

1. Determine whether or not the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2k}{3k + \sqrt[k]{k}} \right)^k$  converges.

We will use the Root Test.

$$l = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{\left( \frac{2k}{3k + \sqrt[k]{k}} \right)^k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2k}{3k + \sqrt[k]{k}} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Since  $l < 1$ , the series converges.

recall that  $\{\sqrt[k]{k}\}$  converges to 1

C and AC are the same when all terms are positive.

2. Determine whether or not the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^k k!}{4 \cdot 7 \cdot 10 \cdots (3k+1)}$  converges.

We will use the Ratio Test:

$$l = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{k+1} (k+1)!}{4 \cdot 7 \cdot 10 \cdots (3k+1)(3k+4)} \cdot \frac{4 \cdot 7 \cdot 10 \cdots (3k+1)}{2^k k!}$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2(k+1)}{3k+4} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Since  $l < 1$ , the series converges (absolutely).

$(-1)^k$  is "removed" by the absolute values

went straight to the invert and multiply step

3. Determine if the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{k^3}{3^k}$  converges absolutely, converges conditionally, or diverges.

We will use the Root Test:

$$l = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[k]{\left| (-1)^{k+1} \frac{k^3}{3^k} \right|} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \sqrt[k]{k} \right)^3}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Since  $l < 1$ , the series converges absolutely.

4. Find all values of  $x$  for which the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{k}{3^k} (x-1)^k$  converges absolutely. *Hint:* Express  $l$  as a function of  $x$ .

We will use the Ratio Test: (just to illustrate)

$$l = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(k+1)(x-1)^{k+1}}{3^{k+1}} \cdot \frac{3^k}{k(x-1)^k} \right|$$
$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k+1}{3k} |x-1| = \frac{|x-1|}{3}$$

We need  $l < 1$  for absolute convergence. Hence, the series converges absolutely for all  $x$  that satisfy  $|x-1| < 3$ .

this corresponds to the interval  $(-2, 4)$