

5. Root Test. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = r$ exists, then the

same conclusions as in the Ratio Test apply:

$0 \leq r < 1$ implies convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$

$r > 1$ implies divergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$

$r = 1$ is inconclusive.

(The root and ratio tests are really comparison tests with a Geometric Series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n$. If $r = 1$, then it is best to try the Integral Test or a comparison test with a p-series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$.)

6. Alternating Series Test. For series of the form $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n$.

If $b_n \geq 0$ for all n , if $\{b_n\}$ is decreasing, and if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n b_n$ converges.

This also applies to $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} b_n$