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Real Analysis: De Morgan's and Bertrand Test.

Q.1. State and prove De Morgan's and Bertrand's Test.

Soln: Statement: $\rightarrow$ The positive term series $\sum u_n$ Converges or diverges according as

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left\{ n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) - \log n \right\} \right] > 1 \text{ or } < 1.$$

Proof: We compare the given series $\sum u_n$ with the auxiliary series $\sum v_n$, where $v_n = \frac{1}{n(\log n)^p}$.

We know that $\sum v_n$ is convergent or divergent according as $p > 1$ or $p < 1$.

Hence, by comparison test, the given series $\sum u_n$ is convergent or divergent according

as $\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} > \text{or } < \frac{v_n}{v_{n+1}}$.

or, $\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} > \text{or } < \frac{1}{(n+1) \log(n+1)^p}$

or, $\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} > \text{or } < \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left[\frac{\log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{\log n} \right]^p$

or, $\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} > \text{or } < \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left\{ \frac{\log n + \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{\log n} \right\}^p$

or, $\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} > \text{or } < \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left\{ \log n + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2n^2} + \dots \rightarrow \infty \right\}^p$

or, $\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} > \text{or } < \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{n \log n} - \frac{1}{2n^2 \log n} + \dots \rightarrow \infty \right\}^p$

or, $\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} > \text{or } < \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left[1 + \frac{p}{n \log n} - \dots \rightarrow \infty \right]$ [By Binomial Theorem]

$$\text{or, } \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} > \text{ or } < 1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{p}{n \log n} + \frac{p}{n^2 \log n} + \dots = 1 + \dots$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 > \text{ or } < \frac{1}{n} \left\{ 1 + \frac{p}{\log n} + \frac{p}{n \log n} + \dots \right\}$$

$$\text{or, } n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) > \text{ or } < 1 + \frac{p}{\log n} + \frac{p}{n \log n} + \dots$$

$$\text{or, } n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) - 1 > \text{ or } < p \left(\frac{1}{\log n} + \frac{1}{n \log n} + \dots \right)$$

$$\text{or, } \left\{ n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) - 1 \right\} \log n > \text{ or } < p (1 + \frac{1}{n} + \dots)$$

proceeding to limits as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left\{ n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) - 1 \right\} \log n \right] > \text{ or } < p$$

$$\text{or, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left\{ n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) - 1 \right\} \log n \right] > \text{ or } < 1.$$

Hence, the test, proved.

Q.2. Examine the convergence for $n > 0$:

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{a(a+1)}{b(b+1)}x + \dots + \frac{a(a+1)(a+2)\dots(a+n)}{b(b+1)(b+2)\dots(b+n)}x^n + \dots \text{ to } \infty.$$

Sol. Let the general term of the given series be denoted by u_n .

$$\text{Then, } u_n = \frac{a(a+1)(a+2)\dots(a+n)}{b(b+1)(b+2)\dots(b+n)}x^n$$

$$\text{And } u_{n+1} = \frac{a(a+1)(a+2)\dots(a+n+1)}{b(b+1)(b+2)\dots(b+n+1)}x^{n+1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{b+n}{a+n} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{\frac{b}{a} + 1}{\frac{a}{a} + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{x}, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{1}{x}$$

Hence, by D'Alembert's ratio test, the given series is Convergent or divergent according as $\frac{1}{x} > 1$ or $\frac{1}{x} < 1$, ~~that is~~

that is, $x < 1$ or $x > 1$.
When $x = 1$, then this test fails.

Let $a \geq b$, then $\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} \leq 1$ or $u_n \leq u_{n+1}$ for all n .

$\therefore u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n \geq n u_1, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n) \rightarrow \infty.$
 $\therefore \sum u_n$ is divergent.

Let $a < b$ and $\kappa = 1$. Now we apply Raabe's test.

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 = \frac{b+n}{a+n} - 1 = \frac{b-a}{a+n} \quad \text{or, } n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) = \frac{b-a}{a+n} = \frac{b-a}{\frac{a}{n} + 1}$$

or, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) \right\} = b-a$. Hence, by Raabe's test, the given series is convergent or divergent according as $b-a > 1$ or < 1 .

Raabe's test fails when $b-a=1$.

Now, we apply De Morgan and Bertrand's test.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) - 1 &= \frac{b-a}{a+n} - 1 = \frac{n(b-a) - a - 1}{a+n} \\ &= \frac{n-a-1}{a+n}, \text{ as } b-a=1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or, } \left\{ n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) - 1 \right\} \log n &= \frac{-a}{a+n} \cdot \log n = \frac{-a}{a+n} \cdot \frac{\log n}{n} \\ &= \frac{-a}{\frac{a}{n} + 1} \cdot \frac{\log n}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left\{ n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) - 1 \right\} \log n \right] = -a \cdot 0 = 0 < 1.$$

$$\text{as } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n}{n} = 0.$$

Hence, the given series is divergent when $b-a=1$, by De Morgan and Bertrand's test.

Q. 3. Test the convergence of the series, $(n!)^{1/n}$

$$1 + \frac{2^2}{3^2} + \frac{2^2 \cdot 4^2}{3^2 \cdot 5^2} + \frac{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6^2}{3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2} + \dots \rightarrow \infty.$$

Soln let the general term be denoted by u_n .

$$\text{Then } u_n = \frac{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6^2 \cdot \dots (2n)^2}{3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot \dots (2n+1)^2} \cdot n!$$

$$\text{And } u_{n+1} = \frac{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6^2 \cdot \dots (2n)^2 (2n+2)^2}{3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot \dots (2n+1)^2 (2n+3)^2} \cdot n^{n+1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{(2n+3)^2}{(2n+2)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \frac{(2+\frac{3}{n})^2}{(2+\frac{2}{n})^2} \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

or, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{1}{\pi}$. Hence, D'Alembert's ratio test suggests that the given series is convergent or divergent according as $\frac{1}{\pi} >$ or < 1 , that is, $\pi <$ or > 1 .

If $\pi = 1$, then D'Alembert's ratio test is unable to draw any conclusion.

Now, Raabe's test will be helpful.

$$\text{We have, } \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 = \frac{(9n+3)^2}{(2n+2)^2} - 1 = \frac{4n^2 + 12n + 9 - 4n^2 - 8n - 4}{(2n+2)^2} \\ = \frac{4n+5}{(2n+2)^2}$$

$$\text{or, } n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) = \frac{4n^2 + 5n}{(2n+2)^2} = \frac{4 + \frac{5}{n}}{(2 + \frac{2}{n})^2}$$

$$\text{or, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) \right\} = \frac{4}{1} = 1$$

Hence, Raabe's test is helpless to infer any conclusion.

$$\text{We have, } n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) - 1 = \frac{4n^2 + 5n}{(2n+2)^2} - 1 = \frac{4n^2 + 5n - 4n^2 - 8n - 4}{(2n+2)^2}$$

$$\text{or, } \left\{ n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) - 1 \right\} \log n = \frac{-3n-4}{(2n+2)^2} \cdot \log n = \frac{-3n^2 - 4n}{(2n+2)^2} \cdot \frac{\log n}{n} \\ = \frac{3 - \frac{4}{n}}{(2 + \frac{2}{n})^2} \cdot \frac{\log n}{n}$$

$$\text{or, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left\{ n \left(\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) - 1 \right\} \right] = \frac{3}{4} \cdot 0 = 0 < 1.$$

$$\text{as } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n}{n} = 0$$

Hence, De Morgan and Bertrand's test infers that the given series is divergent when $\pi = 1$.