



Find whether the following series is convergent or divergent:

$$x^2 + \frac{2^2}{3 \cdot 4} x^4 + \frac{2^2 4^2}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} x^6 + \frac{2^2 4^2 6^2}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8} x^8 + \dots$$

Now put the value of $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T_{n+1}}{T_n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+2)^2 x^2}{(2n+3)(2n+4)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(2 + \frac{2}{n}\right)^2 x^2}{\left(2 + \frac{3}{n}\right) \left(2 + \frac{4}{n}\right)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(2 + \frac{2}{\infty}\right)^2 x^2}{\left(2 + \frac{3}{\infty}\right) \left(2 + \frac{4}{\infty}\right)} \\ &= \frac{(2+0)^2 x^2}{(2+0)(2+0)} \\ &= x^2\end{aligned}$$

Now for the value of $x > 1$, S_n diverges

For $-1 < x < 1$, S_n converges

And if $x = 1$ the ratio test fails

As already explained, if the ratio test fails, we use Raabe's Test

Raabe's test is given by the formula $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{T_n}{T_{n+1}} - 1 \right] n$; hence by applying in this series where $x = 1$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{T_n}{T_{n+1}} - 1 \right] n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{(2n+3)(2n+4)}{(2n+2)^2} - 1 \right] n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{4n^2 + 8n + 6n + 12}{4n^2 + 8n + 4} - 1 \right] n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{4n^2 + 14n + 12 - 4n^2 - 8n - 4}{4n^2 + 8n + 4} \right] n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left[\frac{6n + 8}{4n^2 + 8n + 4} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{6n^2 + 8n}{4n^2 + 8n + 4} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Now taking common from both the numerator and the denominator

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{T_n}{T_{n+1}} - 1 \right] n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{6n^2 + 8n}{4n^2 + 8n + 4} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2} \left[\frac{6 + \frac{8}{n}}{4 + \frac{8}{n} + \frac{4}{n^2}} \right]$$

Now put the value of $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{T_n}{T_{n+1}} - 1 \right] n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{n^2} \left[\frac{6 + \frac{8}{n}}{4 + \frac{8}{n} + \frac{4}{n^2}} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{6 + \frac{8}{\infty}}{4 + \frac{8}{\infty} + \frac{4}{\infty^2}} \right] \\ &= \left[\frac{6 + 0}{4 + 0 + 0} \right] \\ &= \frac{6}{4} \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Since the value of $n = \frac{3}{2} > 1$

Hence the series is convergent at $x = 1$