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Use an appropriate test to determine whether the series given below converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n \sqrt[n]{n}}$$

To determine whether the series converges or diverges, use the Limit Comparison Test. Suppose that  $a_n > 0$  and  $b_n > 0$  for all  $n \ge N$  where N is an integer.

- 1. If  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = c > 0$ , then  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  both converge or both diverge.
- 2. If  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 0$  and  $\sum b_n$  converges, then  $\sum a_n$  converges.
- 3. If  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \infty$  and  $\sum b_n$  diverges, then  $\sum a_n$  diverges.

Let  $a_n = \frac{3}{n \sqrt[n]{n}}$ . First find  $b_n$  by finding the behavior of  $a_n$  for large values of n. Find  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{n}$ .  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$ 

Therefore, for large values of n,  $a_n$  will behave like  $\frac{3}{n(1)} = \frac{3}{n}$ .

Let  $b_n = \frac{3}{n}$ . Now find  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n}$ .

$$\frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{\left(\frac{3}{n\sqrt[n]{n}}\right)}{\left(\frac{3}{n}\right)}$$
$$= \frac{3n}{3n\sqrt[n]{n}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}}$$

Now find  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}}$ . Remember that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$ .

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}} = 1$$

Therefore  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 1$ . Since 1 > 0, whether  $\sum a_n$  converges or diverges depends on whether  $\sum b_n$  converges or diverges,

according to the Limit Comparison Test. Consider  $\sum b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n}$ . It diverges because it is a p-series where p = 1.

Since  $\sum b_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n}$  diverges,  $\sum a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n\sqrt[n]{n}}$  diverges as well, according to the Limit Comparison Test.