

Ex: $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(2n-1)!}$ Ratio test:

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)^2}{(2n+1)!} \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!}{n^2} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2 (2n-1)!}{(2n+1)(2n)(2n-1)! n^2}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{(2n+1)2 \cdot n^2} = 0 \text{ (higher degree in the denominator).}$$

$0 < 1$, then the series converges.

Ex: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+3}}{4n+1}$

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+4}}{4n+5} \cdot \frac{4n+1}{(-1)^{n+3}} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n+1}{4n+5} = 1 = 1$$

Then the ratio test tells us nothing.

- Alternating Series: $a_n = \frac{1}{4n+1} > 0$

decreasing

$$\checkmark \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4n+1} = 0$$

Then the series converges (by Altern. Series).

Root Test:

Given $\sum a_n$, compute:

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n}$$

1 If $L < 1$, the series is absolutely convergent.

2 If $L > 1$, the series is divergent.

3 If $L = 1$, the test is inconclusive.

Ex: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{4^{3n+1}}$ → Root test:

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n^n}{4^{3n+1}} \right|^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n^n)^{1/n}}{(4^{3n+1})^{1/n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4^{3+\frac{1}{n}}} = \frac{\infty}{4^3} = \infty$$

Clearly $\infty > 1$

Then the series diverges by the root test.

Ex: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1-6n}{4+10n}\right)^n$ Root Test:

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left(\frac{1-6n}{4+10n}\right)^n \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1-6n}{4+10n} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{-6}{10} \right| = \frac{3}{5} < 1$$

Then we found that this series converges.

Strategy for series (summary):

1. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ Divergence Test
2. Geometric series or P-series ($\sum \frac{a}{n^p}$)
3. $\frac{\text{Poly}}{\text{Poly}}$ Comparator or Limit Comparison Test \leftarrow also look for \sin^2, \cos^2
4. Alternating Series? $(-1)^n, (-1)^{n+1}$
5. Factorial: Ratio Test
Geometric (messy)
Vaguely Geometric
ex: $\frac{(-4)^{n+1}}{3^n(n+1)}$
6. $(\dots)^n$ Geometric (sometimes)
Root Test
7. Integral Test: don't do it until you really have to.
8. If I ask for a series value?
 \rightarrow Divergent \rightarrow Geometric \rightarrow Telescoping