

Calculus 2 Convergence and Divergence Tests Chart:

Test	Converges	Diverges	Inconclusive
<i>limit</i>	None	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$
<i>ratio</i> (the go-to test)	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right < 1$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right > 1$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right = 1$
<i>geometric</i> (form of $\sum_0^{\infty} r^n$)	$ r < 1$ converges to $\frac{1}{1-r}$	$ r > 1$	None
<i>root</i> (n power in expon.)	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{ a_n } < 1$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{ a_n } > 1$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{ a_n } = 1$
<i>p - series</i> (form of $\frac{1}{n^p}$)	$p > 1$	$p \leq 1$	None
<i>integral</i> (positive, decreasing, continuous a_n for $n \geq 1$)	$\int_1^{\infty} a_n dn < \infty$	$\int_1^{\infty} a_n dn = \infty$	None
<i>Leibniz's/alternating</i> (form of $\sum_1^{\infty} (-1)^{n+c} a_n$)	a_n is decreasing and limits to zero	None	None
<i>direct comparison</i> (for a_n with small changes from a known series b_n)	for $\sum b_n > \sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ converges	for $\sum b_n < \sum a_n$ and $\sum b_n$ diverges	None
<i>limit comparison</i> (similar to direct comparison test)	for positive a_n and b_n $0 < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} < \infty$ and b_n converges	for positive a_n and b_n $0 < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} < \infty$ and b_n diverges	None