

**Positive Series: Other Tests**

**Ratio Test:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(1)} = L$$

or

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = L$$

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{f(1)}$$

provided that the latter limit exists.

$f(t) = |f(x)| f(t-x)$ ,  $\frac{f(n)}{f(1)} = \frac{|f(n)|}{|f(1)|}$

$$= \frac{\frac{f(n)}{f(1)}(t-n)}{\frac{f(n)}{f(1)}} = \frac{\frac{f(n)}{f(1)}(t-n)}{t-n}$$

$\ln(t) - \frac{1}{t} \approx -\ln(1) + \frac{1}{t}$ ,  $\ln(t) \approx \frac{1}{t}$ .

$\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du$

where it comes from:  
 $\int u \, dv = u v - \int v \, du$   
 integration by parts  
 $= u v - \int v \, du$   
 example  
 $\int x^2 \, dx = x^2 \cdot 1 - \int 2x \, dx$   
 $= x^2 - 2x + C$

Compare terms of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$

Check the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L$

Check the ratio  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \rho$

Two types of series may converge.

Geometric Series:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^n$  converges if  $|r| < 1$ .

$p$ -series:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  converges if  $p > 1$ .

### Ordinary Comparison Test

If  $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$  for every  $n \geq N$

(i) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges, so does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ .

(ii) If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges, so does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ .

EX 1 Does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3n+4}{4n^2-2n-5}$  converge or diverge?

### Limit Comparison Test

Assume  $a_n \geq 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L$ .

If  $0 < L < \infty$ , then  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  converge or diverge together.

If  $L = 0$  and  $\sum b_n$  converges, then  $\sum a_n$  converges.

EX 2 Does this series converge or diverge?

$$\frac{1}{1^2 + 1} + \frac{2}{2^2 + 1} + \frac{3}{3^2 + 1} + \dots$$

EX 3 Does this series converge or diverge?  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{n^2 + 1}$

#### Ratio Test

If  $\sum a_n$  is a series of positive terms and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \rho$ ,  
then i) if  $\rho < 1$ , the series converges.

ii) if  $\rho > 1$  or if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \infty$ , the series diverges.

iii) if  $\rho = 1$ , then the test is inconclusive.

EX 4 Does this series converge or diverge?  $3 + \frac{3^2}{2!} + \frac{3^3}{3!} + \frac{3^4}{4!} + \dots$

EX 5 Does this series converge or diverge?  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{5+n}$