

Summary of convergence/divergence tests for infinite series:

• **Geometric series:** The series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n$ converges to $\frac{1}{1-r}$ if $-1 < r < 1$ and diverges otherwise.

• **p -series:** The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ converges if $p > 1$ and diverges otherwise.

• **Divergence Test:** If the terms x_n do not approach 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ **diverges**.

• **Integral Test:** If the terms x_n are positive and decreasing, and x_n can be “turned into a function” $f(x)$, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ and the improper integral $\int_{n=1}^{\infty} f(x) dx$ **have the same convergence status**.

• **Comparison Test:** If $0 \leq x_n \leq y_n$ for all n , and the new series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$ converges, then the original series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ **converges**.

If $0 \leq y_n \leq x_n$ for all n , and the new series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$ diverges, then the original series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ **diverges**. If you get a situation/inequality not listed above, the test was **inconclusive** and you have to use another one.

• **Limit Comparison Test:** If $\frac{x_n}{y_n} \rightarrow L \neq 0$ (and L is a finite number), then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$ **have the same convergence status**. If $L = 0$ or $L = \pm\infty$, the test was **inconclusive** and you have to use another one.

• **Alternating Series Test:** If you have a series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n x_n$ or $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} x_n$, and the terms x_n are positive, approach 0, and are decreasing, then the original series **converges**.

• **Absolute Convergence Test:** If you have a series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$, and the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|$ converges, then the original series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ **absolutely converges**, which means that it **converges**.

• **Root Test:** If $\sqrt[n]{|x_n|} = |x_n|^{1/n}$ approaches a limit R , then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ **converges** if $R < 1$ and the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ **diverges** if $R > 1$. If $R = 1$, this test was **inconclusive** and you have to use another one.

• **Ratio Test:** If $\left| \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \right|$ approaches a limit R , then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ **converges** if $R < 1$ and the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ **diverges** if $R > 1$. If $R = 1$, this test was **inconclusive** and you have to use another one.

Approximation formulas:

- **Positive series:** For an infinite series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)$ with positive and decreasing terms, the error from approximating with the N th partial sum is less than $\int_N^{\infty} f(x) dx$.
- **Alternating series:** For an infinite series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n x_n$ or $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} x_n$ with x_n positive and decreasing, the error from approximating with the N th partial sum is less than x_{N+1} .

Formulas for parametric/polar functions:

- **Parametric slope:** $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)}{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)}$ or $\frac{y'}{x'}$
- **Parametric area:** Area = $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} y \frac{dx}{dt} dt$ or $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} yx' dt$
- **Parametric arc length:** Length = $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$ or $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{(x')^2 + (y')^2} dt$
- **Polar conversion:** $y = r \sin \theta$, $x = r \cos \theta$, $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$
- **Polar slope:** $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\left(\frac{dy}{d\theta}\right)}{\left(\frac{dx}{d\theta}\right)}$ or $\frac{(r \sin \theta)'}{(r \cos \theta)'}$
- **Polar area:** Area = $\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\theta$
- **Polar arc length:** Length = $\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta$
- **Useful trig formulas:** $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$, $\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos(2\theta)}{2}$, $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos(2\theta)}{2}$

Taylor series:

- **Taylor series formula:** The Taylor series for $f(x)$ centered at $x = a$ is $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x - a)^n$, where $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}$.
- $\sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$, interval of convergence $(-\infty, \infty)$
- $\cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$, interval of convergence $(-\infty, \infty)$
- $\arctan x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$, interval of convergence $[-1, 1]$
- $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$, interval of convergence $(-\infty, \infty)$
- $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$, interval of convergence $(-1, 1)$