

**Theorem 7.27.** [ODR] (Solved on 2022-12-13) Consider the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  where the terms are positive:  $a_n > 0$ . Define

$$z_n = n \left( \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} - 1 \right)$$

for convenience.

- If  $z_n \leq 1$  eventually in  $n$ , then the series does not converge.
- If there exists  $L > 1$  such that  $z_n \geq L$  eventually in  $n$ , i.e. equivalently if

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n > 1 \quad ,$$

then the series converges.

In addition, fixed  $h \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we can define

$$z_n = (n + h) \left( \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} - 1 \right)$$

or

$$z_n = n \left( \frac{a_{n+h}}{a_{n+h+1}} - 1 \right)$$

such as

$$z_n = n \left( \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} - 1 \right)$$

and the criterion applies in the same way.

**Solution 1.** [ODS]