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Tests that will always work (alternating or otherwise)

#1 n^{th} Term Test

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ then diverges

#2 Ratio Test

$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$ } $L > 1$ diverges

#2.5 Root Test

$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}$ } $L < 1$ converges absolutely
 $L = 1$ & sucks

#3 try other tests w/ abs. values

Absolute Convergence

$\sum a_n$ converges absolutely if $\sum |a_n|$ converges.

Conditional Convergence

$\sum a_n$ converges conditionally if $\sum |a_n|$ diverges and $\sum a_n$ converges.

$\sum a_n = \sum (-1)^{n+1} b_n$

Alternating Series Test

If b_n is positive, decreasing, and

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ then $\sum (-1)^{n+1} b_n$ converges.

Ex #1 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{(0.1)^n}{n}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(0.1)^n}{n} = 0$

$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(0.1)^{n+1}}{n+1} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{(0.1)^n} \right) \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{0.1n}{n+1} \right| = 0.1$

$L < 1$

Series converges absolutely by Ratio test.

Ex #2 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{n}{n^3+1}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^3+1} = 0$

$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n+1}{(n+1)^3+1} \cdot \left(\frac{n^3+1}{n} \right) \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n^4+n^3+n+1}{n^4+3n^3+3n^2+2n} \right| = 1$

Must determine if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^3+1}$ converges

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^3+1} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges by p-series

Series converges absolutely by DCT.

Ex #3 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{\sin n}{n^2}$

$-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin n}{n^2} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$

converges by p-series

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Series converges absolutely by p-series & sandwich theorem/DCT.

Ex#4 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1+n}{n^2}$
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+n}{n^2} = 0$ ✓
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+n}{n^2} > \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges by comparison to harmonic
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+n}{n^2} = \frac{2}{1} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{5}{16} + \frac{6}{25} + \dots$
 terms are positive ✓ terms are decreasing ✓
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1+n}{n^2}$ converges by AST.

Series converges conditionally

Ex#5 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \sqrt[n]{10}$
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{10} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 10^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1 \neq 0$

Series diverges by n^{th} term Test.

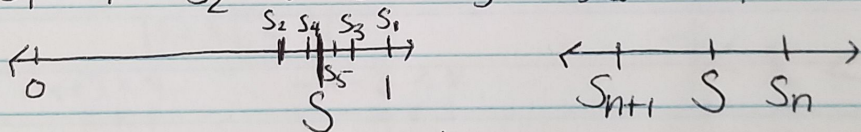
Estimation Error

Can calculate sums: Geometric $\frac{a}{1-r}$ $|r| < 1$
 Telescoping terms cancel out
 Alternating Sums $\rightarrow \sum a_n$ satisfies AST,

then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = S$

min: ex: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{25} - \frac{1}{36} + \dots$

$S_1 = 1$ $S_2 = .75$ $S_3 = .86$ $S_4 = .80$ $S_5 = .84$

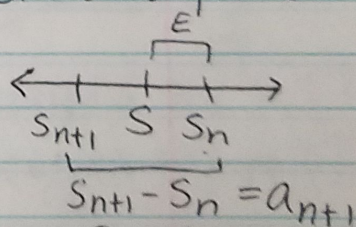


$E = \text{Estimation error} = |\text{actual sum} - \text{estimated partial sum}|$

$$E = |S - S_n|$$

$$E \leq |S_{n+1} - S_n|$$

$$\boxed{E \leq |a_{n+1}|}$$



Ex#6 Estimate the error in using the first 15 terms to approximate the sum of

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

$$E \leq |a_{n+1}|$$

$$E \leq \left| (-1)^{n+2} \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \right|$$

$$E \leq \left| (-1)^{17} \frac{1}{16^2} \right|$$

$$E \leq 0.0039 \dots$$

$$\boxed{E \leq 0.004}$$