Problem 3.2 Given the following recurrent sequences, find the general term and compute their limit:

(i) 
$$a_{n+1} = \frac{a_n + 1}{2}$$
, with  $a_0 = 0$ ;

Problem 3.3 Calculate the following limits:

(iii) 
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} n\left(\sqrt{n^2+1}-n\right)$$
;

Problem 3.4 Calculate the following limits:

(i) 
$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{n}{\pi}\sin n\pi$$
;

(iv) 
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} n^{-3/n}$$
;

Problem 3.8 Calculate the limit

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\sum_{k=1}^{3n}\frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+k}}$$

using the sandwich rule.

HINT: Use the largest and smallest terms in the sum to bound the sum from above and from below, respectively.

Problem 3.9 Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of positive terms such that  $\lim_{n\to\infty}(a_n-n)=\ell$ .

(a) Prove that 
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{a_n}{n} = 1$$
.

**Problem 4.3** Discuss, depending on the value of the parameter *a* in the given range, whether the following series converge or diverge:

(ii) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{a^n n!}$$
, for  $a > 0$ ;

(iii) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!e^n}{n^{n+a}}$$
, for any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ;

(iv) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a^n}{(1+a)(1+a^2)\cdots(1+a^n)}$$
, for  $a \ge 0$ .

Problem 4.4 Determine whether the following series are absolutely convergent, and if not, whether they converge conditionally:

(i) 
$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\log n};$$

(v) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \sqrt{n^2 - 1} - n \right);$$

(ii) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\left(\pi n + \frac{1}{n}\right);$$

(vi) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \log \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right);$$

(iii) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \arctan \frac{1}{n} \right)^2;$$

(iv) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n (\arctan n)^2;$$

Problem 4.5 Sum the following series:

(i) 
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n+1} - 2^{n-3}}{4^n}$$
;

Problem 4.6 Obtain the sum of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n}$  by rewriting it as a telescopic series. HINT: Expand the general term in elementary fractions.