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## 1 | Series Convergence

### 1.1 | Geometric Series

In  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a(r^k)$ , where  $|r| < 1$ , the series converges to  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a(r^k) = \frac{a}{1-r}$

In  $\sum_{k=0}^n a(r^k)$ ,  $\sum_{k=0}^n a(r^k) = \frac{a - ar^{n+1}}{1-r}$

### 1.2 | nth term divergence test

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  is not zero, the series **will** diverge. The inverse is not necessarily true; that is, if this fails, use another test to test convergence.

### 1.3 | Integral Test

If the integral to infinity is convergent, the sequence is convergent as long as the sequence is continuous, positive, and decreasing. The inverse applies, too.

### 1.4 | Power Series

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

If a p-series has a  $p > 1$ , the p-series will converge

If a p-series has a  $p \leq 1$ , the p-series will diverge

### 1.5 | Comparison Test

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Also, if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = C$  ( $0 < C < \infty$ ), the two series will either both converge or both diverge. So you only need to test one.

Both provided that  $a_n, b_n \geq 0$  &  $a_n \leq b_n$

### 1.6 | Alternating Series Test

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### 1.7 | Ratio Test

In a geometric series, the common ratio is simply  $r = \frac{r^{n+1}}{r^n}$ .

If  $r$  is an real value,  $|r| < 1$ , then series converges. If  $|r| \geq 1$ , the series diverges.

As limit goes to infinity in the  $r$ , if the common ratio approaches  $<1$ , that means that the ratio will get smaller and smaller, just like if  $r$  were to be a real value and it was smaller than one. Meaning that the series **converges**.

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And so, formally.

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The inverse is true, too.

**However, if the ratio is equal to one, the test is inconclusive.**