

c)  $a_n = n^2 - 4/n + 2^n$

divide the numerator and denominator (=1) by  $2^n$

$$a_n = \frac{n^2/2^n - 4/n2^n + 2^n/2^n}{1/2^n} = \frac{n^2/2^n - 4/(n \times 2^n) + 1}{1/2^n}$$

$n^p c^n$  is a null sequence,  $p > 0, |c| < 1$ . Compare this with  $n^2/2^n = n^2 \cdot 0.5^n$ . It is a null sequence, with  $c = 0.5, p = 2$

$4/(n \times 2^n) \leq 4/2^n = 4 \times 0.5^n$ . Now  $c^n$  is a null sequence,  $|c| < 1$ , and a constant multiple of a null sequence is also a null sequence, by the multiple rule (P.S.  $4/(n \times 2^n) \leq 4/2^n$ , since  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ )

The term in the denominator  $1/2^n$  is a null sequence (compare with  $c^n, |c| < 1, 1/2^n = 0.5^n$ )

then putting all this into the expression for  $a_n$   
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \frac{0 - 0 + 1}{0} = \infty$  NO!! We cannot divide  $\infty$  by  $0$   
Use Reciprocal Rule

The sequence tends to infinity. See pp 30-31 of Chpt 2

3)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^4}{3^n n!}$

Use the ratio test

OK since each  $a_n > 0$ .

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(n+1)^4}{3^{n+1}(n+1)!} \div \frac{n^4}{3^n n!} = \frac{(n+1)^4 \times 3^n n!}{n^4 \times 3^{n+1} (n+1)!} = \frac{(n+1)^4}{n^4} \times \frac{1}{3(n+1)}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty, (n+1)^4/n^4 \rightarrow 1$

hence  $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3(n+1)} < 1$

so the series is convergent.

$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \rightarrow 0$  which is  $< 1$  so...  
 4/5 series is cgt.

b)  $\sum \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{3n - \sqrt{n}}$

$$a_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{3n - \sqrt{n}}$$