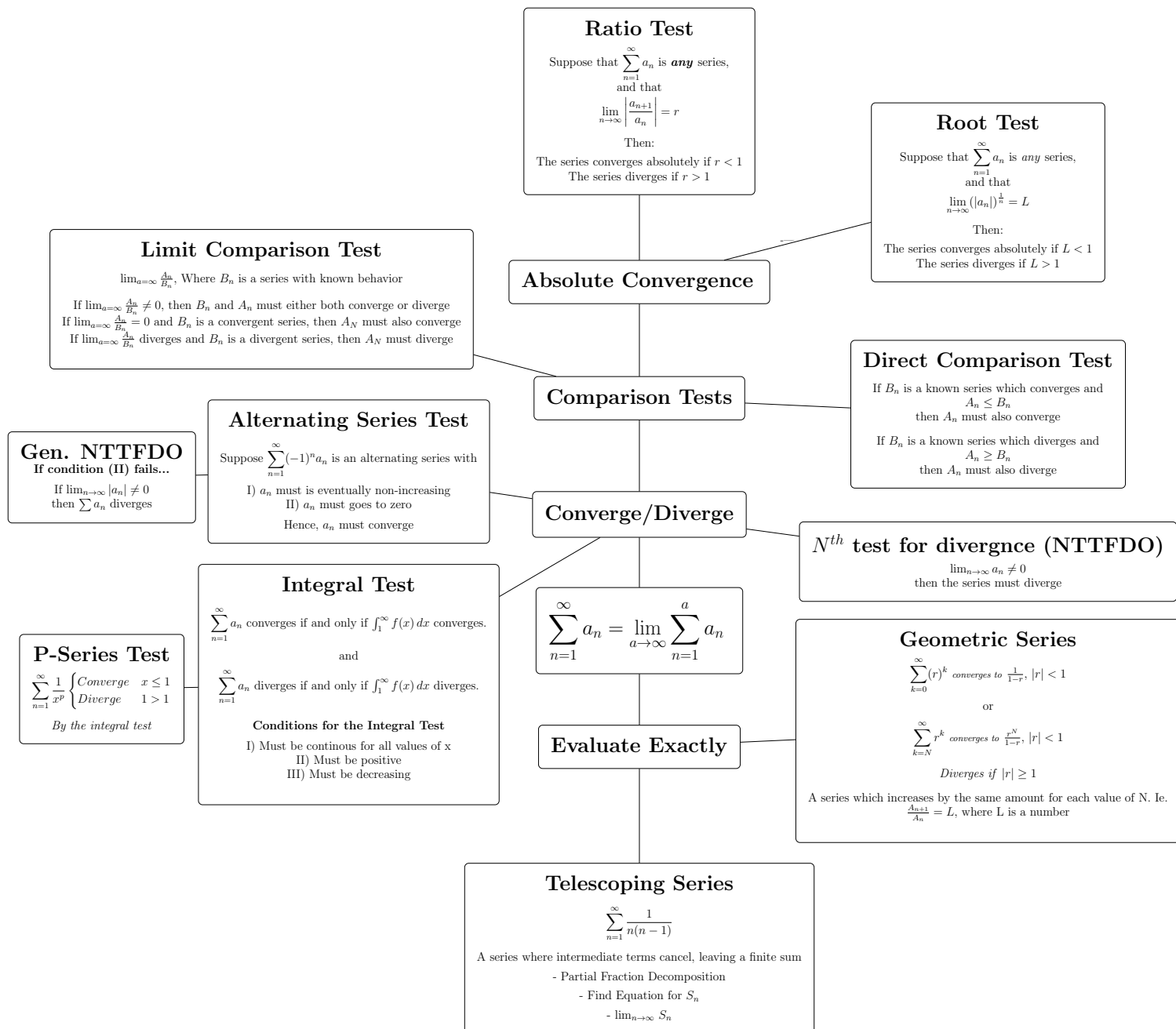


Calc II Notes
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1 Absolute Convergence

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1.1 Good Practice Problems

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1.2 Ratio Test

The Ratio Test¹ states that

Suppose that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is **any** series,
and that

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

Then:

The series converges absolutely if $r < 1$

The series diverges if $r > 1$

1.2.1 "Keys"

$$\frac{a^{n+1}}{a^n} = a, \quad \frac{a^n}{a^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{a}$$

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

$$\frac{(n+1)!}{n!} = (n+1)$$

Note that these can be combined

Example	$\frac{2^{n+1}(n+1)!}{2^n(n!)} = 2(n+1)$
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¹Very important regarding factorials

1.2.2 Examples

Example 1

Simplify $\frac{(n+2)!}{(n-1)!}$

Ratio of factorials

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(n+2)!}{(n-1)!} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n+1)(n)(n-1)\cdots(1)}{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)\cdots(1)} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n+1)(n)(n-1)}{(n-1)} \\ &= (n+1)(n+1)(n) \end{aligned}$$

example 2

Problem 57 from book

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

We apply the Ratio test

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

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+1}(n+1)^2}{\mathbf{2n+2}} \times \frac{2n!}{2n(n!)^2}, \text{ note the } +2$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2(n+1)^2}{(\mathbf{2n+2})(\mathbf{2n+1})}$$

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

Hence, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n (n!)^2}{2n!}$ converges

2 Alternating Series

Suppose $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n$ is an alternating series with

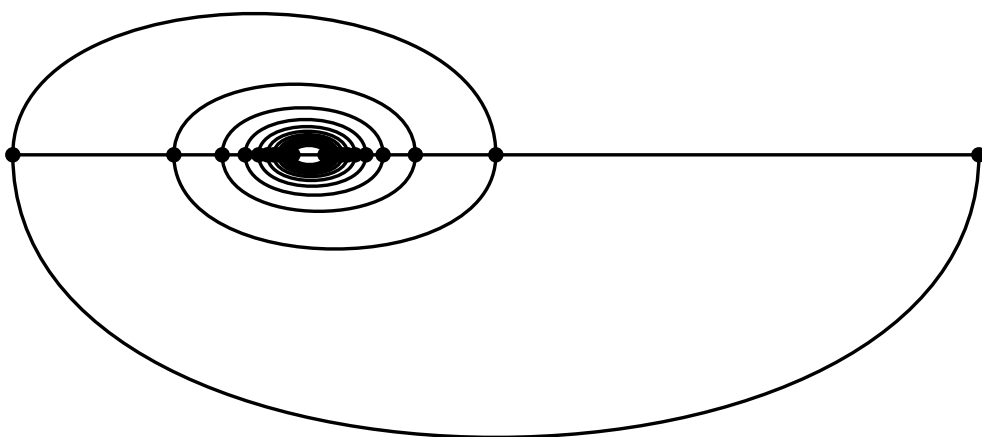
- I) a_n eventually non-increasing
- II) a_n going to zero

Then, a_n must converge

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



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



2.1 Examples

Example 1 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$, Converge or diverge?

We apply the Alternating Series Test (AST)

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

$$1) \frac{1}{n+1} < \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow \text{Decreasing}$$

$$2) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

Hence, by AST, the series converges **conditionally**

3 Misc

3.1 Factorials

ex.1

$$4! = 4 \times 3! = 4 \times 3 \times 2! = 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1! = 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 0!$$

\rightarrow

$$0! = 1$$

\rightarrow

$$4! = 24$$

ex. 2

Simplify $\frac{(n+2)!}{(n-1)!}$

Ratio of factorials

$$= \frac{(n+2)!}{(n-1)!}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+1)(n)(n-1) \cdots (1)}{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) \cdots (1)}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+1)(n)(n-1)}{(n-1)}$$

$$= (n+1)(n+1)(n)$$