TEST	SERIES	CONVERGES IF…	DIVERGES IF…	COMMENTS
*n*th Term Test for Divergence	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$	n/a	$\lim_{n\to\infty} \neq 0$	should be first test used. Inconclusive if limit = 0.
Geometric Series Test	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n\, r^{n-1}$	$\|r\| < 1$	$\|r\| \geq 1$	use if there is a "common ratio" $S_n = \frac{a}{1-r}$
P-Series Test	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$	$p > 1$	$p \leq 1$	harmonic series when p=1. Useful for comparison tests.
Integral Test	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ $a_n = f(x)$	$\int_1^{\infty} f(x)\, dx$ converges	$\int_1^{\infty} f(x)\, dx$ diverges	$f(x)$ must be continuous, positive, and decreasing
Direct Comparison Test	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$	$0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges	$0 \leq b_n \leq a_n$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges	to show convergence, find a larger series. to show divergence, find a smaller series.
Limit Comparison Test	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$	$\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} > 0$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges	$\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} > 0$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges	apply l'hospital's rule if necessary; inconclusive if limit equals 0 or ∞
Alternating Series Test	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} a_n$	$a_{n+1} \leq a_n$, $\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = 0$	$\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n \neq 0$	must prove that the limit equals 0 and that terms are decreasing
Ratio Test	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$	$\lim_{n\to\infty} \left\|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}\right\| < 1$	$\lim_{n\to\infty} \left\|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}\right\| > 1$	test fails if : $\lim_{n\to\infty} \left\|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}\right\| = 1$
Root Test	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$	$\lim_{n\to\infty} \sqrt[n]{\|a_n\|} < 1$	$\lim_{n\to\infty} \sqrt[n]{\|a_n\|} > 1$	test fails if: $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sqrt[n]{\|a_n\|} = 1$