

Ratio Test

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

Let $a_n = \frac{5^n}{n^2}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2} \cdot \frac{n^2}{5^n} \\ &= 5 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^2 = 5.\end{aligned}$$

Since the limit is greater than 1, the series diverges.

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

Let $a_n = \frac{n^2}{2^n}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n}{n^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

The series converges absolutely.

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

Let $a_n = \frac{2^n}{n^n}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{2^n} \\ &= 2 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n \cdot \frac{1}{n+1} = 0.\end{aligned}$$

The series converges absolutely.

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

Let $a_n = \frac{2^n}{n!}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{2^n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n+1} = 0.\end{aligned}$$

The series converges absolutely.

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

Let $a_n = \frac{n!}{3^n}$. Then

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

The series diverges.

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

Let $a_n = \frac{3^n n!}{n^n}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^{n+1}(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{3^n n!} \\ &= 3 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{e}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $3/e > 1$, the series diverges.

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

Let $a_n = \frac{n!}{(2n)!}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{(2n+2)!} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{n!} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)}{(2n+2)(2n+1)} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The series converges absolutely.

$$8. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!}{n! \cdot n^n}$$

Let $a_n = \frac{(2n)!}{n! \cdot n^n}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+2)!}{(n+1)! \cdot (n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n! \cdot n^n}{(2n)!} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)}{(n+1) \cdot (n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot n^n \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The series converges absolutely.

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

Let $a_n = \left| (-1)^n \cdot \frac{n}{2^n} \right| = \frac{n}{2^n}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{2^n}{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

The series converges absolutely.

$$10. \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{n^2}{n!}$$

Let $a_n = \left| (-1)^n \cdot \frac{n^2}{n!} \right| = \frac{n^2}{n!}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{n^2} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n^2} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The series converges absolutely.