SOLUTION

Section 3.5 – The Ratio and Root Tests

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{n!}{2^n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{2^n}$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2}{(n+1)}$$
$$= 0 < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n+1}}{n3^{n-1}}$$

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2^{n+2}}{(n+1)3^n} \cdot \frac{n3^{n-1}}{2^{n+1}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2n}{3(n+1)}$$
$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2n}{3n}$$
$$= \frac{2}{3} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3^{n+2}}{\ln n}$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{3^{n+3}}{\ln(n+1)} \cdot \frac{\ln n}{3^{n+2}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{3\ln n}{\ln(n+1)}$$
$$= 3 \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\ln n}{\ln(n+1)}$$

$$= 3 \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{n+1}}$$

$$= 3 \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+1}{n}$$

$$= 3 > 1$$

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2(n+2)!}{n!3^{2n}}$$

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2 (n+3)!}{(n+1)! \ 3^{2(n+1)}} \cdot \frac{n! \ 3^{2n}}{n^2 (n+2)!} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2 (n+3)}{n^2 (n+1) \cdot 3^2}$$

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

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

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n^2 + 4n + 3}{9n^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n5^n}{(2n+3)\ln(n+1)}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n5^n}{(2n+3)\ln(n+1)}$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1) \cdot 5^{n+1}}{(2n+5)\ln(n+2)} \cdot \frac{(2n+3)\ln(n+1)}{n \cdot 5^n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{5(n+1)(2n+3)\ln(n+1)}{n(2n+5)\ln(n+2)}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{10n^2 + 10n + 6}{2n^2 + 5n} \cdot \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\ln(n+1)}{\ln(n+2)}$$

$$= 5 \cdot \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n+1}}{\frac{1}{n+2}}$$

$$= 5 \cdot \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+2}{n+1}$$
$$= 5 > 1$$

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{99^n}{n!}$$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{99^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} / \frac{99^n}{n!}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{99}{n+1}$$

$$= 0 < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^5}{2^n}$$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)^5}{2^{n+1}} / \frac{n^5}{2^n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^5$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n}$$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} / \frac{n!}{n^n}$$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$$

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

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{e} < 1$$

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2}$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\left(2(n+1)\right)!}{\left((n+1)!\right)^2} / \frac{\left(2n\right)!}{\left(n!\right)^2}$$

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

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

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{4n^2}{n^2}$$

$$= 4 > 1$$

Therefore; the given series diverges by the Ratio Test.

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{5^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{5^n}{1}$$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} < 1$$

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$= 0 < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{3^n}$$

Solution

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

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+1}{3}$$

$$= \infty$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!}$

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

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2}{n+1}$$
$$= 0 < 1$$

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \left(\frac{6}{5}\right)^n$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)\left(\frac{6}{5}\right)^{n+1}}{n\left(\frac{6}{5}\right)^n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+1}{n}\left(\frac{6}{5}\right)$$

$$= \frac{6}{5} > 1$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^n$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)\left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^{n+1}}{n\left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+1}{n}\left(\frac{7}{8}\right)$$

$$= \frac{7}{8} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{4^n}$$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+1}{4^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{4^n}{n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+1}{4n}$$

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

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5^n}{n^4}$$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{5^{n+1}}{(n+1)^4} \cdot \frac{n^4}{5^n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} 5\left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^4$$

$$= 5 > 1$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)^3}{3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{3^n}{n^3}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

Solution

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

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n(n+3)}{(n+2)^2}$$

$$= 1$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| a_n \right| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+2)}{n(n+1)}$$

Therefore; the given series *converges Conditionally* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(-1\right)^n 2^n}{n!}$$

Solution

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

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2}{n+1}$$

$$= 0 < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{i}}{i!}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n}{n^2}$$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2} \cdot \frac{n^2}{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^2$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^2$$

$$=\frac{3}{2}>1$$

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n3^n}$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n3^n}{n!}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n}{3}$$

$$= \infty$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use the Ratio Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)}{n^5}$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(2n+2)!}{(n+1)^5} \cdot \frac{n^5}{(2n)!}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} (2n+1)(2n+2)\left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^5$$

$$= \infty$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4^n}{(3n)^n}$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{4^n}{(3n)^n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{4}{3n}\right)^n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{4}{3n}$$
$$= 0 < 1$$

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum \left(\frac{4n+3}{3n-5}\right)^n$

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

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{4n+3}{3n-5}\right)^n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{4n+3}{3n-5}\right)$$
$$= \frac{4}{3} > 1$$

Therefore; the given series diverges by the Root Test.

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum \left(\ln\left(e^2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)\right)^{n+1}$

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

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\ln\left(e^2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)\right)^{n+1}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\ln\left(e^2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)\right)^{1 + \frac{1}{n}}$$
$$= \ln\left(e^2\right)$$
$$= 2 > 1$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by the *Root Test*.

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin^n \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\sin^n \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sin \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

$$= \sin(0)$$
$$= 0 < 1$$

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$
$$= e^{-1} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Root Test*.

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{e^{2n}}{n^n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{e^2}{n}$$
$$= 0 < 1$$

Therefore; the given series converges absolutely by the Root Test.

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5^n}$$

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{5^n}} = \frac{1}{5} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Root Test*.

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{n^n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

$$= 0 < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* absolutely by the Root Test.

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{2n+1}\right)^n$

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

Solution

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

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Root Test*.

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2n}{n+1}\right)^n$

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

Solution

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

$$= 2 > 1$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by the *Root Test*.

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum \left(\frac{3n+2}{n+3}\right)^n$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3n+2}{n+3}\right)^n$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{3n+2}{n+3}\right)^n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{3n+2}{n+3}$$
$$= 3 > 1$$

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n-2}{5n+1} \right)^n$$

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{n-2}{5n+1}\right)^n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left|\frac{n-2}{5n+1}\right|$$
$$= \frac{1}{5} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Root Test*.

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(\ln n)^n}$

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

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} n \left| \frac{(-1)^n}{(\ln n)^n} \right| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{1}{\ln n} \right|$$
$$= 0 < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the Root Test.

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-3n}{2n+1} \right)^{3n}$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{-3n}{2n+1}\right)^{3n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \left(\frac{-3n}{2n+1}\right)^3 \right|$$
$$= \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3$$

$$=\frac{27}{8} > 1$$

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(2\sqrt[n]{n} + 1 \right)^n$$

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(2\sqrt[n]{n} + 1\right)^n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \left(2\sqrt[n]{n} + 1\right) \right|$$
Let $x = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{n}$ $\Rightarrow \ln x = \lim_{n \to \infty} \ln \sqrt[n]{n}$

$$\ln x = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1/n}{1}$$

$$= 0$$

$$x = e^0 = 1 = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(2\sqrt[n]{n} + 1\right)^n} = 2(1) + 1$$

$$= 3 > 1$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by the *Root Test*.

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-3n}$$

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{e^{-3n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| e^{-3} \right|$$
$$= \frac{1}{e^3} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Root Test*.

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n}{3^n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{\sqrt[n]{n}}{3} \right|$$

Let
$$x = \sqrt[n]{n}$$
 \Rightarrow $\ln x = \ln \sqrt[n]{n} = \frac{\ln n}{n}$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \ln x = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\ln}{n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1/n}{1}$$

$$= 0$$

$$x = e^0 = 1 = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{n}$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n}{3^n}} = \frac{1}{3} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Root Test*.

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{500} \right)^n$$

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{n}{500}\right)^n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{n}{500} \right|$$
$$= \infty > 1$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by the *Root Test*.

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right)^n$

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

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} n \left| \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right)^n \right| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right|$$

$$= 0 < 1$$

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\ln n}{n} \right)^n$$

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{\ln n}{n}\right)^n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left|\frac{\ln n}{n}\right|$$
$$= 0 < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Root Test*.

Exercise

Use the Root Test to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(\ln n)^n}$

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

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} n \frac{n}{(\ln n)^n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{n^{1/n}}{\ln n} \right|$$

$$= 0 < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Root Test*.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

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

$$=\frac{1}{2}<1$$

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 e^{-n}$$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{e^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{e^n}{n^2}$$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{e} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{10^n}$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{10^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{10^n}{n!}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+1}{10}$$

$$= \infty > 1$$

Therefore; the given series converges by the Ratio Test.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{i}$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(\ln n)^n}{n^n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n}$$
Hopital Rule

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

$$= 0 < 1$$

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n2^n(n+1)!}{3^n n!}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n2^n (n+1)!}{3^n n!}$$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)2^{n+1}(n+2)!}{3^{n+1}(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{3^n n!}{n2^n (n+1)!}
= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2}{3} \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{n(n+1)}
= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{n+2}{n}\right)
= \frac{2}{3} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

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

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{(2n+1)(2n+2)}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{2(2n+1)(n+1)}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+1}{4n+2}$$



Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

Solution

Using comparison method:

$$\frac{1}{n} = \frac{n^2}{n^3} < \frac{n^2 + 1}{n^3 + 1}$$

Since
$$\frac{n^2 + 1}{n^3 + 1} > \frac{1}{n}$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by the *Comparison Test*.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \sin \frac{1}{n^2} \right|$$

Solution

For $x \ge 0 \implies \sin x \le x$

$$\left|\sin\frac{1}{n^2}\right| = \sin\frac{1}{n^2} \le \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Therefore; the given series converges by Comparison Test.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=8}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi^n + 5}$$

Solution

The given series converges by comparison with $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\pi}\right)^n$

Since
$$0 < \frac{1}{\pi^n + 5} < \frac{1}{\pi^n}$$

Therefore; the given series converges by Comparison Test.

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

Solution

Since
$$(\ln n)^3 < n \implies \frac{1}{(\ln n)^3} > \frac{1}{n}$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by *Comparison Test*.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi^n - n^{\pi}}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi^n - n^{\pi}}$$

Solution

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\pi^n - n^{\pi}} \implies b_n = \frac{1}{\pi^n} = \left(\frac{1}{\pi}\right)^n$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi^n} \text{ converges geometric since } |r| = \frac{1}{\pi} < 1$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{\pi^n - n^{\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\pi^n}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{n^{\pi}}{\pi^n}}$$

$$= 1$$

Therefore; the given series converges by Comparison Test with geometric series

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum \frac{1+n}{2+n}$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1+n}{2+n}$$

Solution

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1+n}{2+n} = 1 > 0$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by the divergence series.

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+n^{4/3}}{2+n^{5/3}}$$

Solution

Let
$$b_n = \frac{1}{n^{1/3}}$$

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{1 + n^{4/3}}{2 + n^{5/3}} / \frac{1}{n^{1/3}} = \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{n^{1/3} + n^{5/3}}{2 + n^{5/3}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{n^{5/3}}{n^{5/3}}$$

$$= 1$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* to infinity by *Comparison Test* with divergent *p-series*

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{1 + n\sqrt{n}}$

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

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n^2}{1 + n\sqrt{n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^{3/2}}$$
$$= \infty$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* to infinity.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \ln n (\ln \ln n)^2}$

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

Solution

$$\int_{2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x (\ln \ln x)^{2}} dx = \int_{2}^{\infty} \frac{d (\ln \ln x)}{(\ln \ln x)^{2}}$$
$$= -\frac{1}{\ln (\ln x)} \Big|_{2}^{\infty}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\ln (\ln 2)} < \infty \Big|$$

Therefore; the given series converges by Integral Test

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

Solution

$$\int_{3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \ln x \sqrt{\ln \ln x}} dx = \int_{3}^{\infty} \frac{d(\ln \ln x)}{(\ln \ln x)^{1/2}}$$
$$= 2\sqrt{\ln(\ln x)} \Big|_{3}^{\infty}$$
$$= \infty$$

Therefore; the given series diverges by Integral Test.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1+(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}}$

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

Solution

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 + (-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}} = 0 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} + 0 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{4}} + 0 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$= 2\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k}}$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{1/2}}$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* to infinity by *p*-series $\left(p = \frac{1}{2} < 1\right)$

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

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

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{e} \cdot \frac{n^2}{n+1}$$

$$= \infty$$

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!6^n}{(3n)!}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!6^n}{(3n)!}$$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(2(n+1))!6^{n+1}}{(3(n+1))!} \cdot \frac{(3n)!}{(2n)!6^n}$$

$$= 6 \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(2n+1)(2n+2)}{(3n+1)(3n+2)(3n+3)}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{4n^2}{27n^3}$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{3^n \ln n}$$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{3^{n+1} \ln(n+1)} \cdot \frac{3^n \ln n}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{\ln n}{\ln(n+1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n}} \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\ln n}{\ln(n+1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^{100}2^n}{\sqrt{n!}}$$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{100} 2^{n+1}}{\sqrt{(n+1)!}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n!}}{n^{100} 2^n}$$
$$= 2 \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^{100} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}$$
$$= 0$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1+n!}{(1+n)!}$

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

Solution

$$1 + n! > n!$$

$$\frac{1+n!}{(1+n)!} > \frac{n!}{(1+n)!} = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by *Comparison Test* with the Harmonic

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{3^n - n^3}$

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

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2^{n+1}}{3^{n+1} - (n+1)^3} \cdot \frac{3^n - n^3}{2^n}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{3^n - n^3}{3^n - \frac{1}{3}(n+1)^3}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1 - \frac{n^3}{3^n}}{1 - \frac{(n+1)^3}{3^{n+1}}}$$

$$=\frac{2}{3}<1$$

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{\pi^n n!}$$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{\pi^{n+1}(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{\pi^n n!}{n^n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$= \frac{e}{\pi} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!}$$

Solution

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

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2}{n+1}$$

$$= 0 < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 2^{n+1}}{3^n}$$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2 2^{n+2}}{3^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{3^n}{n^2 2^{n+1}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} < 1$$

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{n!}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{n!}$$

Solution

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

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+1}{n+1} \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

$$= e > 1$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{100}{n}$$

Solution

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{100}{n} = 100 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by *harmonic series*.

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

Solution

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

Therefore; the given series *converges* by *p*-series $\left(p = \frac{3}{2} > 1\right)$

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)^n$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)^n$$

Solution

$$|r| = \frac{2\pi}{3} > 1$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by *Geometric series*.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5n}{2n-1}$$

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{5n}{2n-1} = \frac{5}{2} \neq 0$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by nth-Term Test.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

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

Solution

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{n}{2n^2+1} = \frac{1}{2} > 0$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by *harmonic series*.

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{3^{n-2}}{2^n}$

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

Solution

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{3^{n-2}}{2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{9} \left(-\frac{3}{2} \right)^n$$
$$|r| = \frac{3}{2} > 1$$

Therefore; the given series diverges by Geometric series.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{10}{3\sqrt{n^3}}$$

Solution

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{10}{3\sqrt{n^3}} = \frac{10}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by *p*-series $\left(p = \frac{3}{2} > 1\right)$

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{10n+3}{n2^n}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{10n+3}{n2^n}$$

Solution

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

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{10n+3}{n2^n} \cdot \frac{2^n}{1} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{10n+3}{n}$$

$$= 10 \mid converge.$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by Limit Comparison Test with Geometric series $(|r| = \frac{1}{2} < 1)$

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{4n^2 - 1}$$

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2^n}{4n^2 - 1} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2^n (\ln 2)}{8n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2^n (\ln 2)^2}{8}$$

$$= \infty$$

Therefore; the given series diverges by nth-Term Test.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos n}{3^{n}}$

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

Solution

$$\left|\frac{\cos n}{3^n}\right| \le \frac{1}{3^n} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by *Direct Comparison Test* with Geometric series $\left(\left|r\right| = \frac{1}{3} < 1\right)$

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n \, 7^n}$$

Solution

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)7^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n7^n}{n!}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{7}n$$

$$= \infty$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

Solution

$$\frac{\ln n}{n^2} \le \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by *Comparison Test* with *p-series* $\left(p = \frac{3}{2} > 1\right)$

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(\ln k)^2}$

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k (\ln k)^2}$$

Solution

Let
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2}$$

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^2} = \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\ln x)^2} d(\ln x)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\ln x} \Big|_2^{\infty}$$

$$= -\left(0 - \frac{1}{\ln 2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\ln 2} \Big|$$

Therefore; the given series converges by Integral Test

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\ln(k+1)} \right)^k$$

Solution

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \sqrt[k]{\left(\frac{1}{\ln(k+1)}\right)^k} = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{\ln(k+1)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\infty}$$
$$= 0$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by *Root Test*

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 (\ln k)^2}$$

Solution

$$k \ln k > k$$

$$(k \ln k)^{2} > k^{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{(k \ln k)^{2}} < \frac{1}{k^{2}}$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{k^{2}} \text{ converges by } \textbf{p-series } (p = 2 > 1)$$

Therefore; the given series also converges by Comparison Test

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ln k}$$

Solution

Let
$$b_k = \frac{1}{k}$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\ln k}$$

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k} = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{\ln k} \cdot \frac{k}{1}$$

$$= \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{k}{\ln k} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$= \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{1}{k}$$

$$= \lim_{k \to \infty} k$$

$$= \infty$$

Therefore; the given series also diverges by Limit Comparison Test

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{5 \ln k}{k}$$

$$\int_{2}^{\infty} \frac{5 \ln x}{x} dx = 5 \int_{2}^{\infty} \ln x d(\ln x)$$
$$= \frac{5}{2} (\ln x)^{2} \Big|_{2}^{\infty}$$
$$= \frac{5}{2} (\infty - (\ln 2)^{2})$$
$$= \infty$$

Therefore; the given series diverges by Integral Test

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ln \left(\frac{k+2}{k+1} \right)$

Solution

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

$$= \left(\ln 3 - \ln 2\right) + \left(\ln 4 - \ln 3\right) + \left(\ln 5 - \ln 4\right) + \cdots + \left(\ln\left(n+2\right) - \ln\left(n+1\right)\right)$$

$$= \ln\left(n+2\right) - \ln 2$$

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \ln\left(\frac{k+2}{k+1}\right) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \left(\ln\left(k+2\right) - \ln 2\right)$$

$$= \infty$$

Therefore; the given series diverges.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 \ln k}$

Solution

$$k^{2} \ln k > k^{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{k^{2} \ln k} < \frac{1}{k^{2}}$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{k^{2}} \text{ converges by } \textbf{p-series } (p = 2 > 1)$$

Therefore; the given series also *converges* by *Comparison Test*.

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{\ln k}}$$

Solution

$$\ln k > 2$$
 For large k .
$$k^{\ln k} > k^2$$

$$\frac{1}{k^{\ln k}} < \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{k^2}$$
 converges by *p*-series $(p = 2 > 1)$

Therefore; the given series also converges by Comparison Test

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n}$$

Solution

Let
$$a_{n} = \frac{n!}{n^{n}}$$

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

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+1}{n+1} \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^{-n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{-n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= e^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{e} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{4} + \frac{1+\sqrt{4}}{8} + \cdots$

Solution

$$\frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{4} + \frac{1+\sqrt{4}}{8} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+\sqrt{n+1}}{2^n}$$
Let $a_n = \frac{1+\sqrt{n+1}}{2^n}$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1+\sqrt{n+2}}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n}{1+\sqrt{n+1}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1+\sqrt{n+2}}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Ratio Test*.

Exercise

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^n}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdots (2n+1)}$

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\left(-3\right)^{n+2}}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdots (2n+1) \cdot (2n+3)} \cdot \frac{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdots (2n+1)}{\left(-3\right)^n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{9}{2n+3}$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore; the given series converges by the Ratio Test.

Use any method to determine if the series converges or diverges. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdots (2n+1)}{18^n (2n-1) n!}$

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdots (2n+1)(2n+3)}{18^{n+1} (2n-1)(2n+1)(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{18^n (2n-1)n!}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdots (2n+1)}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{18} \frac{2n+3}{(2n+1)(n+1)}$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the Ratio Test.

Exercise

Use the integral test to show that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+n^2}$ converges. Show that the sum s of the series is less than $\frac{\pi}{2}$

Solution

$$\int_0^\infty f(x) dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$$
$$= \tan^{-1} x \Big|_0^\infty$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \Big|$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Integral Test* and its sum is less than $\frac{\pi}{2}$

Exercise

Use the root test to show that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n+1}}{n^n}$ converges

Solution

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{2^{n+1}}{n^n}} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2^{(n+1)/n}}{n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2 \times 2^{1/n}}{n}$$

$$= 0$$

Therefore; the given series converges by the Root Test.

Use the root test to test that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{n^2}$ converges

Solution

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

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{n}}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{e} < 1$$

Therefore; the given series *converges* by the *Root Test*.

Exercise

Try to use the ratio test to determine whether $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2n} (n!)^2}{(2n)!}$ converges. What happen?

Now observe that
$$\frac{2^{2n}(n!)^2}{(2n)!} = \frac{\left[2n(2n-2)(2n-4) \cdots 6 \times 4 \times 2\right]^2}{2n(2n-1)(2n-2) \cdots 3 \times 2 \times 1}$$
$$= \frac{2n}{2n-1} \times \frac{2n-2}{2n-3} \times \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{2}{1}$$

Does the given series converges? Why or why not?

Solution

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

$$= \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{4n^2}{4n^2}$$

$$= 1$$

Therefore; the ratio test provides no information However from the given:

$$\frac{2^{2n}(n!)^2}{(2n)!} = \frac{\left[2n(2n-2)(2n-4) \cdots 6\times 4\times 2\right]^2}{2n(2n-1)(2n-2) \cdots 3\times 2\times 1}$$

$$=\frac{2n}{2n-1}\times\frac{2n-2}{2n-3}\times\frac{4}{3}\times\frac{2}{1}\ge 1$$

Therefore; the given series *diverges* to infinity.

Exercise

Suppose
$$a_n > 0$$
 and $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} > \frac{n}{n+1}$ for all n . Show that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.

$$\left(a_n \ge \frac{K}{n} \text{ for some constant } K\right)$$

Solution

If
$$a_n > 0$$
 and $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} > \frac{n}{n+1}$ for all n .

Then, by using induction

Therefore; the given series diverges by comparison with the harmonic series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$

Exercise

Working in the early 1600s, the mathematicians Wallis, Pascal, and Fermat were calculating the area of the region under the curve $y = x^p$ between x = 0 and x = 1, where p is the positive integer. Using arguments that predated the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, they were able to prove that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^p = \frac{1}{p+1}$$

Use Riemann sums and integrals to verify this limit.

The sum on the left is simply the left Riemann sum over n equal intervals between 0 and 1 for $f(x) = x^p$.

The limit of the sum is:

$$\int_0^1 x^p dx = \frac{1}{p+1} x^{p+1} \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{p+1} \qquad (p > 0)$$

Exercise

Complete the following steps to find the values of p > 0 for which the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-1)}{p^k k!}$

converges

- a) Use the Ratio Test to show that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-1)}{p^k k!}$ converges for p > 2.
- b) Use Stirling's formula, $k! = \sqrt{2\pi k} \ k^k e^{-k}$ for large k, to determine whether the series converges when p = 2.

$$\left(Hint: 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-1) = \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-1)2k}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2k} \right)$$

Solution

a) Using the Ratio Test

$$\frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} = \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-1) \cdot (2(k+1)-1)}{p^{k+1}(k+1)!} \cdot \frac{p^k k!}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-1)}$$
$$= \frac{2k+1}{(k+1)p}$$

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{2k+1}{(k+1)p}$$

$$= \frac{2}{p}$$

Therefore; the given series converges for p > 2.

b) When p = 2

Given:
$$1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-1) = \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-1)2k}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2k} = \frac{(2k)!}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2k}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-1)}{2^k k!} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k)!}{2^k k! (2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2k)}$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k)!}{(2^k)^2 (k!)^2}$$

Given:
$$k! = \sqrt{2\pi k} \ k^k e^{-k}$$

 $\rightarrow (2k)! = \sqrt{2\pi (2k)} (2k)^{2k} e^{-2k}$
 $= 2\sqrt{\pi} \sqrt{k} (2^k)^2 (k^k)^2 e^{-2k}$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k)!}{(2^k)^2 (k!)^2} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{k} (2^k)^2 (k^k)^2 e^{-2k}}{(2^k)^2 (\sqrt{2\pi k} k^k e^{-k})^2}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{k}}{(\sqrt{2\pi k})^2}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}\sqrt{k}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{1/2}} (p = \frac{1}{2} < 1)$$

Therefore; the given series diverges for p = 2 by the *Limit Comparison Test* with **p**-series $\left(p = \frac{1}{2} < 1\right)$