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**Assignment:** HW-6 [Sections 10.4, 10.5 & 10.6]

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. Give reasons for your answer.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+8)!}{8!n!8^n}$$

The nth-Term Test states that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$  fails to exist or is different from zero. Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+8)!}{8!n!8^n} = 0$ , the nth-Term Test is inconclusive. Since the terms contain  $n$  as factorials and exponents, use the Ratio Test.

Let  $\sum a_n$  be any series and suppose that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \rho$ . The Ratio Test states that the series converges absolutely if  $\rho < 1$  and diverges if  $\rho > 1$  or  $\rho$  is infinite. The test is inconclusive if  $\rho = 1$ .

In this case,  $a_n = \frac{(n+8)!}{8!n!8^n}$ . Determine  $a_{n+1}$ .

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{(n+9)!}{8!(n+1)!8^{n+1}}$$

The limit for the Ratio Test is as shown below.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(n+9)!}{8!(n+1)!8^{n+1}}}{\frac{(n+8)!}{8!n!8^n}} \right| = \rho$$

Simplify the limit.

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(n+9)!}{8!(n+1)!8^{n+1}}}{\frac{(n+8)!}{8!n!8^n}} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+9)!}{8!(n+1)!8^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{8!n!8^n}{(n+8)!} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{8!}{8!} \cdot \frac{8^n}{8^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{(n+9)!}{(n+8)!} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n+9}{8n+8} \right| \end{aligned}$$

Evaluate this limit.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n+9}{8n+8} \right| = \frac{1}{8}$$

Thus,  $\rho = \frac{1}{8}$ . Therefore, as  $\rho < 1$ , the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+8)!}{8!n!8^n}$  converges.