

Math 1953

Written Homework 7

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1. Infinite Series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n}$

Explain why alternating harmonic series converges to a limit:
This converges fairly easily using the Alternating Series Test:

1: $\rightarrow 0$?

this acts like $\frac{1}{n}$ when looking at if it goes to 0, and $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$

Decreasing?

$$\frac{1}{n} > \frac{1}{n+1}, \text{ so yes}$$

2. Series within 0.1 of true value

$n=10$ = exactly -0.1, so using $n=11$ for the $N+1$ in the formula $\sum_{n=1}^N x_n$
= within $N+1$ of true value

$$\sum_{n=1}^{11} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{1}{n} = 0.7365$$

3. $\ln(2) = 0.6931$, $\ln(2) + 0.1 = 0.7931$, $\ln(2) < 0.7365 < \ln(2) + 0.1$

4. Positive and Negative Part

Pos part:

$$1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1}$$

$$\text{LCT with } \frac{1}{n} = \frac{n}{2n-1} \cdot \text{limit using L'H} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\frac{1}{n}$ diverges, so so does the pos part

Neg part:

$$-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\frac{1}{2n}$$

Similar LCT with $\frac{1}{n}$ gives us that $\frac{1}{2n}$ converges similarly to $\frac{1}{n}$, so the neg part also diverges

3 Ratio Test

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)!} &= \frac{((n+1)!)^2}{(2(n+1))!} \\ &= \frac{(2n)!((n+1)(n!))^2}{(2n+2)(2n+1)(2n)!(n!)^2} \\ &= \frac{((n+1)(n!))^2}{(2n+1)(2n+2)(n!)^2} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)^2(n!)^2}{(4n^2+6n+2)(n!)^2} \\ &= \frac{n^2+2n+1}{4n^2+6n+2} \end{aligned}$$

This is less than 1, so series converges