Does $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{8n+1}{9n-1} + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n$ diverge, converge absolutely, or converge conditionally?

Solution

$$\begin{split} L &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left| \left(\frac{8n+1}{9n-1} + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \right|} \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{8n+1}{9n-1} + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{8n+1}{9n-1} + \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{8n+1}{9n-1} + \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{8n+1}{9n-1} + 0 \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{8}{9} + 0 \quad \text{by L'Hopital's rule} \\ &= \frac{8}{9} \end{split}$$

Since L < 1, by the Root Test, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{8n+1}{9n-1} + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n$ converges absolutely.