

A. For the ratio test, we compute

$$\left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(2x)^{2n+3}(2n+1)}{(2n+3)(-1)^n(2x)^{2n+1}} \right| = \left| (2x)^2 \frac{2n+1}{2n+3} \right| = 4x^2 \frac{2+1/n}{2+3/n}.$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, this expression limits to $4x^2$. So the series converges where $4x^2 < 1$ and diverges where $4x^2 > 1$. We must specifically check where $4x^2 = 1$, which is where $x = \pm \frac{1}{2}$. At $x = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ we have the series $\pm \sum \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1}$, which converges by the alternating series test. [You fill in the details.] So the interval of convergence is $[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$.

B. For the root test, we compute

$$\left| \left(\frac{cn-1}{n+12} \right)^n \right|^{1/n} = \frac{|cn-1|}{n+12} = \frac{|c-1/n|}{1+12/n} \rightarrow |c|.$$

So the series should converge (absolutely) as long as $|c| < 1$. So $c = \frac{1}{2}$ works, for example.

C. It is easier to analyze

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log a_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left(n^{1/n} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n}{n} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log x}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

(The fourth equality follows by L'Hopital's rule.) Therefore a_n converges to $e^0 = 1$.

D. By the integral test, the series converges if and only if the integral $\int_2^\infty \frac{1}{x \log x} dx$ converges. The integral is

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b x^{-1} (\log x)^{-1} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\log \log x]_2^b \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \log \log b - \log \log 2 \\ &= \infty. \end{aligned}$$

So the series diverges. [Bonus problem: For which values of q does $\sum \frac{1}{n^q \log n}$ converge?]

E.A. It's an alternating series. The absolute value of the n th term is $\sin^2(1/n)/n^{9/2}$, which is strictly decreasing. The limit of the terms is 0, because the numerator is between 0 and 1 and the denominator goes to infinity. So, by the alternating series test, the series converges. [Bonus: The series converges absolutely.]

E.B. The error in truncating after the 10th term is no larger than the absolute value of the 11th term, which is $\sin(1/11)/11^{9/2}$.