

Does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{(2n)!}$ diverge, converge absolutely, or converge conditionally?

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)!}{(2(n+1))!} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{n!} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)!}{(2n+2)!} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{n!} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1) \cdot n!}{(2n+2) \cdot (2n+1) \cdot (2n)!} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{n!} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)}{(2n+2)(2n+1)} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{4n^2 + 6n + 2} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{8n+6} \text{ by L'hopital} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $L < 1$, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{(2n)!}$ converges absolutely by the Ratio Test.