Assignment 2 MAT 354

Q5: Using the binomial theorem, we expand:

$$(1 + \frac{z}{n})^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cdot 1^{n-k} \frac{z^k}{n^k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)(n-k)!}{k!\cdot(n-k)!} \frac{z^k}{n^k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)}{n^k} \cdot \frac{z^k}{k!}$$

$$= 1 + z + \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)}{n^k} \cdot \frac{z^k}{k!}$$

$$= 1 + z + \sum_{k=2}^n (1 - \frac{1}{n})\cdots(1 - \frac{k-1}{n}) \frac{z^k}{k!}$$

As desired. Taking the limits, we get that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} (1 + \frac{z}{n})^n = \lim_{n \to \infty} 1 + z + \sum_{k=2}^n (1 - \frac{1}{n}) \cdots (1 - \frac{k-1}{n}) \frac{z^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{z^k}{k!}$$

Since as n get arbitrarily large, the partial sums approach $\sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{z^k}{k!}$.