

Section 8.4

2.

$$a) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 8 \quad \sum a_n \text{ is divergent.}$$

$$b) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 0.8 \quad \sum a_n \text{ is convergent.}$$

$$c) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1 \quad \sum a_n \text{ may or may not converge, that is,}$$

we cannot determine that the series is convergent or divergent using this test.

4.

$$-\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{4} - \frac{3}{5} + \frac{4}{6} - \frac{5}{7} + \dots$$

Let the n th term of the series is a_n . Then

$$a_n = (-1)^n \frac{n}{n+2} \quad \text{Thus } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \text{ does not exist.}$$

Therefore, $\sum a_n$ does not converge.

12.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^4} \quad (|error| < 0.001)$$

$$\text{Let } b_n = \frac{1}{n^4}, \text{ then } b_n < b_{n+1} \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0.$$

Hence, the series is convergent.

$$\text{Moreover, } |R_n| \leq b_{n+1}$$

$$\text{Then if } \frac{1}{n^4} < 0.001, \text{ then } n > \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{0.001}} \approx 5.623413$$

Therefore, we need 5 terms.

22.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^n}{n!} \quad \text{Let } a_n = \frac{(-3)^n}{n!}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{3^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{n+1} = 0$$

Therefore, $\sum a_n$ is absolutely convergent.

24.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{n^2 + 1}, \quad \text{Let } a_n = (-1)^n \frac{n}{n^2 + 1}$$

$$|a_n| = \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} \geq \frac{n}{2n^2} = \frac{1}{2n}, \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1$$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n}$ is divergent, so $\sum a_n$ is also divergent by the Comparison Test.

Therefore, the series does not converge absolutely. (However, the series is convergent by the test for alternating series.)

30.

$$a_1 = 1, \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{2 + \cos n}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot a_n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 + \cos n}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3}{\sqrt{n}} = 0, \quad \text{So that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 0$$

Therefore, the series is absolutely convergent.

34.

$$\sum a_n, \quad r_n = \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}, \quad \text{and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = L < 1$$

$$R_n = a_{n+1} + a_{n+2} + a_{n+3} + \dots$$

a) Prove that if $r_n > r_{n+1}$, and $r_{n+1} < 1$, then $R_n \leq \frac{a_{n+1}}{1 - r_{n+1}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_n &= a_{n+1} + a_{n+2} + a_{n+3} + a_{n+4} + \dots \\
&= a_{n+1} + \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} \cdot a_{n+1} + \frac{a_{n+3}}{a_{n+2}} \cdot \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} \cdot a_{n+1} + \frac{a_{n+4}}{a_{n+3}} \cdot \frac{a_{n+3}}{a_{n+2}} \cdot \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} \cdot a_{n+1} + \dots \\
&= a_{n+1} \left(1 + \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} + \frac{a_{n+3}}{a_{n+2}} \cdot \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} + \frac{a_{n+4}}{a_{n+3}} \cdot \frac{a_{n+3}}{a_{n+2}} \cdot \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} + \dots \right) \\
&= a_{n+1} (1 + r_{n+1} + r_{n+2} \cdot r_{n+1} + r_{n+3} \cdot r_{n+2} \cdot r_{n+1} + \dots) \\
&\leq a_{n+1} (1 + r_{n+1} + r_{n+1}^2 + r_{n+1}^3 + \dots) \text{-----} (*) . \\
&= a_{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - r_{n+1}}
\end{aligned}$$

Remark : $|r_{n+1}| < 1$, and $\{r_{n+1}\}$ is decreasing, so (*) is convergent.

Therefore, $R_n \leq \frac{a_{n+1}}{1 - r_{n+1}}$

b) Prove that if $\{r_n\}$ is the increasing sequence, then $R_n \leq \frac{a_{n+1}}{1 - L}$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_n &= a_{n+1} + a_{n+2} + a_{n+3} + a_{n+4} + \dots \\
&= a_{n+1} + \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} \cdot a_{n+1} + \frac{a_{n+3}}{a_{n+2}} \cdot \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} \cdot a_{n+1} + \frac{a_{n+4}}{a_{n+3}} \cdot \frac{a_{n+3}}{a_{n+2}} \cdot \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} \cdot a_{n+1} + \dots \\
&= a_{n+1} \left(1 + \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} + \frac{a_{n+3}}{a_{n+2}} \cdot \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} + \frac{a_{n+4}}{a_{n+3}} \cdot \frac{a_{n+3}}{a_{n+2}} \cdot \frac{a_{n+2}}{a_{n+1}} + \dots \right) \\
&= a_{n+1} (1 + r_{n+1} + r_{n+2} \cdot r_{n+1} + r_{n+3} \cdot r_{n+2} \cdot r_{n+1} + \dots) \\
&\leq a_{n+1} (1 + L + L^2 + L^3 + \dots) \\
&= a_{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - L}
\end{aligned}$$

Remark : $\{r_n\}$ is increasing sequence, so that $r_n \leq L$ for all n .

Therefore, $R_n \leq \frac{a_{n+1}}{1 - L}$