

10.5 Absolute Convergence, Ratio, Root Test

Main Ideas

- **Absolute Convergence**

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ converges, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges

- **Ratio Test**

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \rho$ then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$

1. **Converges** if $\rho < 1$
2. **Diverges** if $\rho > 1$
3. **Inconclusive** if $\rho = 1$

- **Root Test**

If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \rho$ then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$

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