- 1. Alternating Series Test: If  $(z_n)$  is monotonically decreasing sequence of non-negatives converging to zero, the series  $\sum (-1)^{n+1}z_n$  converges. Proof is analogous to the example of alternating harmonic series. One just observes that the even subsequence of partial sums  $s_{2n}$  is monotonically increasing and the odd subsequence of partial sums  $s_{2n+1}$  is monotonically decreasing. Further  $0 \leq s_{2n} \leq s_{2n} + z_{2n+1} = s_{2n+1} \leq z_1$ . This makes the two subsequences bounded and hence convergent. Using  $z_{2n+1} \to 0$  and squeeze theorem they converge to the same value. Using this establish that the alternating series converges.
- 2. Comparison test for non–negative series. Similar one for negative series. Statement: Let  $0 \le x_n \le y_n$  for  $n \ge K$ , some natural. Then (i)  $\sum y_n$  converges implies  $\sum x_n$  converges. Also, (ii)  $\sum x_n$ diverges implies  $\sum y_n$  diverges. How about if  $\sum x_n$  converges or  $\sum y_n$  diverges? Further, in above comparison test, do we need  $0 \leq x_n$ ? Will the test be true if this condition is dropped?
- 3. Limit comparison test:  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  are positive sequences and  $r = \lim \frac{x_n}{y_n}$  exists. Then: (i) If  $r \neq 0$ ,  $\sum x_n$  is convergent if and only if  $\sum y_n$  is convergent. Proof: Take  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}r$ . There exists a natural K such that  $n \geq K$  implies  $\left|\frac{x_n}{y_n}\right|$  $\frac{x_n}{y_n}-r|<\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}r$ , i.e.,  $\frac{1}{2}r < \frac{x_n}{y_n} < \frac{3}{2}$  $\frac{3}{2}r$  whence  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  $(\frac{1}{2}r)y_n < x_n < (\frac{3}{2})$  $\frac{3}{2}r$ )y<sub>n</sub>. Now apply comparison test. (ii) If  $r = 0$ , and  $\sum y_n$  is convergent then  $\sum x_n$  is convergent. Proof: Take  $\epsilon = 1$ . There exists a natural K such that  $n \geq K$  implies  $-1 < 0 < \frac{x_n}{n}$  $\frac{x_n}{y_n}$  < 1 whence  $0 < x_n < y_n$ . Now apply comparison test.
- 4. Examples:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2+n+1}$  by comparison with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ . Limit  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ . Limit comparison of  $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n+9}}$  with  $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{n}}$
- 5. Value Root Test: Let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence of reals. Suppose for some real r,  $|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq r$  for all  $n \geq K$  for some natural K. If  $r < 1$ , the series  $\sum a_n$  (and  $\sum |a_n|$ ) are convergent. For a proof, compare with geometric series. Suppose  $|a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq 1$  for all  $n \geq K$  for some natural K. Then the series  $\sum a_n$  (and  $\sum |a_n|$ ) are divergent. For a proof, use  $n$ -th term test.
- 6. Limit Root Test: Suppose  $(a_n)$  be a sequence of reals such that  $r = \lim_{n \to \infty} |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}$  exists. If  $r < 1$ , then  $\sum a_n$  (and  $\sum |a_n|$ ) are convergent. If  $r > 1$ , then  $\sum a_n$  (and  $\sum |a_n|$ ) are divergent.
- 7. Value Ratio Test: Let  $(a_n)$  be a sequence of non-zero reals. Suppose that for some real  $r$ ,  $\Big|$  $a_{n+1}$  $\overline{a_n}$  $\vert \leq r$  for all  $n \geq K$  for some natural K. If  $r < 1$ , the series  $\sum a_n$  (and  $\sum |a_n|$ ) are convergent. For a proof, compare with geometric series.  $\text{Suppose}$  $a_{n+1}$  $\overline{a_n}$  $\vert \geq 1$  for all  $n \geq K$  for some natural K. Then, the series  $\sum a_n$  (and  $\sum |a_n|$ ) are divergent. For a proof, use  $n$ –th term test.
- 8. Limit Ratio Test: Suppose that  $(a_n)$  is a sequence of non–zero reals such that  $r = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \right)$  $a_{n+1}$  $a_n$  exists. If  $r < 1$ , then  $\sum a_n$  (and  $\sum |a_n|$ ) are convergent. If  $r > 1$ , then  $\sum a_n$  (and  $\sum |a_n|$ ) are divergent.