

**I. Sequence:**

1. The sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$  for some finite real number  $L$
2. The sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  diverges if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq L$  for some finite real number  $L$

**II. Series:**

1. Special series:

a) Consider the *Geometric Series*  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1}$  :

- i) if  $|r| < 1$ , this series converges, and its sum is  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ar^{n-1} = \frac{a}{1-r}$ ,
- ii) if  $|r| \geq 1$ , this series diverges.

b) Consider the *P-Series*  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  :

- i) if  $p > 1$ , this series converges,
- ii) if  $p \leq 1$ , this series diverges.

2. TFD (Test for Divergence): The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$

3. Tests for Convergence:

a) IT (Integral Test): Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and a function  $f$  for which  $f(n) = a_n \forall$  integers  $n \geq 1$  where  $f$  is continuous, positive, and (eventually) decreasing over the interval  $[1, \infty)$ .

- i) if  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges as well,
- ii) if  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges as well.

b) CT (Comparison Test): Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  be two series with positive terms.

- i) If  $a_n \leq b_n \forall n \geq 1$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges
- ii) If  $a_n \geq b_n \forall n \geq 1$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges

c) LCT (Limit Comparison Test): Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  be two series with positive terms.

- i) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L > 0$  where  $L$  is a finite real number, then either both  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converge or both  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  diverge.
- ii) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 0$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges as well.
- iii) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  diverges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges as well.

d) AST (Alternating Series Test): Given  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n$  or  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n$ , where both:

- i)  $a_n \geq a_{n+1} \quad \forall n \geq 1$  and
- ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ ,

then the given series converges.

e) Ratio Test: Given the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ ,

- i) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L < 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely,
- ii) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L > 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges,
- iii) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$ , then any one of the three possibilities might occur:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely, converges conditionally, or diverges.

d) Root Test: Given the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ ,

- i) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = L < 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely,
- ii) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = L > 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges,

iii) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = 1$ , then any one of the three possibilities might occur:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely, converges conditionally, or diverges.