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Worksheet 11.6 – The Ratio and Root Tests

Formally show whether the following series are Absolutely Convergent (AC), Conditionally Convergent (CC), or Divergent (D). (LT: 4b)

1. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^n}{n^{100}}$

$$a_n = \frac{(-2)^n}{n^{100}}$$

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)^{100}} \cdot \frac{n^{100}}{2^n}$$

$$= \frac{2^{n+1}}{2^n} \cdot \frac{n^{100}}{(n+1)^{100}}$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^{100}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 2 > 1$$

$\sum a_n$ is divergent by Ratio Test

2. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5n}{10n+4} \right)^n$

$$a_n = \left(\frac{5n}{10n+4} \right)^n$$

$$\sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \frac{5n}{10n+4}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2} < 1$$

$\sum a_n$ is AC by Root Test

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

$$a_n = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{3^n}$$

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{3^n}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{n}} \cdot \frac{3^n}{3^{n+1}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{n}} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{1}{3} < 1$$

$\sum a_n$ is AC by Ratio Test

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

$$a_n = (-1)^n \frac{e^n}{n!}$$

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{e^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{e^n}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{e^{n+1}}{e^n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n+1} (e)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 0 < 1$$

$\sum a_n$ is AC by Ratio Test

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{(2n)!}$$

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{1}{(2(n+1))!} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{1}$$

$$= \frac{(2n)!}{(2n+2)!}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{(2n+1)(2n+2)}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 0 < 1$$

$\sum a_n$ is AC by
Ratio Test

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Worksheet 11.7a Strategy for Testing Series (LT: 4b)

Limits And Convergence Practice Problems

Legend:

C Convergent

AC Absolutely Convergent

CC Conditionally Convergent

D Divergent

Fill out the following chart. For all limits, specify ∞ , $-\infty$, or DNE (does not exist) where appropriate. (LT: 4b)

a_n	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$	$\{a_n\}$ C or D	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [(-1)^n a_n]$	$\{(-1)^n a_n\}$ C or D	$\sum a_n$ AC, CC, or D	$\sum (-1)^n a_n$ AC, CC, or D
$\frac{1}{n+2}$	0	C	0	C	D	CC
$\frac{n}{n+2}$	1	C	DNE	D	D	D
$\frac{1}{n^2+2}$	0	C	0	C	AC	AC
$\frac{4}{2^n}$	0	C	0	C	AC	AC
$\frac{4n}{2^n}$	0	C	0	C	AC	AC
$\frac{4n!}{2^n}$	∞	D	DNE	D	D	D
$\frac{(n+2)3^n}{n!}$	0	C	0	C	AC	AC
$\frac{4^n}{(3n)^n}$	0	C	0	C	AC	AC

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Worksheet 11.8 – Power Series

Find the radius and interval of convergence. (LT: 4c)

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

$$a_n = \frac{x^n}{n^2 3^n}$$
$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2 3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^2 3^n}{|x|^n}$$
$$= \left(\frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2} \right) \frac{3^n}{3^{n+1}} \frac{|x|^{n+1}}{|x|^n}$$
$$= \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) |x|$$
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{1}{3} |x|$$

convergent for $\frac{1}{3} |x| < 1$
 $|x| < 3$

$-3 < x < 3$
check endpoints:
 $x = -3$ $x = 3$
 $\sum \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}$ $\sum \frac{1}{n^2}$
C C

Interval: $[-3, 3]$

R = 3

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

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

convergent for $\frac{1}{3} |x| < 1$
 $|x| < 3$

$|x| < 3$
 $-3 < x < 3$
check endpoints
 $x = -3$ $x = 3$
 $\sum \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ $\sum \frac{1}{n}$
C D

Interval: $[-3, 3)$

R = 3

3) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{3^n}$

Can use geometric series test
convergent for $|r| = \left| \frac{x}{3} \right| < 1$
divergent otherwise
 $\left| \frac{x}{3} \right| < 1$
 $|x| < 3$
 $(-3, 3)$

Interval: $(-3, 3)$

R = 3

No need to check endpoints

$$4) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x+3)^n}{n!} \quad a_n = \frac{(-1)^n (x+3)^n}{n!}$$

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

$$= \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} \frac{|x+3|^{n+1}}{|x+3|^n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n+1} |x+3|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 0 < 1 \text{ for all } x$$

Interval: $(-\infty, \infty)$

R = ∞

$$5) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (x-7)^n}{n} \quad a_n = \frac{(-1)^n (x-7)^n}{n}$$

$$\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{|x-7|^{n+1}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{|x-7|^n}$$

$$= \frac{n}{n+1} \frac{|x-7|^{n+1}}{|x-7|^n}$$

$$= \frac{n}{n+1} |x-7|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = |x-7|$$

convergent for $|x-7| < 1$

check endpoints

$$x-7 = -1 \quad x-7 = 1$$

$$x = 6 \quad x = 8$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (-1)^n}{n} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 1^n}{n}$$

D C

Interval: $(6, 8]$

R = 1

$$6) \sum_{n=12}^{\infty} n^n (x-2)^n \quad \text{use Root Test}$$

$$a_n = n^n (x-2)^n$$

$$\sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = n|x-2|$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \infty > 1 \text{ except for } x=2$$

Interval: $x=2$

R = 0