

# Advanced Calc. Homework 8

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## 14.1

Determine which of the following series converge. Justify your answers.

(a)  $\sum \frac{n^4}{2^n}$

- Using the ratio test,

$$\begin{aligned}\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \left| \frac{(n+1)^4}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n}{n^4} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{(n+1)^4}{n^4} \right| \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1^4 = \frac{1}{2} < 1\end{aligned}$$

- Thus, the series converges due to the ratio test

(b)  $\sum \frac{2^n}{n!}$

- Using the ratio test,

$$\begin{aligned}\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \left| \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{2^n} \right| = \left| \frac{2}{n+1} \right| \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2 \cdot \frac{1}{n+1} \\ &= 2 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \\ &= 2 \cdot 0 = 0 < 1\end{aligned}$$

- Thus, the series converges due to the ratio test

(c)  $\sum \frac{n^2}{3^n}$

- Using the ratio test,

$$\begin{aligned}\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \left| \frac{(n+1)^2}{3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{3^n}{n^2} \right| = \frac{1}{3} \left| \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} \right| \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot 1^2 = \frac{1}{3} < 1\end{aligned}$$

- Thus, the series converges due to the ratio test

(d)  $\sum \frac{n!}{n^4 + 3}$

- Using the ratio test,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \left| \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^4 + 3} \cdot \frac{n^4 + 3}{n!} \right| = \left| \frac{(n+1)(n^4 + 3)}{(n+1)^4 + 3} \right| = \left| \frac{n^5 + n^4 + 3n + 3}{n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 4} \right| \\ &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^5 + n^4 + 3n + 3}{n^4 + 4n^3 + 6n^2 + 4n + 4} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n^5}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n^4} + \frac{3}{n^5}}{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{4}{n^2} + \frac{6}{n^3} + \frac{4}{n^4} + \frac{4}{n^5}} \\ &= \infty \quad \text{since we are of the form } \frac{1}{0} \\ &\not\leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, the series diverges due to the ratio test

(e)  $\sum \frac{\cos^2(n)}{n^2}$

- Consider  $|a_n|$ , then we have:

$$|a_n| = \left| \frac{\cos^2(n)}{n^2} \right| = \frac{|\cos(n)|^2}{|n|^2} = \frac{|\cos(n)|^2}{n^2} \leq \frac{1^2}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n^2} \quad \text{for all } n \text{ since } \cos(n) \leq 1 \text{ for all } n.$$

- Furthermore,  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges by the  $p$ -series test (example 2 pg 96-97), so

the series converges by the comparison test with  $\frac{1}{n^2}$

(f)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\log(n)}$

- Consider  $|a_n|$ , then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n| &= \left| \frac{1}{\log(n)} \right| = \frac{1}{\log(n)} && \text{since } \log(n) > 0 \text{ for all } n \geq 2 \\ &> \frac{1}{n} && \text{since } \log(n) < n \text{ for all } n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

- However,  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$  diverges according to the  $p$ -series test (example 2 pg 96-97), so

the series diverges by the comparison test with  $\frac{1}{n}$

## 14.2

Determine which of the following series converge. Justify your answers.

(a)  $\sum \frac{n-1}{n^2}$

- Note that  $\sum \frac{n-1}{n^2} = \sum \left( \frac{n}{n^2} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) = \sum \frac{1}{n} - \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$
- We know that the second sum converges, say to  $L \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we are left with a divergent sum minus  $L$ , so we can conclude that the original sum diverges due to the divergence of  $\sum \frac{1}{n}$

(b)  $\sum (-1)^n$

- We require for  $\sum a_n$  to converge, that  $\lim(a_n) = 0$ . However, in this case for  $a_n = (-1)^n$ ,  $\liminf(a_n) = -1 \neq 1 = \limsup(a_n)$ . Therefore,  $\lim(a_n)$  does not exist, so the series does not converge since  $\lim(-1)^n \neq 0$

(c)  $\sum \frac{3n}{n^3}$

- First, note that  $\frac{3n}{n^3} = \frac{3}{n^2}$  for all  $n$ .

- Thus,  $\sum \frac{3n}{n^3} = \sum \frac{3}{n^2} = \left(\frac{3}{1} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{9} + \dots\right) = 3 \left(\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \dots\right) = 3 \cdot \sum \frac{1}{n^2}$
- We know that  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$  converges due to  $p$ -series test (example 2 pg 96-97), so in other words  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2} = L \in \mathbb{R}$ ;  
 thus, the series we're interested in converges to  $3L \in \mathbb{R}$ , so the series converges due to the convergence of  $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$

(d)  $\sum \frac{n^3}{3^n}$

- Using the ratio test,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \left| \frac{(n+1)^3}{3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{3^n}{n^3} \right| = \frac{1}{3} \left| \frac{(n+1)^3}{n^3} \right| \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^3 \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot 1^3 = \frac{1}{3} < 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, the series converges by the ratio test

(e)  $\sum \frac{n^2}{n!}$

- Using the ratio test,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \left| \frac{(n+1)^2}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{n^2} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} \right| \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+1}{n^2} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}}{1} \right) \\ &= 0 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, the series converges by the ratio test

(f)  $\sum \frac{1}{n^n}$

- Using the root test,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} &= \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{n^n}} = \frac{1}{n} \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \\ &= 0 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, the series converges by the root test

(g)  $\sum \frac{n}{2^n}$

- Using the ratio test,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \left| \frac{n+1}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n}{n} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{n+1}{n} \right| \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, the series converges by the ratio test

### 14.3

Determine which of the following series converge. Justify your answers.

(a)  $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}}$

- Using the ratio test,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \left| \frac{\sqrt{n!}}{\sqrt{(n+1)!}} \right| = \left| \frac{\sqrt{n!}}{\sqrt{n+1}\sqrt{n!}} \right| \\ &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \\ &= 0 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, the series converges by the ratio test

(b)  $\sum \frac{2 + \cos(n)}{3^n}$

- Let's consider  $|a_n|$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n| &= \left| \frac{2 + \cos(n)}{3^n} \right| = \frac{|2 + \cos(n)|}{|3^n|} \leq \frac{|2| + |\cos(n)|}{3^n} && \text{by the Triangle Inequality} \\ &\leq \frac{2 + 1}{3^n} && \text{since } \cos(n) \leq 1 \text{ for all } n \\ &= \frac{1}{3^{n-1}} \end{aligned}$$

- Furthermore, we know that  $\sum \frac{1}{3^{n-1}}$  converges as a geometric series; thus,

the series converges by the comparison test with  $\frac{1}{3^{n-1}}$

(c)  $\sum \frac{1}{2^n + n}$

- Let's consider  $|a_n|$ ,

$$|a_n| = \left| \frac{1}{2^n + n} \right| = \frac{1}{|2^n + n|} = \frac{1}{2^n + n} \leq \frac{1}{2^n} \quad \text{since } 2^n + n \geq 2^n \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

- Furthermore, we know that  $\sum \frac{1}{2^n}$  converges as a geometric series; thus,

the series converges by the comparison test with  $\frac{1}{2^n}$

(d)  $\sum \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \left(50 + \frac{2}{n}\right)$

- Using the ratio test,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \left| \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+1} \left(50 + \frac{2}{n+1}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \left(50 + \frac{2}{n}\right)} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{50 + \frac{2}{n+1}}{50 + \frac{2}{n}} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{50 + \frac{2}{n+1}}{50 + \frac{2}{n}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (50 + \frac{2}{n+1})}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (50 + \frac{2}{n})} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{50}{50} = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, the series converges by the ratio test

(e)  $\sum \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{9}\right)$

- We require for  $\sum a_n$  to converge that  $\lim(a_n) = 0$ . However, in this case for  $a_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{9}\right)$ , we have  $\liminf(a_n) = \sin\left(\frac{-4\pi}{9}\right) \approx -0.9848 \neq 0.9848 \approx \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{9}\right) = \limsup(a_n)$ . Therefore,  $\lim(a_n)$  does not exist, so  $\boxed{\text{the series does not converge since } \lim\left(\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{9}\right)\right) \neq 0}$

(f)  $\sum \frac{100^n}{n!}$

- Using the ratio test,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \left| \frac{100^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{100^n} \right| = 100 \cdot \left| \frac{1}{n+1} \right| \\ \implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= 100 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \\ &= 100 \cdot 0 = 0 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Thus,  $\boxed{\text{this series converges due to the ratio test}}$

## 14.4

Determine which of the following series converge. Justify your answers.

(a)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{[n + (-1)^n]^2}$

- Let's consider  $|a_n|$ ,

$$|a_n| = \left| \frac{1}{[n + (-1)^n]^2} \right| = \frac{1}{[n + (-1)^n]^2} \leq \frac{1}{(n-1)^2} \quad \text{since } n + (-1)^n \geq n-1 \text{ for all } n \geq 2$$

- We also know that  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-1)^2} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^2}$  and we know that this second series is a convergent  $p$ -series; thus, the first series must also converge as well. Using this, we can conclude that

$$\boxed{\text{the original series must converge by the comparison test with } \frac{1}{(n-1)^2}}$$

(b)  $\sum [\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}]$

- First, note that  $[\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}] = [\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}] \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} = \frac{n+1 + \sqrt{n}\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}\sqrt{n+1} - n}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}}$ .

- Thus, if we analyze  $|a_n|$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n| = |\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}| &= \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \\ &> \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n+1}} && \text{since } \sqrt{n} < \sqrt{n+1} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2n}} && \text{since } n+1 \leq 2n \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \end{aligned}$$

- However, we know that  $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  diverges due to the  $p$ -series test, so  $\sum \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  diverges as well. Thus,

$$\boxed{\text{this series diverges due to comparison test with } \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2n}}}$$

(c)  $\sum \frac{n!}{n^n}$

- Using the ratio test,

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \left| \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{n!} \right| = \left| (n+1) \cdot \frac{n^n}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \right| = \left| \frac{n^n}{(n+1)^n} \right| = \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n \\
&\implies \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n \\
&= \frac{1}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n}} \quad \text{by Lemma 9.5} \\
&= \frac{1}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n} \\
&= \frac{1}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n} \\
&= \frac{1}{e}
\end{aligned}$$

- This last equality here follows from the discussion on Example 3(e) on page 37 of section 7. Therefore, since  $\frac{1}{e} \approx 0.3679 < 1$ , then this series converges due to the ratio test

## 14.5

Suppose  $\sum a_n = A$  and  $\sum b_n = B$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are real numbers. Use limit theorems to quickly prove the following:

- $\sum (a_n + b_n) = A + B$
- $\sum k a_n = kA$  for  $k \in \mathbb{R}$
- Is  $\sum a_n b_n = AB$  a reasonable conjecture? Discuss.

*Proof. (a)*

I will start by examining the series on the left and assuming their indices start at some arbitrary point  $m$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=m}^N (a_n + b_n) \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} [(a_m + b_m) + (a_{m+1} + b_{m+1}) + \cdots + (a_N + b_N)] \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} [(a_m + a_{m+1} + \cdots + a_N) + (b_m + b_{m+1} + \cdots + b_N)] \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} [(a_m + a_{m+1} + \cdots + a_N)] + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} [(b_m + b_{m+1} + \cdots + b_N)] \quad \text{by Theorem 9.3} \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=m}^N a_n + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=m}^N b_n \\
&= \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n + \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} b_n \\
&= A + B \quad \text{by the given information}
\end{aligned}$$

□

*Proof. (b)*

I will start by examining the series on the left and assuming the index starts at some arbitrary point  $m$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} ka_n &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=m}^N ka_n \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} [ka_m + ka_{m+1} + \cdots + ka_N] \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} [k(a_m + a_{m+1} + \cdots + a_N)] \\
&= k \cdot \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} [(a_m + a_{m+1} + \cdots + a_N)] && \text{by Theorem 9.2} \\
&= k \cdot \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=m}^N a_n \\
&= k \cdot \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} a_n \\
&= kA && \text{by the given information}
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Answer. (c)**

This is not a reasonable conjecture. For example, this does not even hold for finite sums (e.g. for 2 terms) since  $a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 \neq (a_1 + a_2)(b_1 + b_2)$ .

## 14.6

(a) Prove that if  $\sum |a_n|$  converges and  $(b_n)$  is a bounded sequence, then  $\sum a_nb_n$  converges.

(b) Observe that Corollary 14.7 is a special case of part (a).

*Proof. (a)*

First, since  $(b_n)$  is bounded, there exists some  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $b_n \leq M$  for all  $n$ . Next, I will prove the statement by showing that  $\sum_{k=1}^n a_kb_k$  is a Cauchy sequence. Let  $n \geq m$ , then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \sum_{k=0}^n a_kb_k - \sum_{k=0}^m a_kb_k \right| &= \left| \sum_{k=m+1}^n a_kb_k \right| = |a_{m+1}b_{m+1} + a_{m+2}b_{m+2} + \cdots + a_nb_n| \\
&\leq |a_{m+1}b_{m+1}| + |a_{m+2}b_{m+2}| + \cdots + |a_nb_n| && \text{by the Triangle Inequality} \\
&= |a_{m+1}||b_{m+1}| + |a_{m+2}||b_{m+2}| + \cdots + |a_n||b_n| \\
&\leq |a_{m+1}| \cdot M + |a_{m+2}| \cdot M + \cdots + |a_n| \cdot M && \text{by } (b_n)\text{'s boundedness} \\
&= M \cdot \sum_{k=m+1}^n |a_k|
\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, since  $\sum |a_n|$  converges (i.e. is Cauchy), then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $N$  such that  $n, m > N$  implies  $\left| \sum_{k=0}^n |a_k| - \sum_{k=0}^m |a_k| \right| = \left| \sum_{k=m+1}^n |a_k| \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{M}$ . Using this, we can conclude that:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \sum_{k=0}^n a_kb_k - \sum_{k=0}^m a_kb_k \right| &\leq M \cdot \sum_{k=m+1}^n |a_k| \\
&< M \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{M} = \varepsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\sum_{k=1}^n a_kb_k$  is a Cauchy sequence, so it converges. □

**Answer. (b)**

Indeed, Corollary 14.7 asserts that absolutely convergent sequences are convergent. This can follow immediately from part (a) if we let  $(b_n) := 1$ .

## 14.7

Prove that if  $\sum a_n$  is a convergent series of nonnegative numbers and  $p > 1$ , then  $\sum a_n^p$  converges.

*Proof.*

Corollary 14.5 tells us that if  $\sum a_n$  converges, then  $\lim(a_n) = 0$ . Furthermore, this tells us that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $N$  such that  $|a_n| < \varepsilon$  for all  $n > N$ . In particular, there exists some  $N$  such that  $|a_n| < 1$  for all  $n > N$ . We can therefore make the following conclusions for all  $n > N$ :  $|a_n^p| = |a_n||a_n^{p-1}| < |a_n^{p-1}| < |a_n^{p-2}| < \cdots < |a_n| \leq a_n$ . In other words,  $|a_n^p| < a_n$  for all  $n > N$ . Thus, by the comparison test,  $\sum a_n^p$  converges.  $\square$

## 14.8

Show that if  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  are convergent series of nonnegative numbers, then  $\sum \sqrt{a_n b_n}$  converges.

*Proof.*

Claim:  $\sqrt{ab} \leq a + b$  for  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$

Proof of claim:

We know that  $0 \leq a^2 + ab + b^2$  since  $0 \leq a^2$ ,  $0 \leq ab$ , and  $0 \leq b^2$ . From this, we can add  $ab$  to both sides to get  $ab \leq a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a + b)^2$ . Thus, taking square roots give  $\sqrt{ab} \leq a + b$  the desired inequality.

Thus, we can now conclude that  $\sqrt{a_n b_n} \leq a_n + b_n$  for all  $n$  since  $(a_n), (b_n) \in [0, \infty)$  for all  $n$ . Furthermore, since we showed that  $\sum(a_n + b_n)$  converges in question 14.5(a), then we can use the comparison test with that series to conclude that  $\sum \sqrt{a_n b_n}$  also converges.  $\square$

## 14.9

The convergence of a series does not depend on any finite number of the terms, though of course the value of the limit does. More precisely, consider series  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  and suppose the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : a_n \neq b_n\}$  is finite. Then the series both converge or else they both diverge. Prove this.

*Proof.*

If we let  $N_0 = \max\{n \in \mathbb{N} : a_n \neq b_n\}$ , then the fact that that set is finite implies that  $N_0 < \infty$ . Thus, for  $n \geq m > N_0$  we know that  $a_k = b_k$  for all  $k \geq m$ . Thus,  $\sum_{k=m}^n a_k = \sum_{k=m}^n b_k$ . Furthermore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=m}^n a_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=m}^n b_k$ . Since the

convergence of a series does not depend on any finite number of terms, then  $\sum a_n$  converges if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=m}^n a_k$

converges and similarly  $\sum b_n$  converges if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=m}^n b_k$  converges. Thus, if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=m}^n a_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=m}^n b_k$ , then

$\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  both converge if those limits are finite and  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  both do not converge if those limits are not a real (finite) number – proving the statement.  $\square$