

$$3(d). \quad X_n = \sqrt{n}(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n})$$

Solution Using the fact that  $\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b} = \frac{a-b}{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}}$ , we can

see that 
$$X_n = \sqrt{n}(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n}} + 1}$$

Since  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ , we know  $X_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$ .

To prove  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = \frac{1}{2}$  using the definition of limits,

we need to show:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $|X_n - \frac{1}{2}| < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$

To show this, first note that

$$\left| \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{2} \right| = \left| \frac{2\sqrt{n} - (\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})}{2(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})} \right| = \left| \frac{\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}}{2(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{2(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})^2} \right| < \left| \frac{1}{2(2\sqrt{n})^2} \right| \quad (\because \sqrt{n+1} > \sqrt{n})$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{8n} \right| = \frac{1}{8n}$$

Therefore,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , just set  $N = \left\lceil \frac{1}{8\varepsilon} \right\rceil$ , then  $N \geq \frac{1}{8\varepsilon}$

and  $|X_n - \frac{1}{2}| = \left| \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{2} \right| < \frac{1}{8n} \leq \frac{1}{8N} \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$

By the definition of limits, this implies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = \frac{1}{2}$ .