

Solution

Check convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{9^n}{n^9}$: diverges

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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{9^n}{n^9}$$

Apply Series Ratio Test: diverges

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Series Ratio Test:

If there exists an N so that for all $n \geq N$, $a_n \neq 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L$:

If $L < 1$, then $\sum a_n$ converges

If $L > 1$, then $\sum a_n$ diverges

If $L = 1$, then the test is inconclusive

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \left| \frac{(-1)^{(n+1)+1} \frac{9^{(n+1)}}{(n+1)^9}}{(-1)^{n+1} \frac{9^n}{n^9}} \right|$$

Simplify $\left| \frac{(-1)^{(n+1)+1} \frac{9^{(n+1)}}{(n+1)^9}}{(-1)^{n+1} \frac{9^n}{n^9}} \right| : \frac{9|n^9|}{|(n+1)^9|}$

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$$= \left| \frac{(-1)^{(n+1)+1} \frac{9^{n+1}}{(n+1)^9}}{(-1)^{n+1} \frac{9^n}{n^9}} \right|$$

Remove parentheses: $(a) = a$

$$= \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1+1} \frac{9^{n+1}}{(n+1)^9}}{(-1)^{n+1} \frac{9^n}{n^9}} \right|$$

Add the numbers: $1 + 1 = 2$

$$= \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+2} \frac{9^{n+1}}{(n+1)^9}}{(-1)^{n+1} \frac{9^n}{n^9}} \right|$$

Multiply $(-1)^{n+1} \frac{9^n}{n^9} : \frac{9^n (-1)^{n+1}}{n^9}$

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$$(-1)^{n+1} \frac{9^n}{n^9}$$

Multiply fractions: $a \cdot \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a \cdot b}{c}$

$$= \frac{9^n (-1)^{n+1}}{n^9}$$

$$= \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+2} \frac{9^{n+1}}{(n+1)^9}}{\frac{9^n (-1)^{n+1}}{n^9}} \right|$$

Multiply $(-1)^{n+2} \frac{9^{n+1}}{(n+1)^9} : \frac{9^{n+1} (-1)^{n+2}}{(n+1)^9}$

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Multiply fractions: $a \cdot \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a \cdot b}{c}$

$$= \frac{9^{n+1} (-1)^{n+2}}{(n+1)^9}$$

$$= \left| \frac{\frac{9^{n+1} (-1)^{n+2}}{(n+1)^9}}{\frac{9^n (-1)^{n+1}}{n^9}} \right|$$

Divide fractions: $\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{\frac{c}{d}} = \frac{a \cdot d}{b \cdot c}$

$$= \left| \frac{9^{n+1} (-1)^{n+2} n^9}{(n+1)^9 \cdot 9^n (-1)^{n+1}} \right|$$

Apply exponent rule: $\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^{a-b}$

$$\frac{9^{n+1}}{9^n} = 9^{n+1-n}$$

$$= \frac{9^{n-n+1} (-1)^{n+2} n^9}{(-1)^{n+1} (n+1)^9}$$

Add similar elements: $n+1-n=1$

$$= \frac{9(-1)^{n+2}n^9}{(-1)^{n+1}(n+1)^9}$$

Apply exponent rule: $\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^{a-b}$

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

$$= \frac{9(-1)^{n+2-(n+1)}n^9}{(n+1)^9}$$

Add similar elements: $n+2-(n+1) = 1$

$$= \left| \frac{9(-1)n^9}{(n+1)^9} \right|$$

Refine

$$= \left| \frac{-9n^9}{(n+1)^9} \right|$$

Apply the fraction rule: $\frac{-a}{b} = -\frac{a}{b}$

$$= \left| -\frac{9n^9}{(n+1)^9} \right|$$

Apply absolute rule: $|-a| = |a|$

$$= \left| \frac{9n^9}{(n+1)^9} \right|$$

Apply absolute rule: $\left| \frac{a}{b} \right| = \frac{|a|}{|b|}$

$$= \frac{|9n^9|}{|(n+1)^9|}$$

Apply absolute rule: $|ax| = a|x|, a \geq 0$

$$|9n^9| = 9|n^9|$$

$$= \frac{9|n^9|}{|(n+1)^9|}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{9|n^9|}{|(n+1)^9|} \right) = 9$$

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n^9 is positive when $n \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore $|n^9| = n^9$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{9n^9}{|(n+1)^9|} \right)$$

$(n+1)^9$ is positive when $n \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore $|(n+1)^9| = (n+1)^9$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{9n^9}{(n+1)^9} \right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [c \cdot f(x)] = c \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

$$= 9 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^9}{(n+1)^9} \right)$$

Simplify $\frac{n^9}{(n+1)^9}$: $\left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^9$

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$$\frac{n^9}{(n+1)^9}$$

Apply exponent rule: $\frac{a^c}{b^c} = \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^c$

$$\frac{n^9}{(n+1)^9} = \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^9$$

$$= \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^9$$

$$= 9 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^9 \right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^b = [\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)]^b$$

With the exception of indeterminate form

$$= 9 \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right) \right)^9$$

Divide by highest denominator power: $\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n}}$

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$$\frac{n}{n+1}$$

Divide by n

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

Refine

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

$$= 9 \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \right) \right)^9$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0$$

With the exception of indeterminate form

$$= 9 \left(\frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1)}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)} \right)^9$$

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

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} c = c$$

$$= 1$$

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

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

With the exception of indeterminate form

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

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

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} c = c$$

$$= 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) = 0$$

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

$$\text{Apply Infinity Property: } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{c}{x^a} \right) = 0$$

$$= 0$$

$$= 1 + 0$$

Simplify

$$= 1$$

$$= 9 \left(\frac{1}{1} \right)^9$$

Simplify

$$= 9$$

$L > 1$, by the ratio test

$=$ diverges

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