**1(a)** Proof. First note that for any fixed a > 0 and  $x \neq 0$ .

$$\frac{a^{x} - 1}{x} = \frac{e^{x \log a} - e^{x \log 1}}{x} = \left[\frac{e^{xt}}{x}\right]_{t = \log 1}^{t = \log a} = \int_{\log 1}^{\log a} e^{xt} dt.$$

Now consider any real sequence  $(x_n) \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  s.t.  $x_n \to 0$ . Define  $f: I \to \mathbb{R}$ , where I is the closed interval between  $\log a$  and  $\log 1 (= 0)$ , as

$$f_n(t) = e^{x_n t}.$$

We claim that  $f_n(t)$  converges uniformly to f(t) = 1 on I. To see this, first note that for each n,  $f_n$  is monotone on I. Therefore,

$$M_n = \sup_{t \in I} |f_n(t) - f(t)|$$
 (by the def. of  $M_n$ )
$$= \sup_{t \in I} |f_n(t) - f_n(0)|$$
 (since  $f_n(0) = f(t), \forall n, t$ )
$$= \sup_{t \in I} |f_n(\log a) - f_n(0)|$$
 (since  $f_n$  monotone on  $I$ )
$$= \sup_{t \in I} |f_n(\log a) - 1|.$$
 (since  $f_n(0) = 1$ )

Therefore,  $M_n \to 0$  since  $f_n(\log a) \to 1$  as  $n \to \infty$ . This concludes the proof that  $f_n(t)$  converges uniformly to 1. Hence by Rudin Theorem 7.16,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\int_{\log 1}^{\log a}f_n(t)\,\mathrm{d}t=\int_{\log 1}^{\log a}f(t)\,\mathrm{d}t,\ \text{i.e.,}\\ \lim_{n\to\infty}\int_{\log 1}^{\log a}e^{x_nt}\,\mathrm{d}t=\int_{\log 1}^{\log a}1\,\mathrm{d}t=\log a.$$

Since  $(x_n)$  is an arbitrary sequence in  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  that converges to 0, by Rudin Theorem 4.2,

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \int_{\log 1}^{\log a} e^{xt} dt = \log a.$$

Combining with the previous results, we can thus conclude that,

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \log a$$

**1(b)** Proof. First note that by HW7(a), if  $x \neq 0$  is small enough, say |x| < 1,

$$\log(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \cdots$$

This means that for a fixed  $x \neq 0$  small enough,

$$\frac{1}{x^2} \left[ \log(1+x) - x \right] = \frac{1}{x^2} \left[ -\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \cdots \right] 
= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{x}{3} - \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{5} - \frac{x^4}{6} + \cdots \quad \text{(since } \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{x^k}{k} \text{ converges)} 
= -\frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{x^k}{k+2}.$$

Note that since

$$\limsup_{k \to \infty} \sqrt[k]{\frac{1}{k+2}} = 1,$$

the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{x^k}{k+2}$  has raidus of convergence of 1. This means that on (-1,1), the function  $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{x^k}{k+2}$  is continuous by Rudin Theorem 8.1. Therefore,

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\log(1+x) - x}{x^2} = \lim_{x \to 0} -\frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{x^k}{k+2}$$
 (since they agree on  $|x| < 1$ )
$$= -\frac{1}{2} + \lim_{x \to 0} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \frac{x^k}{k+2}$$
 (since the series converges)
$$= -\frac{1}{2} + f(0)$$
 (since  $f$  is continous at  $0$ )
$$= -\frac{1}{2}.$$

1(c) Proof. First note that with the results in Rudin Theorem 3.31, it's clear that for any sequence  $(a_n) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  where  $a_n \to \infty$ ,

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

We thus fix  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . If x = 0, then

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

If  $x \neq 0$ , then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^n = \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n/x} \right)^{n/x} \right]^x = e^x,$$

since as  $n \to \infty$ ,  $n/x \to \infty$ .

**2(a)** Proof. ■

3(a) Proof. Let's first compute each  $c_m$ . By Rudin (62),

$$c_m = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x)e^{-imx} dx.$$

If m = 0, then with the periodicity of the f,

$$c_m = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x = 0.$$

If  $m \neq 0$ , then with integration by parts,

$$c_m = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{0} \frac{-\pi - x}{2} e^{-imx} dx + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{0} \frac{\pi - x}{2} e^{-imx} dx$$
$$= \frac{-i\pi m + e^{i\pi m} - 1}{4\pi m^2} + \frac{-i\pi m - e^{-i\pi m} + 1}{4\pi m^2}.$$

Therefore, when m is even,

$$c_m = \frac{-i\pi m + 1 - 1}{4\pi m^2} + \frac{-i\pi m - 1 + 1}{4\pi m^2} = \frac{-i}{2m},$$

and similarly, when m is odd,

$$c_m = \frac{-i\pi m + (-1) - 1}{4\pi m^2} + \frac{-i\pi m - (-1) + 1}{4\pi m^2} = \frac{-i}{2m}.$$

Now note that for  $m \neq 0$ ,

$$c_m e^{imx} = -\frac{1}{2m} e^{i(mx+\pi/2)}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2m} (\cos(mx+\pi/2) + i\sin(mx+\pi/2))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} (\sin(mx) - i\sin(mx+\pi/2))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} (\sin(mx) - i\cos(mx)).$$

And similarly,

$$c_{-m}e^{-imx} = \frac{1}{2(-m)} \left( \sin(-mx) - i\sin(-mx + \pi/2) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \left( \sin(mx) + i\sin(-mx + \pi/2) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \left( \sin(mx) + i\sin(-(mx - \pi/2)) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \left( \sin(mx) - i\sin(mx - \pi/2) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m} \left( \sin(mx) + i\cos(mx) \right).$$

This means that,

$$c_m e^{imx} + c_{-m} e^{-imx} = \frac{1}{m} \sin(mx).$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} c_m e^{imx} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx).$$

Also since f(x) is differentiable on  $[-\pi, 0)$  and  $(0, \pi]$ , f(x) is thus Lipschitz continuous on there as well. Therefore, by Rudin Theorem 8.14, on those intervals, f(x)'s Fourier series converge to f(x), which means that on those intervals,

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx).$$

$$3(b)$$
 Proof.

$$3(c)$$
 Proof.

**4(a)** Proof. **4(b)** Proof. **4(c)** Proof.

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