

## 10.5 Absolute Convergence ; The Ratio and Root Tests

- \*  $\sum a_n$  converges absolutely if  $\sum |a_n|$  converges.
- \* If  $\sum |a_n|$  converges, then  $\sum a_n$  converges.

### - The Ratio Test:

Let  $\sum a_n$  be any series such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \rho$$

- If  $\rho < 1$ , then the series converges absolutely
- if  $\rho > 1$  or  $\rho$  is infinite, then  $\sum a_n$  diverges.
- if  $\rho = 1$ , then the test is inconclusive.

The Ratio test is ~~effective~~ ~~the~~ effective when the terms contain factorials or expressions involving  $n$  or expressions raised to a power involving  $n$ .

### - The Root Test.

Let  $\sum a_n$  be any series and suppose that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \rho$   
then

- $\sum a_n$  converges absolutely if  $\rho < 1$
- $\sum a_n$  diverges if  $\rho > 1$  or  $\rho$  is infinite.
- the test is inconclusive if  $\rho = 1$

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7 use the Ratio Test to determine if the following series converges absolutely or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+2} \frac{n^2(n+2)!}{n! 3^{2n}}$$

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{\frac{(n+1)^2(n+1+2)!}{(n+1)! 3^{2(n+1)}}}{\frac{n^2(n+2)!}{n! 3^{2n}}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{\frac{(n+1)^2(n+3)!}{(n+1)! 3^{2n+2}} \cdot \frac{n! 3^{2n}}{n^2(n+2)!}}{1} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{(n+1)^2 \cdot (n+3) \cdot (n+2)!}{(n+1) \cancel{n!} \cdot 3^{2n} \cdot 3^2} \cdot \frac{\cancel{n!} 3^{2n}}{n^2(n+2)!} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{(n+1)^2(n+3)}{3^2(n+1)n^2} \right| = \left| \frac{n^3 + 5n^2 + 7n + 3}{9n^3 + 9n^2} \right|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n^3 + 5n^2 + 7n + 3}{9n^3 + 9n^2} \right| = \frac{1}{9} < 1$$

so by Ratio test  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n^2(n+2)!}{n! 3^{2n}}$  conv. absolutely

$$\boxed{12} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( -\ln\left(e^2 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \right)^{n+1}$$

use the Root test to determine if the series converges absolutely or diverges.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left| \left[ -\ln\left(e^2 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \right]^{n+1} \right|} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left[ \ln\left(e^2 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \right]^{n+1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln\left(e^2 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \right]^{\frac{n+1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln\left(e^2 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \right]^{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \end{aligned}$$

Note that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln\left(e^2 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \right]^{1 + \frac{1}{n}} = \ln e^2 = 2 > 1$$

so by the Root Test, the series diverges.

$$\boxed{16} \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{1+n}}, \quad \text{Root test } \left| \frac{1}{n^{1+n}} \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left| \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{1+n}} \right|} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{n^{1+n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1+n}{n}}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^{1 + \frac{1}{n}}} = 0 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

so by the Root Test, the series converges.

**20** use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{10^n}$$

use the Ratio Test

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(n+1)!}{10^{n+1}}}{\frac{n!}{10^n}} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)!}{10^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{10^n}{n!} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)n!}{10^n \cdot 10} \cdot \frac{10^n}{n!} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n+1}{10} \right| = \infty \end{aligned}$$

So the series diverges.

**28**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-\ln n)^n}{n^n}$  use any ~~test~~ method.

by the Root test,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left| \frac{(-\ln n)^n}{n^n} \right|} =$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(\ln n)^n}{n^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{(\ln n)^n}}{\sqrt[n]{n^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{1} = 0 < 1$$

So the series converges

**38**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{(-n)^n}$  use any method.

Ratio test:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(n+1)!}{(-n-1)^{n+1}}}{\frac{n!}{(-n)^n}} \right|$

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

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{(n+1)} \cdot \cancel{n!}}{\cancel{(n+1)} \cdot (n+1)^n} \cdot \frac{(n)^n}{\cancel{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n$

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} = \frac{1}{e} < 1$

So the series converges.

**43**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)!}$

Ratio Test

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{[(n+1)!]^2}{[2(n+1)]!} \cdot \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)!} \right|$

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

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1) \cancel{n!} \cdot (n+1) \cdot \cancel{n!}}{(2n+2)(2n+1)(2n)!} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{\cancel{n!} \cancel{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{(2n+2)(2n+1)}$

$= \frac{1}{4} < 1$

So the series converges

$$\boxed{46} \quad a_1 = 1, \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{1 + \tan^{-1} n}{n} a_n$$

Ratio test

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1 + \tan^{-1} n}{n} \frac{a_n}{a_n} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \tan^{-1} n}{n} = \frac{1 + \frac{\pi}{2}}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n} = 0 < 1$$

So the series converges.

$$\boxed{60} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{(2^n)^2}$$

The Root Test

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left| \frac{n^n}{(2^n)^2} \right|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n^n}{(2^2)^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{n^n}}{\sqrt[n]{(2^2)^n}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4} = \infty$$

So the series diverges.