

Determine about the convergence or divergence of each of the following series:

$$(1) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{5k}{3k+2} \right)^k$$

Using the root test, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (a_k)^{\frac{1}{k}} &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( \frac{5k}{3k+2} \right)^k \right]^{\frac{1}{k}} \\ &= \frac{5}{3} > 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  the series diverges.

$$(2) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^k}{k!}$$

By the ratio test,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \cdot \frac{k!}{e^k} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e}{k+1} \\ &= 0 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  the series converges

$$(3) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+|\sin k|}{k^4}$$

We use Comparison test:

first, note that  $|\sin k| \leq 1$

$$\frac{1+|\sin k|}{k^4} \leq \frac{2}{k^4}$$

So, we consider  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{k^4}$  which is

convergent [p-series],

$$\text{and } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+|\sin k|}{k^4} \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{k^4}$$

$\therefore$  by the comparison test, the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+|\sin k|}{k^4} \text{ converges.}$$

$$(4) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^k}{7^{k+1}}$$

Using the root test, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (a_k)^{\frac{1}{k}} &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{k^k}{7^{k+1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( \frac{k}{7} \right)^k \right]^{\frac{1}{k}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{7} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{k}{7} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{7} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  the series diverges.