

# Convergence of Products from Sums

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$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n :$$

- If  $a_n = 0$  for some  $n$ , all partial products after  $n$  are 0: “diverges” to 0
- Otherwise, rewrite all  $a_n$  as  $s_n \exp(b_n)$ , where  $s_n = \operatorname{sgn}(a_n) = \pm 1$  and  $b_n = \ln |a_n|$ . so the product is

$$\left( \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n \right) \exp \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \right)$$

– the latter sum is equivalent to

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n| - 1)$$