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## Ratio Test

Series:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$

Condition of Convergence:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1$$

Condition of Divergence:

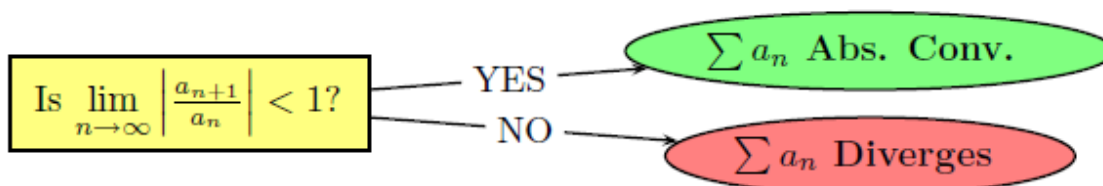
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| > 1$$

\* Test *inconclusive* if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$$

## RATIO TEST

Is  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_{n+1}/a_n| \neq 1$ ? — YES



Ratio Test: Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series with nonzero terms.

- i) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1$ , then the series converges absolutely.
- ii) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| > 1$ , then the series is divergent.
- iii) If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 1$ , then the test is inconclusive (and another test must be used).