

# Review of Series Tests and Facts

| TEST                    | SERIES            | CONDITIONS                                                                            | RESULT                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                         | Geometric         | For $c \neq 0$ , $\sum_{n=M}^{\infty} cr^n$<br>$= cr^M + cr^{M+1} + cr^{M+2} + \dots$ | Conv. for $ r  < 1$ to $\frac{cr^M}{1-r}$ .<br>Diverges for $ r  \geq 1$ .                                                                                               |
|                         | P-Series          | $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$                                                   | Converges for $p > 1$ .<br>Diverges for $p \leq 1$ .                                                                                                                     |
|                         | Harmonic          | $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \quad (p = 1)$                                       | Diverges                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Divergence Test         | Any Series        | $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$                                              | $\sum a_n$ diverges                                                                                                                                                      |
| Integral Test           | Positive          | $f(x)$ is positive,<br>cont. & decreasing<br>where $f(n) = a_n$                       | If $\int_*^{\infty} f(x) dx$ converges<br>then $\sum_{n=*}^{\infty} a_n$ converges.<br>If $\int_*^{\infty} f(x) dx$ diverges<br>then $\sum_{n=*}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges. |
| Comparison Test         | Positive          | $0 \leq a_n \leq b_n$ & $\sum b_n$ conv.                                              | $\sum a_n$ converges                                                                                                                                                     |
|                         |                   | $0 \leq b_n \leq a_n$ & $\sum b_n$ div.                                               | $\sum a_n$ diverges                                                                                                                                                      |
| Limit Comparison Test   | Positive          | $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L > 0$                                 | $\sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ have the same behavior                                                                                                                         |
|                         |                   | $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L = \infty$                            | If $\sum b_n$ div., $\sum a_n$ div.                                                                                                                                      |
|                         |                   | $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L = 0$                                 | If $\sum b_n$ conv., $\sum a_n$ conv.                                                                                                                                    |
| Alternating Series Test | $\sum (-1)^n b_n$ | $b_n > 0$ , $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ , and<br>$b_{n+1} < b_n$            | $\sum (-1)^n b_n$ converges.                                                                                                                                             |
| Ratio Test              | Any Series        | $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left  \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right  = L$                  | Absolutely Conv: $L < 1$<br>Divergent: $L > 1$ , or $\infty$<br>Inconclusive: $L = 1$                                                                                    |
| Root Test               | Any Series        | $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{ a_n } = L$                                     | Absolutely Conv: $L < 1$<br>Divergent: $L > 1$ , or $\infty$<br>Inconclusive: $L = 1$                                                                                    |