

# The 'Mac'Lauren

Always start with the: Nth term test	
$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$	
= 0	≠ 0
inconclusive	diverges

<b>What to look for:</b>	$\frac{1}{n^p}$		$\sum a(r)^n$		$\sum (a_n)^n$		Factorials and exponentials		$(-1)^n$	
<b>Test to use:</b>	p-series		Geometric series		Root test		Ratio test		Alternating series test	
<b>How to apply it:</b>					$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{ a_n }$		$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left  \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right $		$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}  a_n $	
<b>Result:</b>	$p > 1$	$p \leq 1$	$ r  < 1$	$ r  \geq 1$	$< 1$	$> 1$	$< 1$	$> 1$	= 0	≠ 0
	converge	diverge	converge	diverge	converge	diverge	converge	diverge	converges	Use $n^{\text{th}}$ term to show divergence

<b>What to look for:</b>	$\sum a_n - b_n$		An obvious u-sub		Obviously < or > a similar function		Great for $\frac{n^{a+\#}}{n^{b+\#}}$ , also $\sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ and $\tan\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$	
<b>Test to use:</b>	Telescoping series		Integral test		Direct comparison test		Limit comparison test	
<b>How to apply it:</b>	Write out first several terms to determine if the interior terms all cancel		$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b a_n$				$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left  \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right $	
<b>Result:</b>	Sum = #	Sum = ∞	= #	= ∞	< converging	> diverging	Limit is positive and finite	
	converge	inconclusive	Converge	diverge	converge	diverge	The functions match	