

GAUSS TEST

— let  $\sum u_n$  be a +ve term series and let there exists 2 +ve numbers  $\rho$  and  $\delta$  and a bounded sequence  $\langle a_n \rangle$  such that

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = 1 + \frac{\rho}{n} + \frac{a_n}{n^{1+\delta}}$$

then the series  $\sum u_n$  converges if  $\rho > 1$  and diverges if  $\rho \leq 1$

Proof:-

Given that

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = 1 + \frac{\rho}{n} + \frac{a_n}{n^{1+\delta}}$$

then

$$n \left( \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) = \rho + \frac{a_n}{n^\delta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \rho + \frac{a_n \cdot 1}{n^\delta} \right) \\ &= \rho \quad (\text{as } \delta \text{ is +ve}) \end{aligned}$$

So, by Raabe's Test the series  
 Converges if  $\beta > 1$   
 and diverges if  $\beta < 1$

Now, Consider  $\beta = 1$

In this case

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = 1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{a_n}{n^{1+\delta}} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Consider the divergent series

$$\sum u_n = \sum \frac{1}{n \log n}$$

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = 1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{a_n}{n^{1+\delta}} - \frac{(n+1) \log(n+1)}{n \log n}$$

$$= \frac{a_n}{n^{1+\delta}} - \frac{n+1}{n} \left[ \frac{\log(n+1)}{\log n} - 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^{1+\delta}} \left[ a^n - (n+1) \log \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \cdot \frac{n^\delta}{\log n} \right]$$

$$\text{--- (2)}$$

But,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1) \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) + \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right).$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n + \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \right]$$

$$= 1.$$

Also,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{\delta}}{\log n} = \infty$

L-Hospital's Rule  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\delta n^{\delta-1}}{1/n}$   
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta n^{\delta} = \infty$

Thus, we see that for sufficiently large value of  $n$

$$\left\{ n - (n+1) \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{n^{\delta}}{\log n} \right\} < 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

From (2) and (3)

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - \frac{v_n}{v_{n+1}} < 0 \quad \forall n \geq 0$$

ie.  $\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} < \frac{v_n}{v_{n+1}}$

$\therefore$  By comparison Test  $\sum u_n$  is divergent.



8). Discuss the convergency of the series  $x^2(\log 2)^p + x^3(\log 3)^p + \dots + x^n(\log n)^p + \dots$

Solution:

$$U_n = x^{n+1} \{ \log(n+1) \}^p$$

$$U_{n+1} = x^{n+2} \{ \log(n+2) \}^p$$

$$\frac{U_n}{U_{n+1}} = \frac{1}{x} \left\{ \frac{\log(n+1)}{\log(n+2)} \right\}^p$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} \left\{ \frac{\log n (1 + \frac{1}{n})}{\log n (1 + \frac{2}{n})} \right\}^p$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} \left\{ \frac{\log n + \log(1 + \frac{1}{n})}{\log n + \log(1 + \frac{2}{n})} \right\}^p$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} \left\{ \frac{\log n + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2n^2} + \dots}{\log n + \frac{2}{n} - \frac{4}{2n^2} + \dots} \right\}^p$$

$$= \frac{1}{x} \left\{ \frac{1 + \frac{1}{n \log n} - \dots}{1 + \frac{2}{n \log n} - \dots} \right\}^p$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{x} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n \log n} + \dots \right)^p \left( 1 + \frac{2}{n \log n} + \dots \right)^{-p} \\
&= \frac{1}{x} \left( 1 + \frac{p}{n \log n} + \dots \right) \left( 1 - \frac{2p}{n \log n} + \dots \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{x} \left( 1 + \frac{p}{n \log n} - \frac{2p}{n \log n} + \dots \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{x} \left( 1 - \frac{p}{n \log n} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = \frac{1}{x}$$

So, by D'Alembert's Ratio Test the given series is convergent if  $\frac{1}{x} > 1$   
i.e.  $x < 1$

and divergent if  $\frac{1}{x} < 1$   
i.e.  $x > 1$

When  $x = 1$ , D'Alembert's ratio test fails.

In this case

$$\frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} = 1 - \frac{p}{n \log n}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left[ \frac{u_n}{u_{n+1}} - 1 \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left[ -\frac{p}{n \log n} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-p}{\log n}$$

$$= 0 < 1$$

So, By Raabe's Test, series is divergent for  $x=1$ .

Hence, the given series is convergent when  $x < 1$   
and divergent when  $x \geq 1$ .