

9.6

## Ratio & Root Tests -

### Theorem 9.17 - Ratio Test

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series with nonzero terms.

①  $\sum a_n$  converges absolutely if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1$ .

②  $\sum a_n$  diverges if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| > 1$ , or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \infty$

③ The Ratio Test is inconclusive if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$ .

#8 Consider  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} \cdot 4}{(2n)!}$

← "looks" convergent  
 $(-1)^{n-1}$  ← Alternating  
 $\frac{4}{(2n)!} \rightarrow 0$  fast!

$$\text{Let } a_n = \frac{4}{(2n)!} \quad \text{and } a_{n+1} = \frac{4}{[2(n+1)]!}$$

$$\text{Evaluate: } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{4}{[2(n+1)]!}}{\frac{4}{(2n)!}} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{4}{(2(n+2))!} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{4} \right|$$

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

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

$$= 0 \quad \checkmark$$

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

Ratio Test tells us that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} \cdot 4}{(2n)!}$   
converges absolutely.

9.6

#26

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

Let  $a_n = \frac{n^n}{n!}$  &  $a_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$

$a_n = \frac{n^n}{n!} > 0$

Evaluate:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$

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

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

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

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

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

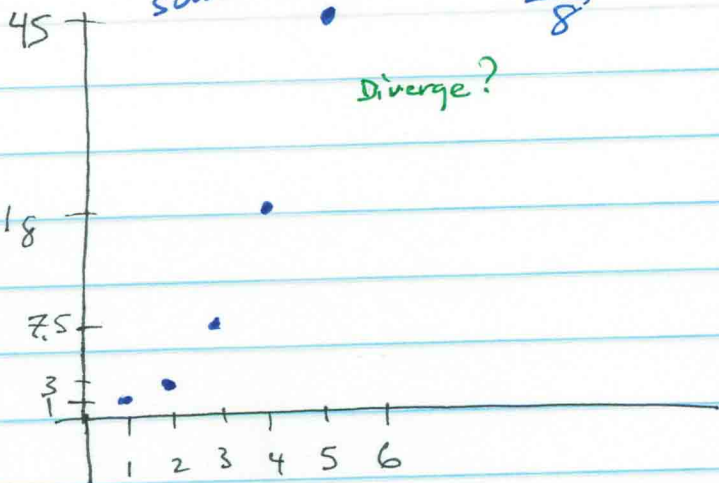
$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n$

$= e$ . Since  $e > 1$ , the Ratio Test,

Theorem 9.17, says that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{n!}$  diverges.

Sequence of partial sums for  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{n!}$

$\frac{2}{8}$



$(n+1)! = (n+1)(n)(n-1)(n-2)\dots$   
 $= (n+1) \cdot n!$

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

9.6

#16

consider

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

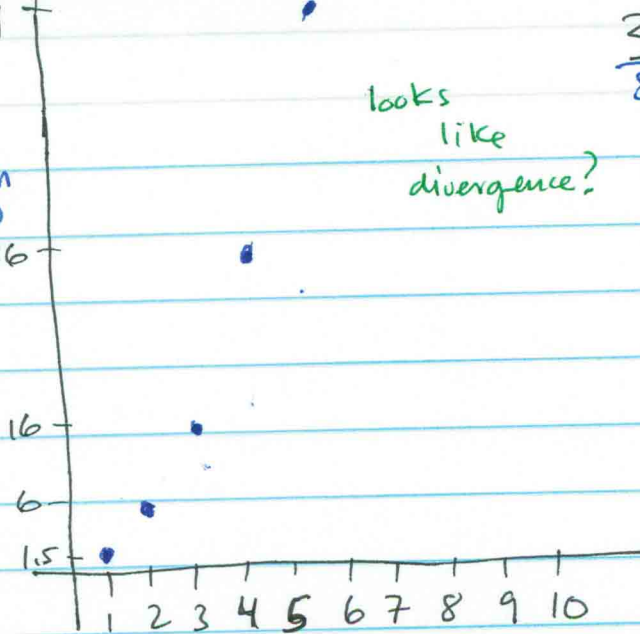
Sequence of partial sums for  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n$

looks like divergence?

$\frac{3}{2}$

let  $a_n = n \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n > 0$

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



Evaluate:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$

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

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

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

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

Since  $\frac{3}{2} > 1$ , by Theorem 9.17, the Ratio Test, we can see that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n$  diverges.

#27

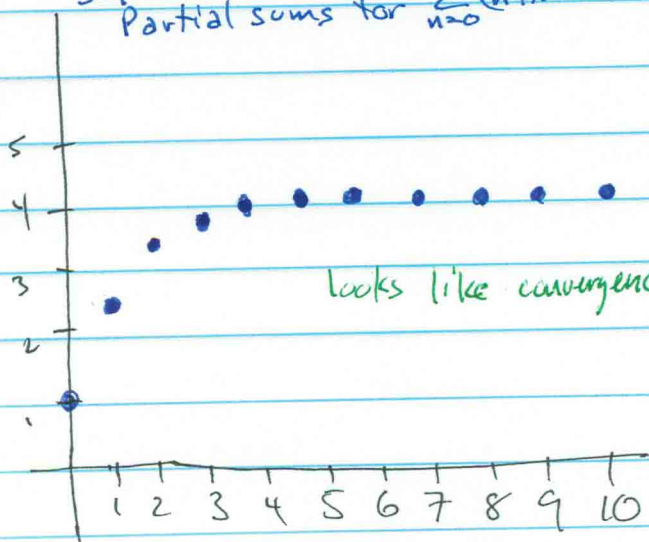
Consider

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

let  $a_n = \frac{3^n}{(n+1)^n} > 0$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{3^{n+1}}{(n+2)^{n+1}}$$

Sequence of partial sums for  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{(n+1)^n}$



looks like convergence!

9.6

#27 cont'd

Evaluate!

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

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

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

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

$$= 0 \quad \text{Since } 0 < 1, \text{ by Theorem 9.17, the Ratio Test, we can see that } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{(n+1)^n} \text{ converges.}$$

\*\*\*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+1}{n+2} \right)^n = \frac{1}{e} \quad ??$$

$$\text{let } y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+1}{n+2} \right)^n$$

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

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

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

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\ln \left( \frac{n+1}{n+2} \right)}{\frac{1}{n}} \right]$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\ln(n+1) - \ln(n+2)}{\frac{1}{n}} \right]$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dn} [\ln(n+1) - \ln(n+2)]}{\frac{d}{dn} (n^{-1})}$$

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

$\rightarrow \infty \quad n \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\ln \left( \frac{n+1}{n+2} \right) \approx \ln(n) \rightarrow \frac{0}{0}$   
 $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$  Indeterminate Form  
use L'Hopital's Rule

9.6 #27 out of 4

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

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{(n+2) - (n+1)}{(n+1)(n+2)} \right] \left[ \frac{n^2}{-1} \right]$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{n^2 + 3n + 2} \right] \left[ \frac{-n^2}{-1} \right]$$

$$\ln(y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-n^2}{n^2 + 3n + 2}$$

$$\ln(y) = -1 \quad \rightarrow \quad e^{\ln(y)} = e^{-1}$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{1}{e}} \quad \underline{\text{Zainks!}}$$

gymnastics  
with limits!

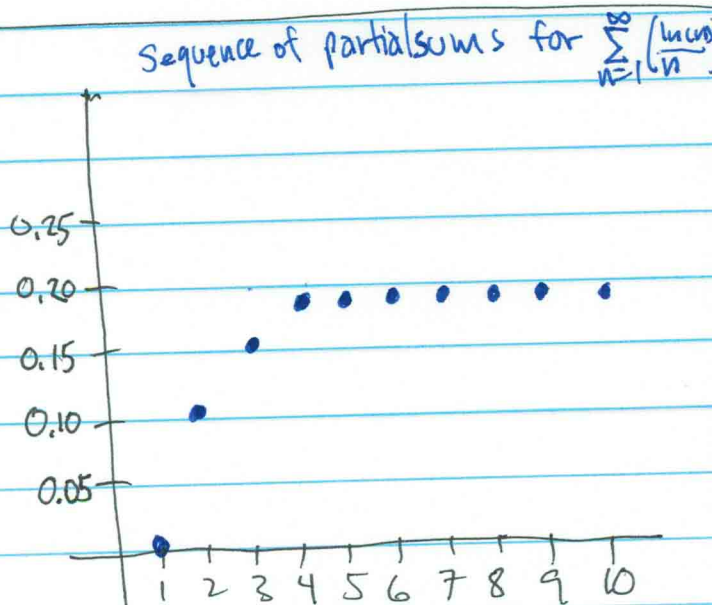
### Theorem 9.18: The Root Test

Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series

- ①  $\sum a_n$  converges absolutely if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} < 1$
- ②  $\sum a_n$  diverges if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} > 1$  or  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \infty$
- ③ The Root Test is inconclusive if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = 1$ .

#48 Consider  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\ln(n)}{n} \right]^n$

$$\text{Let } a_n = \left[ \frac{\ln(n)}{n} \right]^n$$



9.6

#48 cont'd

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

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n} \rightarrow \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \frac{\ln(n)}{n} \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{\infty}$   
Indeterminate form!

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dn} [\ln(n)]}{\frac{d}{dn} [n]}$

Use L'Hopital's Rule!!

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

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

$= 0$ . Since  $0 < |$ , by Theorem 9.18,

the Root Test, we can see that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\ln(n)}{n}\right]^n$  converges absolutely.

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

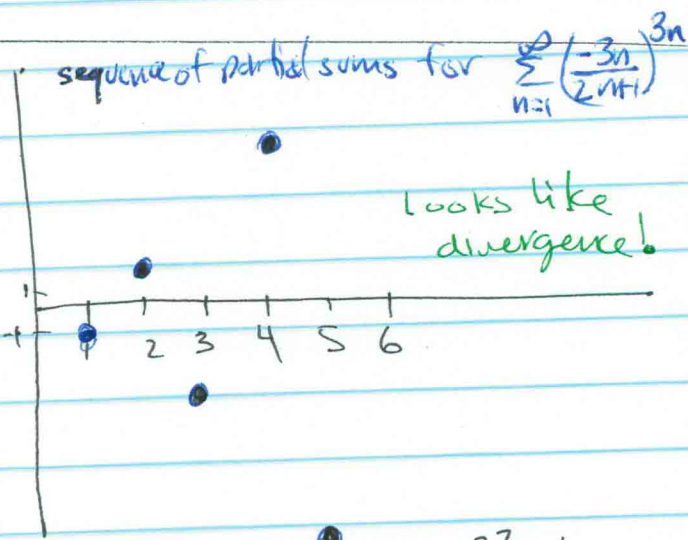
let  $a_n = \left(\frac{-3n}{2n+1}\right)^{3n}$

Evaluate:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}$

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

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

$= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n}{2n+1}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{27}{8}$



Since  $\frac{27}{8} > 1$ , Theorem 9.18, the Root Test, we can see that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-3n}{2n+1}\right)^{3n}$  diverges!

9.6

Example 5

Determine convergence or divergence of each.  
Choose the most efficient test.  
(From Textbook page 643)

1/8

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

b.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^n$

c.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ne^{-n^2}$

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

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

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

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

#81 Consider  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  where  $a_1 = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $a_{n+1} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)a_n$

Recursive definition

TRY The Ratio Test?  $\rightarrow \star \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)a_n}{a_n} \star$

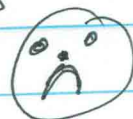
We can see that  $a_n > 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$

Evaluate:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)a_n}{a_n} \right|$

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

$= 1 \leftarrow$  The Ratio Test is

Inconclusive!!



9.6

H81 cont'd

consider  $a_{n+1} = (1 + \frac{1}{n})a_n$ 

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + \frac{1}{n} \cdot a_n$$

this tells us that

$$a_{n+1} \geq a_n \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1$$

So,  $a_n$  is an increasing sequence.

$$\text{Hence, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$$

So, by the  $N$ -th Term Test, our series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

Another way to see this: solve for  $a_n$  ??

$$a_{n+1} = (1 + \frac{1}{n})a_n$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)}{n} a_n$$

$$\text{If } a_1 = \frac{1}{3}, \text{ then } a_2 = \frac{(1+1)}{1} a_1$$

$$a_2 = 2a_1$$

$$a_3 = \frac{(2+1)}{2} a_2$$

$$a_3 = \frac{3}{2} a_2$$

$$a_4 = \frac{4}{3} a_3$$

$$a_5 = \frac{5}{4} a_4, \text{ and so on } \dots$$

$$a_n = \frac{n}{n-1} a_{n-1}$$

Consider the following product:

$$a_2 \cdot a_3 \cdot a_4 \cdot a_5 \cdots a_n = (2a_1) \left(\frac{3}{2}a_2\right) \left(\frac{4}{3}a_3\right) \left(\frac{5}{4}a_4\right) \cdots \left(\frac{n}{n-1}a_{n-1}\right)$$

$$a_2 \cdot a_3 \cdot a_4 \cdot a_5 \cdots a_{n+1} = a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot a_3 \cdot a_4 \cdots n \cdot a_{n-1}$$

$$a_n = a_1 \cdot n$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{3} \cdot n$$

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

Definitely Diverges!!