

DIRECT  
COMPARISON

N<sup>TH</sup>  
TERM  
TEST

LIMIT  
COMPARISON

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k$$

$$L = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} u_k^{1/k}$$

ROOT TEST

$L > 1 \rightarrow$  DIVERGES

$L < 1 \rightarrow$  CONVERGES

$L = 1$  INCONCLUSIVE

EX.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^k$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{1/k}$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} [k^k] = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k^1 = \infty$$

Diverges

GEOMETRIC

INTEGRAL  
TEST

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^3}{3^k}$$
$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{k^3}{3^k} \right]^{1/k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k^{3/k}}{3^{1/k}} =$$

Converges

P-SERIES

RATIO  
TEST

ALTERNATING

EX.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{2n+3}{3n-5} \right]$  DIVERGES b/c

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{2n+3}{3n-5} \right] = \frac{2}{3} \neq 0$

$N^{\circ} = D^{\circ} \rightarrow$  CONVERGE  
 $N^{\circ} < D^{\circ} \rightarrow$  LIMIT = 0  $\rightarrow$  CONVERGE  
 $N^{\circ} > D^{\circ} \rightarrow$  DNE

IF  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  CONVERGES  $\rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

IF  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0 \rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  DIVERGES

\*\*\* DOES NOT MEAN THAT IF  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$  THAT THE SERIES CONVERGES

[TEST ONLY FOR DIVERGENCE]

EX.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{n^3+1} \right]$  CONVERGES

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} > \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3+1}$

$p = 3 > 1 \rightarrow$  CONVERGES

\*COMMON USE OF GEOMETRIC AND P-SERIES

$a$  is the first term  
 $r =$  ratio

SUM =  $\frac{a}{1-r}$

EX.  $0.\bar{8}$

$\frac{8}{10} + \frac{8}{100} + \frac{8}{1000} + \dots$  sum =  $\frac{8}{9}$

$r = 1/10$   $a = 8/10 = 4/5$

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^n$

$a \neq 0$

DIVERGES  $|r| \geq 1$   
 CONVERGES  $|r| < 1$  to the sum

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n = \frac{a}{1-r}, 0 < |r| < 1$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L$

- IF LIMIT IS 0 AND  $\sum b_n$  CONVERGES, THEN  $\sum a_n$  CONVERGES
- IF LIMIT IS  $\infty$  AND  $\sum b_n$  DIVERGES, THEN  $\sum a_n$  DIVERGES

EX.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin 1/n}{1/n}$

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

By L'Hopital's

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\cos 1/n}{-1/n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos 1/n = 1$

$b_n = 1/n \rightarrow$  HARMONIC DIVERGES

EX.  $1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots$

$p = 2 > 1 \rightarrow$  CONVERGES

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  CONVERGES

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} = \frac{1}{1^p} + \frac{1}{2^p} + \dots$

$p > 1 \rightarrow$  CONVERGES  
 $p \leq 1 \rightarrow$  DIVERGES

EX.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1}$  DIVERGES b/c

$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dn}{n+1} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{dn}{n+1}$

$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln|n+1| = \ln|\infty+1| - \ln|2| = \infty$

IF MUST BE:  
 1. CONTINUOUS  
 2. POSITIVE  
 3. DECREASING FOR  $x \geq 1$

\*USE IMPROPER INTEGRAL

$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b f(x) dx$

① Each  $a_n$  is positive

②  $|a_{n+1}| \leq |a_n|$

③  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

Convergent test

EX.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left[ \frac{2n}{4n-3} \right]$

$b_n = \frac{2n}{4n-3}$

$\frac{2(n+1)}{4(n+1)-3} < \frac{2n}{4n-3}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$

DIVERGES

EX.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{3^n}{n^2} \right]$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1 \rightarrow \sum a_n$  CONVERGES

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

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

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{3^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2} \cdot \frac{n^2}{3^n} \right| = 3 > 1 \rightarrow$  INCONCLUSIVE

SIMPLIFY