

Series Convergence Tests (JT)

| Test | Series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ Conditions | Converges when | Diverges when | Comments |
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| Divergence | | | $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ | Test fails if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ |
| Integral | let $f(n) = a_n$; $n \geq 1$ and see comments | $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ converges | $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ diverges | $f(x)$ must be continuous, positive, & decreasing $\forall n > \#$ |
| Comparison | $a_n > 0$ and $b_n > 0$, for all n | $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges and $b_n \geq a_n$, $\forall n >$ some number | $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges and $b_n \leq a_n$, $\forall n >$ some number | |
| Limit Comparison | $a_n > 0$ and $b_n > 0$, for all n | $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \# \geq 0$ | $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \# > 0$ or $= \infty$ | |
| Alternating Series | $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} b_n$ or $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n$ where $b_n > 0, \forall n$ | $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ and $\{b_n\}$ is eventually decreasing | $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ | |
| Ratio | | $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right = \# < 1$ | $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right = \# > 1$ or $= \infty$ | Test fails if limit = 1 |
| Root | | $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{ a_n } = \# < 1$ | $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{ a_n } = \# > 1$ or $= \infty$ | Test fails if limit = 1 |