

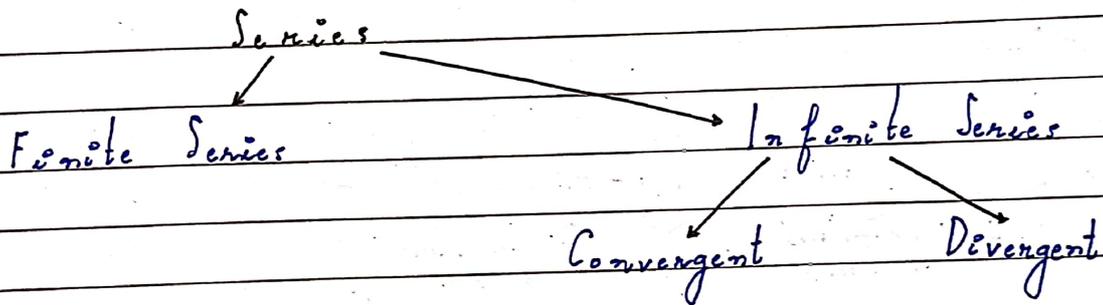
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→ Geometric Series

$$S = 1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^n + \dots$$

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$$S_n = \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1} = \infty \quad (\text{Divergent})$$

Case 2: If $r < 1$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} = \frac{1}{1 - r} = (1 - r)^{-1} \quad (\text{Convergent})$$

$|r| < 1$

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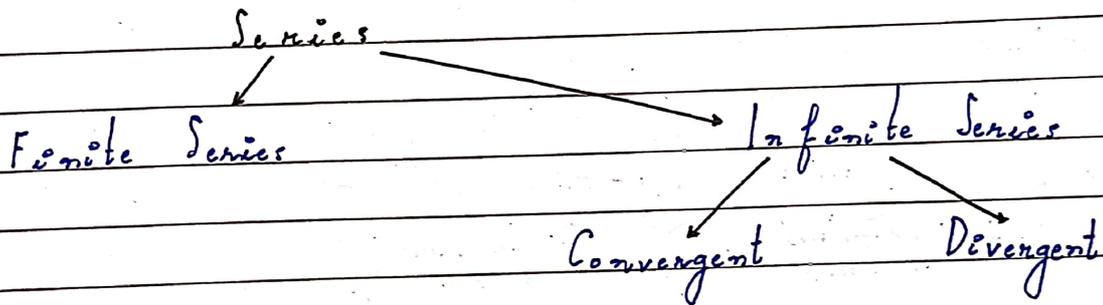
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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{\sqrt{n-1}}$$

To calculate auxiliary series,

$$V_n = \frac{n^2}{n^{2-1/2}} = n^{3/2}$$

$$V_n = n^{3/2}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{3/2} = \infty$$

Now compare with auxiliary series

By p-test

If $p \leq 1$ (divergent)

$$p = 3/2 > 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{V_n} = \frac{n^2}{n^{3/2}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{V_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^{3/2}} = 1$$

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Cauchy ^{root} ~~rule~~ test (with nth power defn)

If $\sum U_n$ be the terms of the positive series, and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_n^{1/n} = l, \text{ then}$$

$\sum U_n$ is convergent if $l < 1$

$\sum U_n$ is divergent if $l > 1$

For $l = 1$, test fail.

Ex-1) Test the series $\sum U_n = \sum \left(\frac{n+1}{n+2} \right)^n$

= Given,

$$U_n = \left(\frac{n+1}{n+2} \right)^n$$

$$(U_n)^{1/n} = \left(\frac{n+1}{n+2} \right)^{n \cdot \frac{1}{n}}$$

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

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n+2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(1+1/n)}{n(1+2/n)} = 1$$

(Test failed)

Ex-2) Test the series $\sum U_n = \sum \left(\frac{n+1}{n+3} \right)^{n^2}$

= Given,

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

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(\frac{n+1}{n+3} \right)^n \right]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n+3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{3}{n})}$$

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{3}{n} \right)^{\frac{n}{3}} = e^3$$

$$= \frac{e}{e^3} = \frac{1}{e^2}$$

$$\therefore \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n \right]^x = e^x$$

According to Cauchy's ~~nth~~ root test, n is > 1 , hence the given series is convergent.

Ex-3) Test the series $\sum u_n = \sum \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2}}$

$$= \text{Given, } u_n = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2}}$$

$$(u_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left(\frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

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

\therefore The given series is convergent

Q. Test the series $\sum u_n = \sum \frac{1}{(\log n)^n}$

$$\rightarrow \text{Given, } u_n = \frac{1}{(\log n)^n}$$

$$u_n = \frac{1}{(\log n)^n}$$

$$(u_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{1}{(\log n)^n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\log n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\infty} = 0 < 1$$

\therefore The given series is convergent

Ex-4) Test the series $\left(\frac{2^2}{1^2} - \frac{2}{1} \right)^{-1} + \left(\frac{3^3}{2^3} - \frac{3}{2} \right)^{-2} + \left(\frac{4^4}{3^4} - \frac{4}{3} \right)^{-3} + \dots$

$$= u_n = \left(\frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(n)^{n+1}} - \frac{(n+1)}{(n)} \right)^{-n}$$

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

∴ Hence, the given series is convergent.

Ratio Test (D' Alembert Ratio Test)

whenever we get factorial \Rightarrow we deal it with ratio test.

If $\sum U_n$ is the positive term series and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{U_{n+1}}{U_n} \right| = l$, then

- ① $\sum U_n$ is convergent if $l < 1$
- ② $\sum U_n$ is divergent if $l > 1$
- ③ If $l = 1$ test fails.

or

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- ③ Test fails if $l = 1$.

Ex- Test the series $1 + 3x + 5x^2 + 7x^3 + \dots$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow U_n &= (2n-1)x^{n-1} \\
 U_{n+1} &= (2(n+1)-1)x^n \\
 &= (2n+1)x^n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{U_{n+1}}{U_n} = \frac{(2n+1)x^n}{(2n-1)x^{n-1}} = \frac{(2n+1)}{(2n-1)}x$$

$$\frac{U_{n+1}}{U_n} = 1$$

$$\frac{U_{n+1}}{U_n} = \left(\frac{2n-1+2}{2n-1} \right) x$$

$$\frac{U_{n+1}}{U_n} = \left(1 + \frac{2}{2n-1} \right) x$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{U_{n+1}}{U_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{2n-1} \right) |x| \\
 &= (1) \cdot |x| = |x|
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|x| = \begin{cases} > 1 \\ < 1 \\ = 1 \end{cases}$$

$|x| < 1 \Rightarrow$ so, that it

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = |x|$$

$x < 1$ (Convergent)
 $x > 1$ (Divergent)
 $x = 1$ (Test fail)

$$1 + 3x + 5x^2 + 7x^3 + \dots$$

for $x=1$

The above series becomes
 $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots$
 (Constant series)

Constant series is always divergent
 \therefore The given series is convergent for $x < 1$, divergent for $x \geq 1$.

Q

$$\frac{x}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{x^2}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n(n+1)} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow u_n = \frac{x^n}{n(n+1)}$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)(n+2)}$$

By using ratio test, $\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n}$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)(n+2)} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{x^n}$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{nx}{n+2}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{nx}{n+2} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{n}} \right)}{n} \right| = \left| x \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{n}} \right| \right|$$

$$= |x| = |x|$$

$x < 1$ (Convergent)
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 $x = 1$ (Test fail)

For $x=1$, the given series becomes

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots$$

= By using comparison test

$$\sum u_n = \sum \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$$

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$$v_n = \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\sum v_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ (Auxiliary series)}$$

By using p-test

$$\sum \frac{1}{n^p}, \text{ if } p > 1 \text{ (Convergent)}$$

$$p < 1 \text{ (Divergent)}$$

$$p = 2 > 1 \text{ (Convergent)}$$

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

$\frac{1}{n^2} > 1$ (finite & unique)

By using comparison test

$\sum u_n$ and $\sum v_n$ converge & diverge together but here

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = l$$

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$\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$ (Auxiliary) series.	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{v_n} = l$
→ If any form is divergent, series will be divergent.	
→ If both are convergent, then only series will be convergent.	

Hence, the given series is divergent.

Ex- Test the series: $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n^3} x^n$

- ⇒ If n^{th} term, is not calculated by use $a_n = at^n (n-1)d$ separately for both numerator & denominator
- ⇒ Many times, we do not get value while using $n=1, n=0, n=2$ etc.

Given,

$$u_n = \frac{n+1}{n^3} x^n$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{(n+2)}{(n+1)^3} x^{n+1}$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{n+2}{(n+1)^3} x^{n+1} \cdot \frac{n^3}{(n+1) \cdot x^n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{n^3 (n+2) x}{(n+1)^4} = \left(\frac{1+2}{n}\right) \cdot x \neq \left(\frac{1+1}{n}\right)^4$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1+2}{n} \right| |x| = |x|$$

If $x > 1$ (divergent)
 $x < 1$ (convergent)
 $x = 1$ (Test fails)

For $x=1$, the given series becomes

$$= \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)}{n^3} \cdot x^n$$

By using comparison test, the auxiliary series becomes

$$= \sum u_n = \sum \frac{n+1}{n^3}$$

$$v_n = \frac{n}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$\sum v_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ (Auxiliary series)}$$

By using p-test

$$\sum \frac{1}{n^p} = \sum \frac{1}{n^2}, \text{ here}$$

$$p = 2 > 1 \text{ (Convergent)}$$

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Ex- Test the series $\sum \frac{(n+3)!}{(n+5)!} x^n$

$$\text{Given } u_n = \frac{(n+3)!}{(n+5)!} \cdot x^n$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{(n+4)!}{(n+6)!} x^{n+1}$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{(n+4)! \cdot (n+5)! \cdot x}{(n+6)! \cdot (n+3)!}$$

$$\frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} = \frac{n+4}{n+6} \cdot x \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1+\frac{4}{n}}{1+\frac{6}{n}} \right) = 1$$

$$= \lim |x|$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x > 1 \text{ (Divergent)} \\ x < 1 \text{ (Convergent)} \\ x = 1 \text{ (Test fail)} \end{cases}$$

For $x=1$

$$= \sum \frac{n!}{(n+5)!} = \sum \left(\frac{n+3}{n+5} \right)!$$

$$\sum v_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ (Auxiliary series)}$$

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Thus, the given series becomes divergent for $x=1$.

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 $x < 1$ (Convergent)
 $x = 1$ (Divergent)

Absolutely Convergent

A series $\sum u_n$ is said to be absolutely convergent if $\sum |u_n|$ is convergent.

Semi Convergent / Conditionally convergent

A series $\sum u_n$ is said to be semi-convergent if $\sum u_n$ is convergent, but $\sum |u_n|$ is divergent.

Lebnitz Test

An alternative ~~to~~ series $\sum (-1)^{n+1} u_n$ is said to be convergent if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{n+1} u_n = 0$$

EX- Test the series:

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum (-1)^{n+1} u_n = \sum (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} = \sum (-1)^n \frac{1}{2^n}$$

By using Leibnitz Test,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{n+1} u_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{2^n} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Here, $\sum u_n$ is convergent

$$\text{Step 2: } \sum |u_n| = \sum |(-1)^{n+1} u_n|$$

$$= \sum |u_n| = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots$$

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$$= 1 + r + r^2 + \dots$$

$$r = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_n = \frac{1 - 2^n}{1 - 2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1 - 2^n}{1 - 2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - 2^n}{2^n} = 2$$

The value is fixed & unique.
Hence, the series $\sum |U_n|$ is convergent.

\Rightarrow Hence, absolutely convergent.

Q. Test the convergence $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \dots$

By using Leibnitz rule

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{n+1} U_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

$\therefore \sum U_n$ is convergent

Step 2: $\sum |U_n| = \sum \left| (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n} \right|$
 $\sum |U_n| = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \dots$

$$V_n = \frac{1}{n}$$

Auxiliary series

$$\sum V_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^p = 1}$$

By p-test,

$\sum V_n$ is divergent for $p \leq 1$.
Hence, given series is semi-convergent.

Q.

Test the series

$$1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} - \dots$$

Step 1: By using Leibnitz rule

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{n+1} U_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$$

$\therefore \sum U_n$ is convergent

Step 2: $\sum |U_n| = \sum \left| (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right|$
 $\sum |U_n| = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \dots$

$$V_n = \frac{1}{(n)^{1/2}}$$

Auxiliary series

$$\sum V_n = \sum \frac{1}{n^p = 1/2}$$

By p-test $\Rightarrow p < 1$

$\sum V_n$ is divergent for $p \leq 1$

Hence, the given series semi-convergent.