0! = 1 and if n > 0 then  $n! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times ... \times n$ 

**The** *n***-th Term Test for Divergence**:  $\sum a_n$  diverges if  $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n$  fails to exist or is different from zero.

**The Limit Comparison Test**: Let  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  be series with positive terms and suppose

$$L = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n}$$

- a) If L is finite and L > 0, then the series both converge or both diverge.
- b) If L = 0 and  $\sum b_n$  converges, then  $\sum a_n$  converges.
- c) If  $L = \infty$  and  $\sum b_n$  diverges, then  $\sum a_n$  diverges.

**Ratio Test**: Let  $\sum a_n$  be a series with nonzero terms and suppose  $\rho = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$ .

- a) If  $\rho < 1$ , the series converges absolutely.
- b) If  $\rho > 1$  or  $\rho = \infty$ , the series diverges.
- c) If  $\rho = 1$ , then the test is inconclusive, use a different test.

Alternating Series Test: An alternating series  $\sum (-1)^n u_n$  or  $\sum (-1)^{n+1} u_n$  converges if the following three conditions are satisfied:

1)  $u_n > 0$  for all  $n \ge N$  2)  $\lim_{n \to \infty} u_n = 0$  3)  $u_n \ge u_{n+1}$  for all  $n \ge N$  for some N