

• The Ratio Test

(i) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L < 1$, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ *converges absolutely*¹

(ii) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L > 1$ (including $L = \infty$), the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.

(iii) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$, no conclusion.

• The Root Test

(i) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = L < 1$, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ *converges absolutely*.

(ii) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = L > 1$ (including $L = \infty$), then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.

(iii) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = 1$, no conclusion.

¹Absolute convergence means $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ converges (and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges).