

2. Apply the root test to each of the series below. Does it imply that the series converges or diverges, or is the test inconclusive?

A.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2n^3 + 34n + 5}{n^3 + 7} \right)^n$$

The root test requires us to analyze $\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n}$. Then for the above series,

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left(\frac{2n^3 + 34n + 5}{n^3 + 7} \right)^n \right|^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left(\frac{2n^3 + 34n + 5}{n^3 + 7} \right) \right| = 2 > 1$$

Since $\rho > 1$, the series **diverges**.

B.
$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(\ln(n^2))^n}{n^{2n}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(\ln(n^2))^n}{n^{2n}} \right|^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\ln(n^2)}{n^2} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n^2)}{n^2} \\ &=_{LH} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n/n^2}{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 0 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

By the ratio test we conclude that the series **converges**.

C.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3 - 2n + 10n^2}{10n^2 + n + 7} \right)^n$$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left(\frac{3 - 2n + 10n^2}{10n^2 + n + 7} \right)^n \right|^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left(\frac{3 - 2n + 10n^2}{10n^2 + n + 7} \right) \right| = 1$$

The root test is **inconclusive**.