

Use the Root Test to determine whether the series is convergent or divergent.<sup>1</sup>

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

We compute the limit

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left| \left( \frac{-2n}{n+1} \right)^{5n} \right|} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left( \frac{-1 \cdot 2 \cdot n}{n+1} \right)^5 \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^5 \cdot 2^5 \cdot n^5}{(n+1)^5} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^5 \cdot n^5}{(n+1)^5} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2^5 \cdot n^5}{n^5}}{\frac{(n+1)^5}{n^5}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{32}{\left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^5} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{32}{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^5} \\ &= \frac{32}{(1+0)^5} \\ &= 32 \end{aligned}$$

Since the limit exists and is greater than one, the series

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

is divergent by the Root Test.

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<sup>1</sup>Stewart, *Calculus, Early Transcendentals*, p. 743, #28.