

## Series (Part4)

Suppose, that not all  $a_n$  are positive.

**DEF:** A series  $\sum a_n$  converges absolutely if  $\sum |a_n|$  converges

**DEF:** A series  $\sum a_n$  converges conditionally if  $\sum a_n$  converges and  $\sum |a_n|$  diverges

If  $\sum |a_n|$  converges, then  $\sum a_n$  converges

### Ratio Test

Let  $\sum a_n$  be any series and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \rho$

If  $\rho < 1$ , then the series converges absolutely

If  $\rho > 1$ , or  $\rho = \infty$  then the series diverges

If  $\rho = 1$ , the test is inconclusive

Very useful with factorials!

### Root Test

Let  $\sum a_n$  be any series and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \rho$

If  $\rho < 1$ , then the series converges absolutely

If  $\rho > 1$ , or  $\rho = \infty$  then the series diverges

If  $\rho = 1$ , the test is inconclusive

$$\bullet \quad \ln(\ln n) \ll \ln n \ll \underbrace{n^a}_{0 < a < 1} \ll \underbrace{n^b}_{1 < b} \ll \underbrace{a^n}_{a > 1} \ll n! \ll n^n$$

$$\bullet \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a} = 1$$

$$\bullet \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$$

$$\bullet \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{a}{n}\right)^n = e^a$$

$$\bullet \quad n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots \cdot (n-1)(n)$$

$$\bullet \quad 0! = 1, \quad 1! = 1$$

Examples:

$$1. \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{3^n} \xrightarrow{a_n > 0} \text{Ratio? } (\sqrt[n]{n!} \rightarrow ?)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{(n+1)!}{3^{n+1}}}{\frac{n!}{3^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{n!} \cdot \frac{3^n}{3^{n+1}} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots \cdot n \cdot (n+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots \cdot n} \cdot 3 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{3} = \boxed{\infty = \infty}$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{3^n}$  diverges by Ratio Test.

$\text{no(!) } \rightarrow \text{ and powers } n \rightarrow \underline{\text{Root}}$

$$2. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{3^n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n^3}{3^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^3}{3^n} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n^{\frac{1}{n}})^3}{3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt[n]{n})^3}{3} = \frac{1}{3} = p < 1$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{3^n}$  converges by Root Test.

$$3. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n} \quad (!) \rightarrow \text{Ratio}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}}}{\frac{n!}{n^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)! \cdot n^n}{n! \cdot (n+1)^{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n = e$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdots n(n+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdots n} \cdot n^n}{(n+1)^n \cdot (n+1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n =$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{(n+1)-1}{n+1} \right)^{n+1-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{-1}{n+1} \right)^{n+1} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{-1}{n+1} \right)^{-1} \right] = \bar{e}^{-1} = \frac{1}{e} < 1$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n}$  converges by Ratio Test

$n! \rightarrow \text{Ratio}$

$$4. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \frac{(n+1)^2}{2(n+1)+1} \right)!}{\frac{n^2}{(2n+1)!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} \right) \cdot \frac{(2n+1)!}{(2n+3)!}}{=} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdots (2n+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdots (2n+3)(2n+2)(2n+3)} = 0 < 1$$

$\boxed{p = 0 < 1}$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(2n+1)!}$  converges by Ratio Test

$$5. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)!}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{(n+1)!^2}{(2(n+1))!}}{\frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{(n+1)! \cdot (n+1)! \cdot (2n)!}{n! \cdot n! \cdot (2n+2)!}}{\frac{(n!)^2}{(n!)^2}} = \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)(n+1) \cdot (2n)!}{(2n)! \cdot (2n+1)(2n+2)} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)(n+1)}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} = \frac{1}{4} < 1$$

$\frac{1}{2} \downarrow \quad \frac{1}{2}$

$$\boxed{p = \frac{1}{4} < 1}$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)!}$  converges by Ratio Test

$$6. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(3n)!}{(n!)^3}$$

Ratio:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{(3(n+1))!}{((n+1)!)^3}}{\frac{(3n)!}{(n!)^3}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(3(n+1))! \cdot (n!)^3}{(3n)! \cdot ((n+1)!)^3} =$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(3n+3)!}{(3n)!} \cdot \frac{(n!) \cdot (n!) \cdot (n!)}{((n+1)!) \cdot (n+1)! \cdot (n+1)!} =$$

$$(n+1)! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdots n \cdot (n+1) > \\ (n+1)! = n! \cdot (n+1)$$

$$\lim \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdots (3n) \cdot (3n+1) \cdot (3n+2) \cdot (3n+3)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdots (3n)} \cdot \frac{n! \cdot n! \cdot n!}{n! \cdot (n+1) \cdot n! \cdot (n+1) \cdot n! \cdot (n+1)}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(3n+1)(3n+2)(3n+3)}{(n+1)(n+1)(n+1)} = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 > 1$$

$P = 27 > 1$

$$\left( \frac{3 + \frac{1}{n}}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \right)^3 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 3^3 = 27$$

$$\text{the same}$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(3n)!}{(n!)^3}$  diverges by Ratio Test.

$$7. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n+1)^n}{n^{2n}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{2n+1}{n^{2n}}\right)^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+1)}{n^{2n \cdot \frac{1}{n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) = 0$$

$$p=0 < 1$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n+1)^n}{n^{2n}}$  converges by Root Test.

$$8. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{100} 2^{-2n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n^{100} \cdot 2^{-2n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n]{n} \right)^{100} \cdot \frac{2^{-2}}{1} = \frac{1}{4} < 1$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{100} 2^{-2n}$  converges by Root Test.

$$9. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + \ln n)^n}{n^n}$$

$$\lim \sqrt[n]{\frac{(1 + \ln n)^n}{n^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \ln n}{n} = \frac{\infty}{\infty} = \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\lim} \frac{1 + \ln x}{x} =$$

L'H

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{1} = 0 = p < 1$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + \ln n)^n}{n^n}$  converges by Root Test.

$$10. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n}$$

Ratio

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\ln(n+1)}{(n+1)}}{\frac{\ln n}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n+1)}{\ln n} \cdot \frac{n}{(n+1)} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n+1)}{\ln n} = \left(\frac{\infty}{\infty}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x+1)}{\ln(x)} = L'H_{rule} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x+1}}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{x+1} = 1$

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This Test

does not

work

and we have  
to try something  
different)

For example, try DCT:  $\frac{\ln n}{n} > \frac{1}{n}$ , for  $n \geq 3$ , so

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{n} \text{ diverges by DCT with } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} - \text{divergent harmonic series}$$

11.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n}{\sqrt{n^3 + 4n}}$

Try Root, for example;  $\lim \sqrt[n]{\frac{2n}{\sqrt{n^3 + 4n}}} = \lim \frac{\sqrt[1]{2} \cdot \sqrt[1]{n}}{\left( \sqrt[1]{n^3} \sqrt[1]{1 + \frac{4}{n^2}} \right)^{1/n}} =$

$$\lim \frac{\sqrt[1]{2} \cdot \sqrt[1]{n}}{\left( n^{3/2} \left( \sqrt[1]{1 + \frac{4}{n^2}} \right)^{1/n} \right)^{1/2}} = 1$$

$p=1 \Rightarrow \text{Test did not work}$

For example, DCT :  $\frac{2n}{\sqrt{n^3 + 4n}} > \frac{2n}{\sqrt{n^3 + n^3}} = \frac{2n}{\sqrt{2} \cdot n^{3/2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{n^{1/2}}$

$\left( LCT \text{ with } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \text{ will work too} \right)$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n}{\sqrt{n^3 + 4n}} \text{ diverges by DCT with } \sqrt{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (p = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \text{ divergent})$$

### Mixed Problems

$$1. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

div  $a_n = 2^{\frac{1}{n}} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 2^0 = 1$

$a_n \rightarrow 1 \neq 0$

Diverges,

conv. by Root

$$2. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-n^2}$$

Root

$$\lim \sqrt[n]{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-n^2}} =$$

$$\lim \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-n} =$$

$$= \lim \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} = \frac{1}{e} < 1$$

div

$$3. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10 + e^{\frac{2}{n}}}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{10 + e^{\frac{2}{n}}} \xrightarrow[2/n]{} \frac{1}{11}$$

$a_n \rightarrow 0$

Try the rest! (Can be on quiz.. 😈 ..)

$$4. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(n+2)(n-2)}$$

$$5. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^n}{3(n+1)^{n-1}}$$

$$6. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos^2 n + 1}{n^2 + 1}$$

$$7. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n + 2^{-n}}{n2^n - 1}$$

$$8. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n\sqrt{\ln n}}$$

$$9. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln(n^2)}$$

$$10. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{e^n}$$

$$11. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^n}$$

$$12. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^n}{n}$$

$$13. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(n) + 2^n}{n + 5^n}$$

$$14. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{3n}\right)^n$$