to see that (b) and (d) are false, we can take  $x_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$ ,  $y_n = \frac{1}{n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Ex.17** If a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  is convergent but the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n^2$  is not convergent, then show that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  is conditionally convergent. Solution: Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  is convergent,  $x_n \to 0$ , and so there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x_n| < 1$  for all  $n \ge n_0$ . Hence  $x_n^2 \le |x_n|$  for all  $n \ge n_0$ . Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n^2$  is not convergent, by comparison test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|$  is not convergent. Consequently  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  is conditionally convergent. **Ex.18(a)** Examine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n (\sqrt{n^2 + 1} - n)$  is conditionally convergent. Solution: Let  $x_n = \sqrt{n^2 + 1} - n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $x_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1 + n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n^2} + 1}} \to 0$ . Also,  $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(n+1)^2 + 1} + (n+1)} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1} + n} = x_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , *i.e.* the sequence  $(x_n)$  is decreasing. Therefore by Leibniz's test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} x_n$  is convergent and hence the given series is convergent.

Again, if  $y_n = \frac{1}{n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n^2} + 1}} = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$ . Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$  is not convergent, by limit comparison test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  is not convergent, *i.e.*  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |(-1)^n(\sqrt{n^2 + 1} - n)|$  is not convergent. Thus the given series is conditionally convergent.

**Ex.18(b)** Examine whether the series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2+(-1)^n}$  is conditionally convergent. Solution: By comparison test, the series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2+(-1)^n} \right| = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+(-1)^n}$  is convergent, since  $0 < \frac{1}{n^2+(-1)^n} < \frac{2}{n^2}$  for all  $n \ge 2$  and  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  is convergent. Thus the given series is not conditionally convergent.

**Ex.18(c)** Examine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{a^2+n}{n^2}$  (where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ) is conditionally convergent. Solution: Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $x_n = \frac{a^2+n}{n^2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $x_n > 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n = \frac{a^2}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n} \to 0$ . Also,  $x_{n+1} = \frac{a^2}{(n+1)^2} + \frac{1}{n+1} < \frac{a^2}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n} = x_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , *i.e.* the sequence  $(x_n)$  is decreasing. Therefore by Leibniz's test, it follows that the given series is convergent. Again, if  $y_n = \frac{1}{n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_n}{y_n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} (\frac{a^2}{n} + 1) = 1 \neq 0$ . Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$  is not convergent, by limit comparison test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  is not convergent, *i.e.*  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |(-1)^n \frac{a^2+n}{n^2}|$  is not convergent. Thus the given series is conditionally convergent.

**Ex.19** Find all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  for which the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log(n+1)}{\sqrt{n+1}} (x-5)^n$  is convergent. *Hint:* If x = 5, then the given series becomes  $0 + 0 + \cdots$ , which is clearly convergent. Let  $x \neq 5 \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $a_n = \frac{\log(n+1)}{\sqrt{n+1}} (x-5)^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{\log(x+2)}{\log(x+1)} = 1$  (using L'Hôpital's rule), by sequential criterion of limits, we get  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\log(n+2)}{\log(n+1)} = 1$  and so  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = |x-5|$ . Hence by the ratio test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges (absolutely) if |x-5| < 1, *i.e.* if  $x \in (4,6)$  and diverges if |x-5| > 1, *i.e.* if  $x \in (-\infty, 4) \cup (6, \infty)$ . If  $f(x) = \frac{\log x}{\sqrt{x}}$  for all x > 0, then  $f : (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and f'(x) < 0 for all  $x > e^2$ . Hence f is decreasing on  $(e^2, \infty)$ . Consequently the sequence  $\left(\frac{\log n}{\sqrt{n}}\right)_{n=16}^{\infty}$  is decreasing. If x = 6, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\log(n+1)}{\sqrt{n+1}}$  diverges, by Cauchy's condensation test. Again, if x = 4, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\log(n+1)}{\sqrt{n+1}}$  converges, by Leibniz's test. Therefore the set of all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  for which the given series converges is [4, 6).

**Ex.20** Find all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  for which the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x+3)^n}{n5^n}$  is conditionally convergent. Solution: If x = -3, then the given series becomes  $0 + 0 + \cdots$ , which is clearly absolutely convergent. Let  $x(\neq -3) \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n (x+3)^n}{n5^n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{1}{5} |x+3|$ . Hence by the ratio test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely if  $\frac{1}{5} |x+3| < 1$ , *i.e.* if  $x \in (-8, 2)$  and diverges if  $\frac{1}{5} |x+3| > 1$ , *i.e.* if  $x \in (-\infty, -8) \cup (2, \infty)$ . If x = -8, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges. If x = 2, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$  converges by Leibniz's test, but  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges, *i.e.*  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is con-

ditionally convergent. Therefore the set of all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  for which  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges conditionally is  $\{2\}$ .

**Ex.21** Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $|f(x)| \leq |g(x)|$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . If g is continuous at 0 and g(0) = 0, then show that f is continuous at 0.

Solution: Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since g is continuous at 0, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|g(x)| = |g(x) - g(0)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|x - 0| < \delta$ . So  $|f(x) - f(0)| \le |f(x)| + |f(0)| \le |g(x)| + |g(0)| = |g(x)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|x - 0| < \delta$ . Therefore f is continuous at 0.

**Ex.22** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$ Examine whether f is continuous at 0.

Solution: Let  $x_n = \frac{2}{(4n+1)\pi}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  converges to 0, but the sequence  $(f(x_n)) = (2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2})$  cannot converge because it is not bounded. Therefore f is not continuous at 0.

**Ex.23** Give an example (with justification) of a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  which is discontinuous at every point of  $\mathbb{R}$  but  $|f| : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.

Solution: Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q}, \\ -1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}. \end{cases}$ 

If  $x_0 \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then there exists a sequence  $(t_n)$  in  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $t_n \to x_0$ . Since  $f(t_n) = -1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f(t_n) \to -1 \neq 1 = f(x_0)$ . Hence f is not continuous at  $x_0$ . Again, if  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ , then there exists a sequence  $(r_n)$  in  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $r_n \to x_0$ . Since  $f(r_n) = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f(r_n) \to 1 \neq -1 = f(x_0)$ . Hence f is not continuous at  $x_0$ . Thus f is discontinuous at every point of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

However, |f|(x) = |f(x)| = 1 for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and so  $|f| : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.

**Ex.24** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be continuous such that  $f(x) = x^2 + 5$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Find  $f(\sqrt{2})$ . Solution: There exists a sequence  $(r_n)$  in  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $r_n \to \sqrt{2}$ . Since f is continuous at  $\sqrt{2}$ , we have  $f(\sqrt{2}) = \lim_{n \to \infty} f(r_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} (r_n^2 + 5) = (\sqrt{2})^2 + 5 = 7$ .

**Ex.25** Evaluate  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sin((2n\pi + \frac{1}{2n\pi})\sin(2n\pi + \frac{1}{2n\pi}))$ .

Solution: We have  $(2n\pi + \frac{1}{2n\pi})\sin(2n\pi + \frac{1}{2n\pi}) = 2n\pi\sin\frac{1}{2n\pi} + \frac{1}{2n\pi}\sin\frac{1}{2n\pi} \to 1$ , since  $|\frac{1}{2n\pi}\sin\frac{1}{2n\pi}| \le \frac{1}{2n\pi} \to 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2n\pi}\sin\frac{1}{2n\pi} \to 0$  and  $2n\pi\sin\frac{1}{2n\pi} = \frac{\sin\frac{1}{2n\pi}}{\frac{1}{2n\pi}} \to 1$ , using  $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$ . Since the sine function is continuous at 1, it follows that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sin((2n\pi + \frac{1}{2n\pi})\sin(2n\pi + \frac{1}{2n\pi})) = \sin 1$ .

**Ex.26** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be continuous such that f(0) > f(1) < f(2). Show that f is not one-one. Solution: We choose  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(1) < k < \min\{f(0), f(2)\}$ . Then by the intermediate value theorem, there exist  $c_1 \in (0, 1)$  and  $c_2 \in (1, 2)$  such that  $f(c_1) = k$  and  $f(c_2) = k$ . Since  $c_1 \neq c_2$ , we conclude that f is not one-one.

**Ex.27** Let  $f : [0,1] \to [0,1]$  be continuous. Show that there exists  $c \in [0,1]$  such that  $f(c) + 2c^5 = 3c^7$ .

Solution: Let  $g(x) = f(x) + 2x^5 - 3x^7$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Since f is continuous,  $g : [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. If f(0) = 0 or f(1) = 1, then we get the result by taking c = 0 or c = 1 respectively. Otherwise g(0) = f(0) > 0 and g(1) = f(1) - 1 < 0 (since it is given that  $0 \le f(x) \le 1$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ ). Hence by the intermediate value theorem, there exists  $c \in (0, 1)$  such that g(c) = 0, *i.e.* f(c) = c.

**Ex.28** Show that there exists  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $c^{179} + \frac{163}{1+c^2+\sin^2 c} = 119$ . Solution: Let  $f(x) = x^{179} + \frac{163}{1+x^2+\sin^2 x} - 119$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and f(-2) < 0, f(0) > 0. Hence by the intermediate value theorem, there exists  $c \in (-2, 0)$  such that  $f(c) = 0, i.e. \ c^{179} + \frac{163}{1+c^2+\sin^2 c} = 119.$ 

**Ex.29** Let  $f, g: [-1, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$  be continuous such that  $|f(x)| \leq 1$  for all  $x \in [-1, 1]$  and g(-1) = -1, g(1) = 1. Show that there exists  $c \in [-1, 1]$  such that f(c) = g(c). Solution: Let  $\varphi(x) = f(x) - g(x)$  for all  $x \in [-1, 1]$ . Since f and g are continuous,  $\varphi: [-1, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$ 

is continuous. If f(-1) = -1 or f(1) = 1, then we get the result by taking c = -1 or c = 1 respectively. Otherwise  $\varphi(-1) = f(-1) + 1 > 0$  and  $\varphi(1) = f(1) - 1 < 0$  (since it is given that  $|f(x)| \leq 1$  for all  $x \in [-1, 1]$ ). Hence by the intermediate value theorem, there exists  $c \in (-1, 1)$  such that  $\varphi(c) = 0$ , *i.e.* f(c) = g(c).

**Ex.30** Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Show that

(a) if n is odd, then there exists unique  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $y^n = x$ .

(b) if n is even and x > 0, then there exists unique y > 0 such that  $y^n = x$ .

Solution: Let  $f(t) = t^n - x$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , so that  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.

(a) We first assume that n is odd. Then  $\lim_{t\to\infty} f(t) = \infty$  and  $\lim_{t\to-\infty} f(t) = -\infty$ . So there exist  $x_1 > 0$  and  $x_2 < 0$  such that  $f(x_1) > 0$  and  $f(x_2) < 0$ . By the intermediate value property of continuous functions, there exists  $y \in (x_2, x_1)$  such that f(y) = 0, *i.e.*  $y^n = x$ . If possible, let there exist  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $u \neq y$  and  $u^n = x$ . Clearly either both u and y must be non-negative or both u and y must be negative. We consider the case  $0 \leq y < u$ . (Other cases can be handled similarly.) Then  $x = y^n < u^n = x$ , which is a contradiction. Thus the uniqueness of y is proved.

(b) We now assume that n is even and x > 0. Then f(0) < 0 and  $\lim_{t \to \infty} f(t) = \infty$ . So there exists  $x_1 > 0$  such that  $f(x_1) > 0$ . By the intermediate value property of continuous functions, there exists  $y \in (0, x_1)$  such that f(y) = 0 *i.e.*  $y^n = x$ . If possible, let there exist u > 0 such that  $u \neq y$  and  $u^n = x$ . Without loss of generality, let u > y. Then  $x = u^n > y^n = x$ , which is a contradiction. This proves the uniqueness of y.

**Ex.31** If  $f : [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and f(x) > 0 for all  $x \in [0,1]$ , then show that there exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $f(x) > \alpha$  for all  $x \in [0,1]$ .

Solution: Since  $f:[0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, there exists  $x_0 \in [0,1]$  such that  $f(x) \ge f(x_0)$  for all  $x \in [0,1]$ . Choosing  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}f(x_0)$ , we find that  $\alpha > 0$  and  $f(x) > \alpha$  for all  $x \in [0,1]$ .

Ex.32 Give an example of each of the following.

- (a) A function  $f:[0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  which is not bounded.
- (b) A continuous and bounded function  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  which does not attain  $\sup\{f(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$  as well as  $\inf\{f(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
- (c) A continuous and bounded function  $f: (0,1) \to \mathbb{R}$  which attains both  $\sup\{f(x): x \in (0,1)\}$  and  $\inf\{f(x): x \in (0,1)\}$ .

*Hint*: (a) If 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \in (0,1] \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0, \end{cases}$$

then  $f:[0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  is not bounded.

(b) The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ , defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+|x|}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , is continuous and bounded. However, neither  $\sup\{f(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\} = 1$  nor  $\inf\{f(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\} = -1$  is attained by f at any point of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(c) The function  $f: (0,1) \to \mathbb{R}$ , defined by  $f(x) = \sin(2\pi x)$  for all  $x \in (0,1)$ , is continuous and bounded. Also,  $\sup\{f(x): x \in (0,1)\} = 1 = f(\frac{1}{4})$  and  $\inf\{f(x): x \in (0,1)\} = -1 = f(\frac{3}{4})$ .

**Ex.33** If  $f(x) = x \sin x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then show that  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is neither bounded above nor bounded below.

Solution: If possible, let f be bounded above. Then there exists M > 0 such that  $f(x) \leq M$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and hence  $2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} = f(2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}) \leq M$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This gives  $n \leq \frac{1}{2\pi}(M - \frac{\pi}{2})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , which is not possible. Hence f is not bounded above. Again, if possible, let f

be bounded below. Then there exists K > 0 such that  $f(x) \ge K$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and hence  $-2n\pi - \frac{3\pi}{2} = f(2n\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2}) \ge K$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This gives  $n \le -\frac{1}{2\pi}(K + \frac{3\pi}{2})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , which is not possible. Hence f is not bounded below.

**Ex.34** Let p be an *n*th degree polynomial with real coefficients in one real variable such that  $n \neq 0$  is even and  $p(0) \cdot p^{(n)}(0) < 0$ . Show that p has at least two real zeroes.

Solution: Let  $p(x) = a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1} x + a_n$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n, n \in \mathbb{N}$  is even and  $a_0 \neq 0$ . Then p is infinitely differentiable (and so also continuous) and  $p^{(n)}(0) = n!a_0$ . Since  $p(0) \cdot p^{(n)}(0) < 0$ , we have  $a_0a_n < 0$ , *i.e.*  $a_0$  and  $a_n$  are of different signs. Let us assume that  $a_0 > 0$ , so that  $a_n < 0$ . (The case  $a_0 < 0$  and so  $a_n > 0$  is almost similar.) Since  $p(x) = a_0 x^n (1 + \frac{a_1}{a_0} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \dots + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_0} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{n-1}} + \frac{a_n}{a_0} \cdot \frac{1}{x^n})$  for all  $x(\neq 0) \in \mathbb{R}$ , we get  $\lim_{x \to \infty} p(x) = \infty$  and  $\lim_{x \to -\infty} p(x) = \infty$ . So there exist  $x_1 > 0$  and  $x_2 < 0$  such that  $p(x_1) > 0$  and  $p(x_2) > 0$ . Since  $p(0) = a_n < 0$ , by the intermediate value theorem, there exist  $c_1 \in (x_2, 0)$  and  $c_2 \in (0, x_1)$  such that  $p(c_1) = 0$  and  $p(c_2) = 0$ .

**Ex.35** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be continuous at 0 and let g(x) = xf(x) for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable at 0. Solution: Since  $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{g(x)-g(0)}{x-0} = \lim_{x\to 0} f(x) = f(0)$  (because f is continuous at 0), g is differentiable at 0.

**Ex.36** Let  $\alpha > 1$  and let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfy  $|f(x)| \leq |x|^{\alpha}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that f is differentiable at 0. Solution: We have  $|f(0)| \leq |0|^{\alpha} = 0 \Rightarrow f(0) = 0$  and so  $|\frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0}| \leq |x|^{\alpha - 1}$  for all  $x \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\lim_{x \to 0} |x|^{\alpha - 1} = 0$ , by sandwich theorem for limit of functions, we get  $\lim_{x \to 0} |\frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0}| = 0$ . It follows that  $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = 0$  and consequently f is differentiable at 0.

**Ex.37** Let  $f(x) = x^2 |x|$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Examine the existence of f'(x), f''(x) and f'''(x), where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Solution: Here  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 & \text{if } x \ge 0, \\ -x^3 & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$ 

Clearly  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable at all  $x \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f'(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2 & \text{if } x > 0, \\ -3x^2 & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$ Also,  $\lim_{x \to 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \to 0^+} x^2 = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \to 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \to 0^-} (-x^2) = 0.$ Hence  $f'(0) = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = 0.$ 

Again, it is clear that  $f' : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable at all  $x \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f''(x) = \begin{cases} 6x & \text{if } x > 0, \\ -6x & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$ Also,  $\lim_{x \to 0^+} \frac{f'(x) - f'(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \to 0^+} 3x = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \to 0^-} \frac{f'(x) - f'(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \to 0^-} (-3x) = 0.$ Hence  $f''(0) = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f'(x) - f'(0)}{x - 0} = 0.$ 

Finally, it is clear that  $f'': \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable at all  $x \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f'''(x) = \begin{cases} 6 & \text{if } x > 0, \\ -6 & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$ Also,  $\lim_{x \to 0^+} \frac{f''(x) - f''(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \to 0^+} 6 = 6$  and  $\lim_{x \to 0^-} \frac{f''(x) - f''(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \to 0^-} (-6) = -6.$ Hence  $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f''(x) - f''(0)}{x - 0}$  does not exist, *i.e.* f'''(0) does not exist.

**Ex.38** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 |\cos \frac{\pi}{x}| & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$ Examine whether f is differentiable (i) at 0 (ii) on (0, 1). Solution: (i) For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , choosing  $\delta = \varepsilon > 0$ , we find that  $\left| \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} \right| = |x| |\cos \frac{\pi}{x}| \leq |x|$  for

all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $0 < |x| < \delta$ . Hence  $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = 0$  and consequently f is differentiable at 0 (with f'(0) = 0). (ii) Since  $\lim_{x \to \frac{2}{3}+} \frac{f(x) - f(\frac{2}{3})}{x - \frac{2}{3}} = \lim_{x \to \frac{2}{3}+} \frac{-x^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{x} - 0}{x - \frac{2}{3}} = \frac{d}{dx} (-x^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{x})|_{x = \frac{2}{3}}$  (applying L'Hôpital's rule) =  $\pi$  and  $\lim_{x \to \frac{2}{3}-} \frac{f(x) - f(\frac{2}{3})}{x - \frac{2}{3}} = \lim_{x \to \frac{2}{3}-} \frac{x^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{x} - 0}{x - \frac{2}{3}} = \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 \cos \frac{\pi}{x})|_{x = \frac{2}{3}}$  (applying L'Hôpital's rule) =  $-\pi$ ,  $\lim_{x \to \frac{2}{3}} \frac{f(x) - f(\frac{2}{3})}{x - \frac{2}{3}} \text{ does not exist and hence } f \text{ is not differentiable at } \frac{2}{3} \in (0, 1).$  Consequently f is not differentiable on (0, 1).

**Ex.39(a)** Examine whether  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ , defined as below, is differentiable at 0.

 $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{2^n} \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$ Solution: Since  $\frac{f(\frac{1}{2^n}) - f(0)}{1/2^n} = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{f(\frac{1}{3^n}) - f(0)}{1/3^n} = 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}, \frac{f(\frac{1}{2^n}) - f(0)}{1/2^n} \to \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{f(\frac{1}{3^n}) - f(0)}{1/3^n} \to 0.$ As  $\frac{1}{2^n} \to 0$  and  $\frac{1}{3^n} \to 0$ , by the sequential criterion of limit, it follows that  $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0}$  does not exist. Consequently f is not differentiable at 0.

**Ex.39(b)** Examine whether  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ , defined as below, is differentiable at 0.

 $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4^n} & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{2^n} \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$ Solution: For all  $x(\neq 0) \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have  $\left| \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} \right| \le |x|$ . Hence for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , taking  $\delta = \varepsilon > 0$ , we find that  $\left| \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} \right| < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $0 < |x - 0| < \delta$ . Therefore  $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = 0$  and consequently f is differentiable at 0 (with f'(0) = 0).

**Ex.40** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable at 0 and f(0) = f'(0) = 0. Show that  $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ , Let f'(x) = f(x) be underentiable at 0 and f(0) = f(0) = 0. Show that  $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ , defined by  $g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0, \end{cases}$  is differentiable at 0. Solution: Since  $0 \le \left| \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} \right| = \left| \frac{f(x)}{x} \right| \left| \sin \frac{1}{x} \right| \le \left| \frac{f(x)}{x} \right|$  for all  $x \neq 0$   $\in \mathbb{R}$  and since  $\lim_{x \to 0} \left| \frac{f(x)}{x} \right| = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} \right| = |f'(0)| = 0$ , by the sandwich theorem for limits of functions, we get  $\lim_{x \to 0} \left| \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} \right| = 0$ . 0. It follows that  $\lim_{x\to 0^+} \frac{g(x)-g(0)}{x-0} = 0$  and consequently g is differentiable at 0 (with g'(0) = 0).

**Ex.41** Let  $f(x) = x^3 + x$  and  $g(x) = x^3 - x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f^{-1}$  denotes the inverse function of f and if  $(g \circ f^{-1})(x) = g(f^{-1}(x))$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then find  $(g \circ f^{-1})'(2)$ .

Solution: Since  $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 1 \neq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is one-one. Also, since f is an odd degree polynomial in  $\mathbb{R}$ , by the intermediate value property of continuous functions,  $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is onto. Hence  $f^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  exists and is differentiable. By chain rule and the rule for derivative of inverse, we get  $(g \circ f^{-1})^{-1}(2) = g'(f^{-1}(2))(f^{-1})'(2) = g'(1)\frac{1}{f'(1)}$  (since f(1) = 2)  $= \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Ex.42** If  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , then show that the equation  $4ax^3 + 3bx^2 + 2cx = a + b + c$  has at least one root in (0, 1). Solution: Let  $f(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 - (a+b+c)x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and f(0) = 0 = f(1). Hence by Rolle's theorem, the equation f'(x) = 0, *i.e.*  $4ax^3 + 3bx^2 + 2cx = a + b + c$ has at least one root in (0, 1).

**Ex.43** If  $a_0, a_1, ..., a_n \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfy  $\frac{a_0}{1.2} + \frac{a_1}{2.3} + \cdots + \frac{a_n}{(n+1)(n+2)} = 0$ , then show that the equation  $a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n = 0$  has at least one root in [0, 1]. Solution: Let  $f(x) = \frac{a_0}{1.2}x^2 + \frac{a_1}{2.3}x^3 + \cdots + \frac{a_n}{(n+1)(n+2)}x^{n+2}$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Then  $f: [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$  is twice differentiable and  $f'(x) = a_0x + \frac{a_1}{2}x^2 + \cdots + \frac{a_n}{n+1}x^{n+1}$ ,  $f''(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n$  for all

 $x \in [0, 1]$ . Since f(0) = 0 = f(1), by Rolle's theorem, there exists  $c \in (0, 1)$  such that f'(c) = 0. Again, since f'(0) = 0, by Rolle's theorem, there exists  $\alpha \in (0, c)$  such that  $f''(\alpha) = 0$ . Thus the equation  $a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n = 0$  has a root  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

**Ex.44** Show that the equation  $|x^{10} - 60x^9 - 290| = e^x$  has at least one real root. Solution: Let  $f(x) = |x^{10} - 60x^9 - 290| - e^x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and f(0) = 289 > 0. Again,  $\lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{x^{10} - 60x^9 - 290}{e^x} = \lim_{x\to\infty} \frac{10!}{e^x}$  (using L'Hôpital's rule ten times) = 0. Hence there exists M > 0 such that  $|\frac{x^{10} - 60x^9 - 290}{e^x}| < 1$  for all x > M and consequently f(2M) < 0. Therefore by the intermediate value property of continuous functions, the equation f(x) = 0 has at least one root in (0, 2M). Hence the given equation has at least one real root.

**Ex.45(a)** Find the number of (distinct) real roots of the equation  $x^2 = \cos x$ .

Solution: Let  $f(x) = x^2 - \cos x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is twice differentiable with  $f'(x) = 2x + \sin x$  and  $f''(x) = 2 + \cos x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $f''(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , as a consequence of Rolle's theorem, it follows that the equation f'(x) = 0 has at most one real root and hence the equation f(x) = 0 has at most two real roots. Again, since  $f(-\frac{\pi}{2}) = \frac{\pi^2}{4} > 0$ , f(0) = -1 < 0 and  $f(\frac{\pi}{2}) = \frac{\pi^2}{4} > 0$ , by the intermediate value property of continuous functions, the equation f(x) = 0 has at least one root in  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$  and at least one root in  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Therefore the given equation has exactly two (distinct) real roots.

**Ex.45(b)** Find the number of (distinct) real roots of the equation  $e^{2x} + \cos x + x = 0$ . Solution: Let  $f(x) = e^{2x} + \cos x + x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable with  $f'(x) = 2e^{2x} + (1 - \sin x) > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . As a consequence of Rolle's theorem, the equation f(x) = 0 has at most one real root. Again, since  $f(-\frac{\pi}{2}) = e^{-\pi} - \frac{\pi}{2} < 0$  and f(0) = 2 > 0, by the intermediate value property of continuous functions, the equation f(x) = 0 has least one root in  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$ . Therefore the given equation has exactly one (distinct) real root.

**Ex.46** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be twice differentiable such that f(0) = 0, f'(0) > 0 and f''(x) > 0 for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that the equation f(x) = 0 has no positive real root.

Solution: Since f''(x) > 0 for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , f' is strictly increasing on  $\mathbb{R}$  and so f'(x) > f'(0) > 0 for all x > 0. This implies that f is strictly increasing on  $[0, \infty)$  and so f(x) > f(0) = 0 for all x > 0. Thus the equation f(x) = 0 has no positive real root.

**Ex.47** Show that between any two (distinct) real roots of the equation  $e^x \sin x = 1$ , there exists at least one real root of the equation  $e^x \cos x + 1 = 0$ .

Solution: Let  $f(x) = \sin x - e^{-x}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable (also continuous). Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with a < b be such that  $e^a \sin a = 1 = e^b \sin b$ . Then f(a) = 0 = f(b). By Rolle's theorem, there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  such that f'(c) = 0, *i.e.*  $\cos c + e^{-c} = 0 \Rightarrow e^c(\cos c + e^{-c}) = 0 \Rightarrow e^c \cos c + 1 = 0$ . Thus  $c \in (a, b)$  is a root of the equation  $e^x \cos x + 1 = 0$ .

**Ex.48** Let  $f(x) = 3x^5 - 2x^3 + 12x - 8$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is one-one and onto.

Solution: Here  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and  $f'(x) = 15x^4 - 6x^2 + 12 = 15[(x^2 - \frac{1}{5})^2 + \frac{19}{25}] \neq 0$ for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . As a consequence of the mean value theorem,  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is one-one. Again, since f is an odd degree polynomial with real coefficients in one real variable, by Ex.12(c) of Tutorial Problem Set,  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is onto.

**Ex.49(a)** Show that  $\frac{x-1}{x} < \log x < x-1$  for all  $x \neq 1 > 0$ . Solution: Let  $f(x) = \log x$  for all x > 0. Then  $f : (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and hence for each  $x \neq 1 \in (0, \infty)$ , there exists c between 1 and x such that f(x) - f(1) = (x - 1)f'(c), *i.e*  $\log x = \frac{x-1}{c}$ . Since  $\frac{1}{x} < \frac{1}{c} < 1$  if x > 1 and  $1 < \frac{1}{c} < \frac{1}{x}$  if 0 < x < 1, we get  $\frac{x-1}{x} < \frac{x-1}{c} < x-1$  for all  $x \neq 1 > 0$ . Hence  $\frac{x-1}{x} < \log x < x-1$  for all  $x \neq 1 > 0$ . **Ex.49(b)** Show that  $1 + x < e^x < 1 + xe^x$  for all  $x \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Solution: Let  $f(x) = e^x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and hence for each  $x \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , by the mean value theorem, there exists c between 0 and x such that f(x) - f(0) = xf'(c), *i.e.*  $e^x - 1 = xe^c$ . Since  $1 < e^c < e^x$  if x > 0 and  $e^x < e^c < 1$  if x < 0, we get  $x < xe^c < xe^x$  for all  $x \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence  $1 + x < e^x < 1 + xe^x$  for all  $x \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## **Ex.49(c)** Show that $2\sin x + \tan x > 3x$ for all $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ .

Solution: Let  $f(x) = 2 \sin x + \tan x - 3x$  for all  $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Then  $f: [0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \to \mathbb{R}$  is twice differentiable and  $f'(x) = 2 \cos x + \sec^2 x - 3$  for all  $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ ,  $f''(x) = 2 \sin x (\sec^3 x - 1) > 0$  for all  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Hence f' is strictly increasing on  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  and so f'(x) > f'(0) = 0 for all  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Thus f is strictly increasing on  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  and so f(x) > f(0) = 0 for all  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Consequently  $2 \sin x + \tan x > 3x$  for all  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ .

**Ex.49(d)** Show that  $(1 + x)^{\alpha} \ge 1 + \alpha x$  for all  $x \ge -1$  and for all  $\alpha > 1$ .

Solution: Let  $\alpha > 1$  and let  $f(x) = (1+x)^{\alpha} - (1+\alpha x)$  for all  $x \ge -1$ . Then  $f: [-1, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and  $f'(x) = \alpha[(1+x)^{\alpha-1} - 1]$  for all  $x \ge -1$ . Clearly  $f'(x) \le 0$  for all  $x \in [-1, 0]$  and  $f'(x) \ge 0$  for all  $x \in [0, \infty)$ . Hence f is decreasing on [-1, 0] and increasing on  $[0, \infty)$ . So  $f(x) \ge f(0) = 0$  for  $-1 \le x \le 0$  and also  $f(x) \ge f(0) = 0$  for  $x \ge 0$ . Therefore  $f(x) \ge 0$  for all  $x \ge -1$ , which proves the required inequality.

**Ex.50(a)** Determine all the differentiable functions  $f : [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the conditions f(0) = 0, f(1) = 1 and  $|f'(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $x \in [0,1]$ .

Solution: If possible, let  $f : [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function satisfying the given conditions. Then by the mean value theorem, there exists  $c \in (0,1)$  such that  $f'(c) = \frac{f(1)-f(0)}{1-0} = 1$ , which contradicts the given condition that  $|f'(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $x \in [0,1]$ . Therefore no such differentiable function can exist.

**Ex.50(b)** Determine all the differentiable functions  $f : [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the conditions f(0) = 0, f(1) = 1 and  $|f'(x)| \le 1$  for all  $x \in [0,1]$ .

Solution: Let f be such a function and let g(x) = x - f(x) for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Then  $g: [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and  $g'(x) = 1 - f'(x) \ge 0$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Hence g is increasing on [0, 1] and since g(0) = 0 = g(1), it follows that g is the constant function given by g(x) = 0 for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ , *i.e.* f(x) = x for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Also, if f(x) = x for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ , then f satisfies all the given conditions. Therefore there is exactly one function f satisfying the given conditions and it is given by f(x) = x for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ .

**Ex.51** Let  $f : [0,2] \to \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable and f(0) = f(1) = 0, f(2) = 3. Show that there exist  $a, b, c \in (0,2)$  such that f'(a) = 0, f'(b) = 3 and f'(c) = 1.

Solution: By Rolle's theorem, there exists  $a \in (0, 1)$  such that f'(a) = 0. Again, by the mean value theorem, there exists  $b \in (1, 2)$  such that  $f'(b) = \frac{f(2) - f(1)}{2 - 1} = 3$ . Hence by the intermediate value property of derivatives, there exists  $c \in (a, b)$  such that f'(c) = 1.

**Ex.52(a)** Evaluate the limit:  $\lim_{x \to 0} \left( \frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{x} \right)$ Solution: We have  $\lim_{x \to 0} \left( \frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{x} \right) = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x - \sin x}{x \sin x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x + x \cos x} \text{ (using L'Hôpital's rule)}$  $= \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin x}{2 \cos x - x \sin x} \text{ (using L'Hôpital's rule again)} = 0.$ 

**Ex.52(b)** Evaluate the limit:  $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{-1/x^2}}{x} = 0$ Solution: We have  $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{-1/x^2}}{x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{1/x}{e^{1/x^2}} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{-1/x^2}{-\frac{2}{x^3}e^{1/x^2}}$  (applying L'Hôpital's rule)  $= \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{1}{2}xe^{-\frac{1}{x^2}} = 0$ . **Ex.52(c)** Evaluate the limit:  $\lim_{x \to \infty} x(\log(1 + \frac{x}{2}) - \log \frac{x}{2})$ 

Solution:  $\lim_{x \to \infty} x(\log(1 + \frac{x}{2}) - \log(\frac{x}{2})) = \lim_{x \to \infty} x\log\left(\frac{1 + \frac{x}{2}}{\frac{x}{2}}\right) = \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{\log(1 + \frac{2}{x})}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{-\frac{2}{x^2}}{-\frac{1}{x^2}(1 + \frac{2}{x})}$  (using L'Hôpital's rule) =  $\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{2}{1 + \frac{2}{x}} = 2.$ 

**Ex.52(d)** Evaluate the limit:  $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}-e}{x}$ Solution: If  $f(x) = (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}$  for all  $x \in (-1,1) \setminus \{0\}$ , then  $f: (-1,1) \setminus \{0\} \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and  $f'(x) = (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \left[ \frac{x-(1+x)\log(1+x)}{x^2(1+x)} \right]$  for all  $x \in (-1,1) \setminus \{0\}$ . Hence  $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}-e}{x} = \lim_{x\to 0} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \cdot \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x-(1+x)\log(1+x)}{x^2(1+x)}$  (applying L'Hôpital's rule)  $= e \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{-\log(1+x)}{x(3x+2)}$  (using  $\lim_{x\to 0} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = e$  and applying L'Hôpital's rule in the second limit)  $= -\frac{e}{2}$  (using  $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{1}{x}\log(1+x) = 1$ ).

**Ex.52(e)** Evaluate the limit:  $\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{2x + \sin 2x + 1}{(2x + \sin 2x)(\sin x + 3)^2}$ Solution: Let  $x_n = n\pi$  and  $y_n = (4n + 1)\frac{\pi}{2}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $x_n \to \infty$ ,  $y_n \to \infty$  and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2x_n + \sin 2x_n + 1}{(2x_n + \sin 2x_n)(\sin x_n + 3)^2} = \lim_{n \to \infty} (\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{18n\pi}) = \frac{1}{9}, \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2y_n + \sin 2y_n + 1}{(2y_n + \sin 2y_n)(\sin y_n + 3)^2} = \lim_{n \to \infty} (\frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{(4n+1)16\pi}) = \frac{1}{16}.$ By the sequential criterion for existence of limits, it follows that  $\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{2x + \sin 2x + 1}{(2x + \sin 2x)(\sin x + 3)^2} \text{ does not}$ exist.

**Ex.53** If  $f: (0,\infty) \to (0,\infty)$  is differentiable at  $a \in (0,\infty)$ , then evaluate  $\lim_{x \to a} \left(\frac{f(x)}{f(a)}\right)^{\frac{1}{\log x - \log a}}$ . Solution: Let  $g(x) = \left(\frac{f(x)}{f(a)}\right)^{\frac{1}{\log x - \log a}}$  for all  $x \neq a \in (0, \infty)$ . Then g(x) > 0 for all  $x \neq a \in (0, \infty)$ and we have  $\lim_{x \to a} \log g(x) = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{\log f(x) - \log f(a)}{\log x - \log a} = \frac{\frac{d}{dx} (\log f(x) - \log f(a))|_{x=a}}{\frac{d}{dx} (\log x - \log a)|_{x=a}}$  (applying L'Hôpital's rule) =  $a \frac{f'(a)}{f(a)}$ . By the continuity of the exponential function, it follows that  $\lim_{x \to a} g(x) = e^{af'(a)/f(a)}$ .

**Ex.54** Let 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin x}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Examine whether  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuously differentiable. Solution: Clearly f is differentiable at each  $x \neq 0$   $\in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} \cos x - \frac{1}{x^2} \sin x$  for all  $x(\neq 0) \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ Also, } \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin x - x}{x^2} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{2x} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{-\sin x}{2} = 0 \text{ (using L'Hôpital's rule).}$ So f is differentiable at 0 and f'(0) = 0. Again, it is clear that  $f' : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous at each  $x(\neq 0) \in \mathbb{R}.$  Further, since  $\lim_{x \to 0} f'(x) = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x \cos x - \sin x}{x^2} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{-x \sin x}{2x} = \lim_{x \to 0} (-\frac{1}{2} \sin x) = 0 = f'(0)$ (using L'Hôpital's rule), f' is continuous at 0. Hence f is continuously differentiable.

**Ex.55(a)** Using Taylor's theorem, show that  $|\sqrt{1+x} - (1+\frac{x}{2}-\frac{x^2}{8})| \le \frac{1}{2}|x|^3$  for all  $x \in (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ . Solution: Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{1+x}$  for all  $x \in (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ . Then f has derivatives of all orders in  $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  and we have  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1+x}}$ ,  $f''(x) = -\frac{1}{4(1+x)^{3/2}}$  and  $f'''(x) = \frac{3}{8(1+x)^{5/2}}$  for all  $x \in (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ . By Taylor's theorem, for each  $x \in (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ , there exists c between 0 and x such that  $f(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!}f'''(c) = 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{x^3}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{(1+c)^{5/2}}$ . This gives  $|\sqrt{1+x} - (1+\frac{x}{2}-\frac{x^2}{8})| = |x|^3$ .  $\frac{|x|^3}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{(1+c)^{5/2}} \le \frac{2^{5/2}}{16} |x|^3 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} |x|^3 \le \frac{1}{2} |x|^3.$ 

**Ex.55(b)** Using Taylor's theorem, show that  $1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} > \cos x > 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!}$  for all  $x \in (0,\pi).$ 

Solution: Let  $f(x) = \cos x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is infinitely differentiable and  $f'(x) = -\sin x, \ f''(x) = -\cos x, \ f'''(x) = \sin x, \ f^{(4)}(x) = \cos x, \ f^{(5)}(x) = -\sin x, \ f^{(6)}(x) = -\sin x, \$  $f(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \cdots + \frac{x^5}{5!}f^{(5)}(0) + \frac{x^4}{6!}f^{(6)}(c_2) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!}\cos c_2.$  Since  $\cos c_1 < 1$  and  $\cos c_2 < 1$ , it follows that  $1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} > \cos x > 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!}.$  **Ex.55(c)** Using Taylor's theorem, show that  $x - \frac{x^3}{3!} < \sin x < x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!}$  for all  $x \in (0, \pi)$ . Solution: Let  $f(x) = \sin x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is infinitely differentiable and  $f'(x) = \cos \pi - \frac{f''(\pi)}{2!}$ .

 $\cos x, f''(x) = -\sin x, f'''(x) = -\cos x, f^{(4)}(x) = \sin x, f^{(5)}(x) = \cos x \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ If } x \in (0, \pi),$ then by Taylor's theorem, there exist  $c_1, c_2 \in (0, x)$  such that  $f(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!}f'''(c_1) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!}\cos c_1 \text{ and } f(x) = f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}f''(0) + \dots + \frac{x^5}{5!}f^{(5)}(c_2) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!}\cos c_2.$ Since  $\cos c_1 < 1$  and  $\cos c_2 < 1$ , it follows that  $x - \frac{x^3}{3!} < \sin x < x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!}.$ 

**Ex.56** Find the radius of convergence of the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! x^n$ .

Solution: If x = 0, then the given series becomes  $0 + 0 + \cdots$ , which is clearly convergent. Let  $x(\neq 0) \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $a_n = n! x^n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} |\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}| = \infty$  and so there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}| > 2$  for all  $n \ge n_0$ . This gives  $|a_n| > 2^{n-n_0} |a_{n_0}|$  for all  $n \ge n_0$  and hence  $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n \ne 0$ . Consequently  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is not convergent. Therefore the radius of convergence of the given power series is 0.

**Ex.57** Find the interval of convergence of the power series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n}$ . Solution: If x = 0, then the given series becomes  $0 + 0 + \cdots$ , which is clearly convergent. Let

Solution: If x = 0, then the given series becomes  $0 + 0 + \cdots$ , which is clearly convergent. Let  $x(\neq 0) \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $a_n = \frac{x^n}{n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\lim_{n \to \infty} |\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}| = |x|$ . Hence by ratio test,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent (absolutely) if |x| < 1, *i.e.* if  $x \in (-1, 1)$  and is not convergent if |x| > 1, *i.e.* if  $x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$ . If x = 1, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is not convergent. Again, if x = -1, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$  is convergent by Leibniz test, since  $(\frac{1}{n})$  is a decreasing sequence of positive real numbers and  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$ . Therefore the interval of convergence of the given power series is [-1, 1). **Ex.58** Let  $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded function. If there is a partition P of [a, b] such that L(f, P) = U(f, P), then show that f is a constant function.

Solution: Let  $P = \{x_0, x_1, ..., x_n\}$ , where  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = b$ . Since L(f, P) = U(f, P), we get  $\sum_{i=1}^n (M_i - m_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) = 0$ , where  $M_i = \sup\{f(x) : x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]\}$  and  $m_i = \inf\{f(x) : x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]\}$  for i = 1, 2, ..., n. Since  $M_i \ge m_i$  and  $x_i - x_{i-1} > 0$  for i = 1, 2, ..., n, it follows that  $M_i - m_i = 0$ , *i.e.*  $M_i = m_i$  for i = 1, 2, ..., n. This implies that f is constant on  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$  for each  $i \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ . Hence  $f(x) = f(x_{i-1}) = f(x_i)$  for all  $x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$  (i = 1, 2, ..., n). Consequently

f(x) = f(a) for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Therefore f is a constant function.

**Ex.59(a)** Evaluate the limit:  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \sqrt{n^2 - k^2}$ Solution: Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Considering the partition  $P_n = \{0, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, ..., \frac{n}{n} = 1\}$ of [0, 1] for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (and taking  $c_k = \frac{k}{n}$  for k = 1, ..., n), we find that  $S(f, P_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n f(\frac{k}{n})(\frac{k}{n} - \frac{k-1}{n}) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \sqrt{n^2 - k^2}$ . Since  $f : [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, f is Riemann integrable on [0, 1] and hence  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \sqrt{n^2 - k^2} = \lim_{n\to\infty} S(f, P_n) = \int_0^1 f = \frac{1}{2}(x\sqrt{1 - x^2} + \sin^{-1}x)|_0^1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$ . **Ex.59(b)** Evaluate the limit:  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{n}[(n+1)(n+2)\cdots(n+n)]^{\frac{1}{n}}$ Solution: For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $a_n = \frac{1}{n}[(n+1)(n+2)\cdots(n+n)]^{\frac{1}{n}} = [(1+\frac{1}{n})(1+\frac{2}{n})\cdots(1+\frac{n}{n})]^{\frac{1}{n}}$  and let  $f(x) = \log(1+x)$  for all  $x \in [0,1]$ . Considering the partition  $P_n = \{0, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, ..., \frac{n}{n} = 1\}$  of [0, 1] for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (and taking  $c_k = \frac{k}{n}$  for k = 1, ..., n), we find that  $S(f, P_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n f(\frac{k}{n})(\frac{k}{n} - \frac{k-1}{n}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \log(1 + \frac{k}{n})$ . Since  $f : [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, f is Riemann integrable on [0, 1] and hence  $\lim_{n \to \infty} (\log a_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \log(1 + \frac{k}{n}) = \lim_{n \to \infty} S(f, P_n) = \int_0^1 \log(1 + x) \, dx = \log \frac{4}{e}$  (integrating by parts). By the continuity of the exponential function, it follows that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} e^{\log a_n} = e^{\log \frac{4}{e}} = \frac{4}{e}$ , which is the required limit.

**Ex.59(c)** Evaluate the limit:  $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x}{1-e^{x^2}} \int_0^x e^{t^2} dt$ . Solution: Since the function  $f : [-1,1] \to \mathbb{R}$ , defined by  $f(x) = e^{x^2}$  for all  $x \in [-1,1]$ , is continuous, by the first fundamental theorem of calculus,  $\frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x e^{t^2} dt = e^{x^2}$  for all  $x \in [-1,1]$ .

Hence  $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x}{1 - e^{x^2}} \int_{0}^{x} e^{t^2} dt = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x e^{x^2} + \int_{0}^{x} e^{t^2} dt}{-2x e^{x^2}} \text{ (applying L'Hôpital's rule)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{x^2} + e^{x^2} + 2x^2 e^{x^2}}{-2e^{x^2} - 4x^2 e^{x^2}} \text{ (applying L'Hôpital's rule)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{x^2} + e^{x^2} + 2x^2 e^{x^2}}{-2e^{x^2} - 4x^2 e^{x^2}} \text{ (applying L'Hôpital's rule)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{x^2} + e^{x^2} + 2x^2 e^{x^2}}{-2e^{x^2} - 4x^2 e^{x^2}} \text{ (applying L'Hôpital's rule)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{x^2} + e^{x^2} + 2x^2 e^{x^2}}{-2e^{x^2} - 4x^2 e^{x^2}} \text{ (applying L'Hôpital's rule)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{x^2} + e^{x^2} + 2x^2 e^{x^2}}{-2e^{x^2} - 4x^2 e^{x^2}} \text{ (applying L'Hôpital's rule)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{x^2} + e^{x^2} + 2x^2 e^{x^2}}{-2e^{x^2} - 4x^2 e^{x^2}} \text{ (applying L'Hôpital's rule)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{x^2} + e^{x^2} + 2x^2 e^{x^2}}{-2e^{x^2} - 4x^2 e^{x^2}} \text{ (applying L'Hôpital's rule)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{x^2} + e^{x^2} + 2x^2 e^{x^2}}{-2e^{x^2} - 4x^2 e^{x^2}} \text{ (applying L'Hôpital's rule)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{x^2} + e^{x^2} + 2x^2 e^{x^2}}{-2e^{x^2} - 4x^2 e^{x^2}} \text{ (applying L'Hôpital's rule)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{x^2} + e^{x^2} + 2x^2 e^{x^2}}{-2e^{x^2} - 4x^2 e^{x^2}} \text{ (applying L'Hôpital's rule)} = \frac{1}{2} e^{x^2} + \frac{1}{2$ 

**Ex.59(d)** Evaluate the limit:  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1^8 + 3^8 + \dots + (2n-1)^8}{n^9} \right).$ Solution: Let  $f(x) = 2^8 x^8$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Considering the partition  $P_n = \{0, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, \dots, \frac{n}{n} = 1\}$  of [0, 1] for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and observing that  $c_i = \frac{2i-1}{2n} = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{i-1}{n} + \frac{i}{n}) \in [\frac{i-1}{n}, \frac{i}{n}]$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , we find that  $S(f, P_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(\frac{2i-1}{2n})(\frac{i}{n} - \frac{i-1}{n}) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n (\frac{2i-1}{n})^8$ . Since  $f : [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, f is Riemann integrable on [0, 1] and hence  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1^8 + 3^8 + \dots + (2n-1)^8}{n^9} \right) = \lim_{n \to \infty} S(f, P_n) = \int_0^1 f(x) \, dx = \frac{2^8 x^9}{9} |_{x=0}^1 = \frac{256}{9}.$ **Ex.60** If  $f : [-1, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuously differentiable, then evaluate  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f'(\frac{k}{3n}).$ 

Solution: Since f' is continuous on  $[0, \frac{1}{3}]$ , f' is Riemann integrable on  $[0, \frac{1}{3}]$  and  $\int_{0}^{\frac{1}{3}} f'(t) dt = \lim_{\|P_n\|\to 0} S(f', P_n)$ , where for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $P_n = \{0, \frac{1}{3n}, \frac{2}{3n}, ..., \frac{n}{3n} = \frac{1}{3}\}$  is a partition of  $[0, \frac{1}{3}]$  and  $S(f', P_n) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\frac{k}{3n} - \frac{k-1}{3n}) f'(\frac{k}{3n}) = \frac{1}{3n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} f'(\frac{k}{3n})$  (taking  $c_k = \frac{k}{3n} \in [\frac{k-1}{3n}, \frac{k}{3n}]$  for k = 1, ..., n). So  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} f'(\frac{k}{3n}) = 3 \int_{0}^{\frac{1}{3}} f'(t) dt = 3[f(\frac{1}{3}) - f(0)].$ 

**Ex.61(a)** Show that  $\frac{\pi^2}{9} \leq \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{x}{\sin x} dx \leq \frac{2\pi^2}{9}$ .

Solution: Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sin x}$  for all  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . Then  $f'(x) = \frac{\sin x - x \cos x}{\sin^2 x}$  for all  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . If  $g(x) = \sin x - x \cos x$  for all  $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ , then  $g'(x) = x \sin x \ge 0$  for all  $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  and so g is increasing on  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . Hence for all  $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ ,  $g(x) \ge g(0) = 0$  and consequently  $f'(x) \ge 0$  for all  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . Therefore f is increasing on  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  and so  $\frac{\pi}{3} = f(\frac{\pi}{6}) \le f(x) \le f(\frac{\pi}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Since f is continuous on  $[\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ , f is Riemann integrable on  $[\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  and therefore  $\frac{\pi^2}{9} = \frac{\pi}{3}(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{6}) \le \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{x}{\sin x} dx \le \frac{\pi}{2}(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{6}) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \le \frac{2\pi^2}{9}$ .

**Ex.61(b)** Show that  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \leq \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\sin x}{x} dx \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6}$ . Solution: Let  $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$  for all  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . Then  $f'(x) = \frac{x \cos x - \sin x}{x^2}$  for all  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . If 
$$\begin{split} g(x) &= x \cos x - \sin x \text{ for all } x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}], \text{ then } g'(x) = -x \sin x \leq 0 \text{ for all } x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}] \text{ and so } g \text{ is decreasing on } [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]. \text{ Hence for all } x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}], g(x) \leq g(0) = 0 \text{ and consequently } f'(x) \leq 0 \text{ for all } x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}]. \text{ Therefore } f \text{ is decreasing on } (0, \frac{\pi}{2}] \text{ and so } \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2\pi} = f(\frac{\pi}{3}) \leq f(x) \leq f(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi}. \text{ Since } f \text{ is continuous on } [\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3}], f \text{ is Riemann integrable on } [\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3}] \text{ and therefore } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2\pi}(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4}) \leq \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\sin x}{x} \, dx \leq \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi}(\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6}. \end{split}$$

**Ex.62** If  $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, then show that there exists  $c \in [a, b]$  such that  $\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = (b-a)f(c)$ .

(This result is called the mean value theorem of Riemann integrals.) (This result is called the mean value theorem of Riemann integrals.) Solution: Since f is continuous on [a, b], f is Riemann integrable on [a, b] and so  $m(b - a) \leq \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx \leq M(b - a)$ , where  $m = \inf\{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$  and  $M = \sup\{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$ . Since f is continuous on [a, b], there exist  $\alpha, \beta \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(\alpha) = m$  and  $f(\beta) = M$ . Hence  $f(\alpha) \leq \frac{\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx}{b-a} \leq f(\beta)$ . By the intermediate value property of continuous functions, there exists

c between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  (both inclusive) such that  $f(c) = \frac{\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx}{b-a}$ , *i.e.*  $\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = (b-a)f(c)$ .

**Ex.63** Let  $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  be continuous and let  $g(x) \ge 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Show that there exists  $c \in [a, b]$  such that  $\int_{a}^{b} f(x)g(x) dx = f(c) \int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx$ .

(This result is called the generalized mean value theorem of Riemann integrals.) Solution: Since f is continuous on [a, b], f is bounded on [a, b] and there exist  $\alpha, \beta \in [a, b]$  such that  $f(\alpha) = \inf\{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$  and  $f(\beta) = \sup\{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$ . We have  $f(\alpha) \leq f(x) \leq f(\beta)$  for all  $x \in [a, b] \Rightarrow f(\alpha)g(x) \leq f(x)g(x) \leq f(\beta)g(x)$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$  (since  $g(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ). Since f, g are continuous on [a, b], g, fg are Riemann integrable on [a, b] and hence we obtain  $f(\alpha) \int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx \leq \int_{a}^{b} f(x)g(x) dx \leq f(\beta) \int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx$ . If  $\int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx = 0$ , then  $\int_{a}^{b} f(x)g(x) dx = 0$  and so we can choose any  $c \in [a, b]$ . If  $\int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx \neq 0$ , then  $\int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx > 0$  and hence we get  $f(\alpha) \leq \int_{a}^{b} f(x)g(x) dx$ 

$$\frac{\int_{a}^{f} g(x) dx}{\int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx} \leq f(\beta)$$
. By the intermediate value property of the continuous function  $f$ , there exists  $c$ 

between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  (both inclusive) such that  $f(c) = \frac{\int_{a}^{b} f(x)g(x) dx}{\int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx}$ , *i.e.*  $\int_{a}^{b} f(x)g(x) dx = f(c) \int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx$ .

**Ex.64** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be continuous and let  $g(x) = \int_{0}^{x} (x-t)f(t) dt$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that g''(x) = f(x) for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Solution: We have  $g(x) = x \int_{0}^{x} f(t) dt - \int_{0}^{x} tf(t) dt$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since f is continuous, by the first fundamental theorem of calculus,  $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and  $g'(x) = \int_{0}^{x} f(t) dt + xf(x) - \int_{0}^{x} f(t) dt + xf(x) dt$ 

 $xf(x) = \int_{0}^{x} f(t) dt$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Again, since f is continuous, by the first fundamental theorem of calculus,  $g' : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and g''(x) = f(x) for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Ex.65** Let 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \le x \le 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } 1 < x \le 2, \end{cases}$$
 and let  $F(x) = \int_{0}^{x} f(t) dt$  for all  $x \in [0, 2]$ 

Is  $F: [0,2] \to \mathbb{R}$  differentiable? Justify. Solution: We have  $F(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } 0 \le x \le 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } 1 < x \le 2. \end{cases}$ Since  $\lim_{x \to 1^-} \frac{F(x) - F(1)}{x - 1} = 1 \neq 0 = \lim_{x \to 1^+} \frac{F(x) - F(1)}{x - 1}$ , F is not differentiable at 1 and hence  $F: [0,2] \to \mathbb{R}$  is not differentiable.

**Ex.66** If  $f : [0,1] \to [0,1]$  is continuous, then show that the equation  $2x - \int_{0}^{x} f(t) dt = 1$  has exactly one root in [0,1]. Solution: Let  $g(x) = 2x - \int_{0}^{x} f(t) dt - 1$  for all  $x \in [0,1]$ . Since f is continuous, by the first fundamental theorem of calculus,  $g : [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable and g'(x) = 2 - f(x) > 0 for all  $x \in [0,1]$  (since  $f(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x \in [0,1]$ ). As a consequence of Rolle's theorem, the equation g(x) = 0 has at most one root in [0,1]. Again, g(0) = -1 < 0 and  $g(1) = 1 - \int_{0}^{1} f(t) dt \geq 0$  (since  $f(t) \leq 1$  for all  $t \in [0,1] \Rightarrow \int_{0}^{1} f(t) dt \leq 1$ ). If g(1) = 0, then 1 is the only root of the given equation in [0,1]. Otherwise g(1) > 0 and hence by the intermediate value property of the continuous function g, the equation g(x) = 0 has at least one root in (0,1). Thus the given equation has exactly one root in [0,1].

**Ex.67(a)** Examine whether the improper integral  $\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-t^{2}} dt$  is convergent.

Solution: Since  $\int_{0}^{1} e^{-t^{2}} dt$  exists (in  $\mathbb{R}$ ) as a Riemann integral,  $\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-t^{2}} dt$  converges iff  $\int_{1}^{\infty} e^{-t^{2}} dt$  converges. Now  $0 < e^{-t^{2}} \le e^{-t}$  for all  $t \ge 1$ . Also, since  $\lim_{x\to\infty} \int_{1}^{x} e^{-t} dt = \lim_{x\to\infty} (e^{-1} - e^{-x}) = e^{-1}$ ,  $\int_{1}^{\infty} e^{-t} dt$  converges. Hence by the comparison test,  $\int_{1}^{\infty} e^{-t^{2}} dt$  converges. By our remark at the beginning,  $\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-t^{2}} dt$  is convergent.

**Ex.67(b)** Examine whether the improper integral  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} te^{-t^2} dt$  is convergent. Solution: Since  $\lim_{x \to \infty} \int_{0}^{x} te^{-t^2} dt = -\frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \to \infty} e^{-t^2} |_{0}^{x} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \to \infty} (1 - e^{-x^2}) = \frac{1}{2}, \int_{0}^{\infty} te^{-t^2} dt$  is convergent. Again, since  $\lim_{x \to -\infty} \int_{x}^{0} te^{-t^2} dt = -\frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \to -\infty} e^{-t^2} |_{x}^{0} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \to -\infty} (e^{-x^2} - 1) = -\frac{1}{2}, \int_{-\infty}^{0} te^{-t^2} dt$  is convergent. Therefore the given integral is convergent.

**Ex.67(c)** Examine whether the improper integral  $\int_{0}^{1} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t-t^{2}}}$  is convergent. Solution: The given integral is convergent iff both  $\int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t-t^{2}}}$  and  $\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t-t^{2}}}$  are convergent. Let  $f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t(1-t)}}, g(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$  and  $h(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t}}$  for all  $t \in (0,1)$ . Then  $\lim_{t \to 0+} \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} = \lim_{t \to 0+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t}} = 1$  and  $\lim_{t \to 1-} \frac{f(t)}{h(t)} = \lim_{t \to 1-} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} = 1$ . Since  $\int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}} g(t) dt$  and  $\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1} h(t) dt$  are convergent, by the limit comparison test,  $\int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}} f(t) dt$  and  $\int_{1}^{1} f(t) dt$  are convergent. Therefore the given integral is convergent. **Ex.68** Determine all real values of p for which the integral  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^p e^{-t} dt$  converges.

Solution: Let  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $f(t) = t^p e^{-t}$ ,  $g(t) = \frac{1}{t^{[p]+2-p}}$  for all  $t \ge 1$ . Then  $\lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} = \lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{t^{[p]+2}}{e^t} = 0$ (using L'Hôpital's rule [p] + 2 times). Since [p] + 2 - p > 1,  $\int_{1}^{\infty} g(t) dt$  converges and hence by the limit comparison test,  $\int_{1}^{\infty} f(t) dt$  converges. Thus the given integral converges for all  $p \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Alternative solution: Let  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $f(t) = t^p e^{-t}$ ,  $g(t) = \frac{1}{t^2}$  for all  $t \ge 1$ . Then  $\lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{f(t)}{g(t)} = \lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{t^{P-2}}{e^t} = 0$  (for p > 2, we use L'Hôpital's rule n times, where n is the least positive integer  $\ge p-2$ ). Since  $\int_{1}^{\infty} g(t) dt$  converges, by the limit comparison test,  $\int_{1}^{\infty} f(t) dt$  converges. Thus the given integral converges for all  $p \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Ex.69** Find the area of the region enclosed by the curve  $y = \sqrt{|x+1|}$  and the line 5y = x+7. Solution: Solving the equation  $\frac{1}{5}(x+7) = \sqrt{x+1}$  for  $x \ge -1$  and the equation  $\frac{1}{5}(x+7) = \sqrt{-(x+1)}$  for x < -1, the x-coordinates of the points of intersection of the curve  $y = \sqrt{|x+1|}$  and the line 5y = x+7 are found to be -2, 3 and 8. Hence the required area is  $\int_{-2}^{-1} (\frac{x+7}{5} - \sqrt{-(x+1)}) dx + \int_{-1}^{3} (\frac{x+7}{5} - \sqrt{x+1}) dx + \int_{3}^{8} (\sqrt{x+1} - \frac{x+7}{5}) dx = \frac{5}{3}.$ 

**Ex.70** The region bounded by the parabola  $y = x^2 + 1$  and the line y = x + 3 is revolved about the x-axis to generate a solid. Find the volume of the solid.

Solution: Solving  $y = x^2 + 1$  and y = x + 3, we obtain the x-coordinates of the points of intersection of the given parabola and the line as -1 and 2. Hence the required volume is

$$\int_{-1}^{2} \pi((x+3)^2 - (x^2+1)^2) \, dx = \frac{117}{5}\pi.$$

**Ex.71** The region bounded by the parabolas  $y^2 = 4ax$  and  $x^2 = 4ay$  (where a > 0) is revolved about the x-axis to generate a solid. Find the volume of the solid.

Solution: Solving  $y^2 = 4ax$  and  $x^2 = 4ay$ , we obtain the x-coordinates of the points of intersections of the two parabolas as 0 and 4a. Hence the required volume is  $\int_{0}^{4a} \pi (4ax - \frac{x^4}{16a^2}) dx = \frac{96}{5}\pi a^3$ .

**Ex.72** Find the area of the region that is inside the circle  $r = 2\cos\theta$  and outside the cardioid  $r = 2(1 - \cos\theta)$ .

Solution: The given circle and the cardioid meet at three points corresponding to  $\theta = 0$ ,  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$  and  $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{3}$ . By symmetry, the required area is  $2\left(\frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{\pi/3} 4\cos^2\theta \,d\theta - \frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{\pi/3} 4(1-\cos\theta)^2 \,d\theta\right) = 4(\sqrt{3}-\frac{\pi}{2}).$ 

**Ex.73** Find the area of the region which is inside both the cardioids  $r = a(1 + \cos \theta)$  and  $r = a(1 - \cos \theta)$ , where a > 0.

Solution: The cardioids meet at three points corresponding to  $\theta = 0$ ,  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ . By symmetry, the required area is  $4 \int_{0}^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{2}a^{2}(1-\cos\theta)^{2} d\theta = \frac{1}{2}a^{2}(3\pi-8)$ .

**Ex.74** Consider the funnel formed by revolving the curve  $y = \frac{1}{x}$  about the *x*-axis, between x = 1 and x = a, where a > 1. If  $V_a$  and  $S_a$  denote respectively the volume and the surface area of the funnel, then show that  $\lim_{a \to \infty} V_a = \pi$  and  $\lim_{a \to \infty} S_a = \infty$ .

Solution: For each a > 1, we have  $V_a = \int_1^a \frac{\pi}{x^2} dx = \pi (1 - \frac{1}{a})$  and  $S_a = \int_1^a \frac{2\pi}{x} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}} dx \ge \int_1^a \frac{2\pi}{x} dx = 2\pi \log a$ . Hence  $\lim_{a \to \infty} V_a = \pi$  and since  $\lim_{a \to \infty} \log a = \infty$ , we get  $\lim_{a \to \infty} S_a = \infty$ .