

Exp. Examine the convergence of the Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2n} \cdot \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2^{n+1}}, \quad (x > 0)$$

Solution :- We have

$$a_n = \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2n} \cdot \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2^{n+1}}$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-1) (2n+1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots 2n \cdot (2n+2)} \cdot \frac{x^{2n+3}}{2^{n+3}}$$

$$\text{Then } \therefore \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = \frac{(2n+2)(2n+3)}{(2n+1)(2n+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot \frac{(2n+2)(2n+3)}{(2n+1)(2n+1)}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot \frac{(2+\frac{2}{n})(2+\frac{3}{n})}{(2+\frac{1}{n})(2+\frac{1}{n})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot \frac{(2)(2)}{(2)(2)} = \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot \frac{2 \times 2}{2 \times 2}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

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By Ratio test, $\sum a_n$ converges if $\frac{1}{x^2} > 1$

i.e. $x^2 < 1$ or $x < 1$ (as $x > 0$) and diverges if $x > 1$.

Test fails for $x=1$.

$$\text{Then } \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = \frac{(2n+2)(2n+3)}{(2n+1)(2n+1)}$$

Now

$$n \left(\frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} - 1 \right) = n \left[\frac{(2n+2)(2n+3)}{(2n+1)^2} - 1 \right]$$

$$= n \left[\frac{4n^2 + 4n + 6n + 6 - 4n^2 - 4n}{(2n+1)^2} \right]$$

$$= n \left[\frac{6n+6}{(2n+1)^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{n^2(6 + 5/n)}{n^2(2 + 1/n)^2}$$

$$n \left(\frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} - 1 \right) = \frac{6 + 5/n}{(2 + 1/n)^2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} - 1 \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(6 + 5/n)}{(2 + 1/n)^2} \\ = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2} > 1$$

Hence, $\sum a_n$ converges for $x \neq 1$ by Raabe's Test.