

Section 11-5 Complete Solutions

#2

$$\frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{5} + \frac{2}{7} - \frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{11} - \cdots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{2}{2n+1}$$

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2}{2n+1} \right) = 0$, the series converges by the alternating series test.

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$$-\frac{2}{5} + \frac{4}{6} - \frac{6}{7} + \frac{8}{8} - \frac{10}{9} + \cdots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2n}{n+4}$$

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{2n}{n+4} \right] \sim \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{2n}{n} \right] = 2$, the series does not converge by the alternating series test.

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} - \cdots = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right] = 0$, the series converges by the alternating series test.

#5

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

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{2n+1} \right] = 0$, the series converges by the alternating series test.

#6

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{\ln(n+4)}$$

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{\ln(n+4)} \right] = 0$, the series converges by the alternating series test.

#7

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

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{3n-1}{2n+1} \right] = \frac{3}{2}$, the series does not converge by the alternating series test.

$$\#8 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{n}{\sqrt{n^3+2}}$$

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n}{\sqrt{n^3+2}} \right] \sim \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n}{\sqrt{n^3}} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right] = 0$, the series converges by the alternating series test.

#9

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot (e^{-n})$$

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [e^{-n}] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{e^n} \right] = 0$, the series converges by the alternating series test.

#10

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

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\sqrt{n}}{2n+3} \right] \sim \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\sqrt{n}}{2n} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{2n^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right] = 0$, the series converges by the alternating series test.

#11

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{n^2}{n^3+4}$$

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n^2}{n^3+4} \right] \sim \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n^2}{n^3} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{n} \right] = 0$, the series converges by the alternating series test.

$$\#12 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \cdot n e^{-n}$$

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [n e^{-n}] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n}{e^n} \right] = 0$, the series converges by the alternating series test.

#13

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

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[e^{\frac{2}{n}} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(\sqrt[n]{e} \right)^2 \right] = 1$, the series does not converge by the alternating series test.

#14

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \arctan(n)$$

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\arctan(n)] = \frac{\pi}{2}$, the series does not converge by the alternating series test.

#15

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin \left[\left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \pi \right]}{1 + \sqrt{n}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{1 + \sqrt{n}}$$

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{n}} \right] = 0$, the series converges by the alternating series test.

#16

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n \cdot \cos(n\pi)}{2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n \cdot (-1)^n}{2^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{n}{2^n}$$

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n}{2^n} \right] = 0$, the series converges by the alternating series test.

#17

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)$$

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) \right] = \sin(0) = 0$, the series converges by the alternating series test.

#18

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)$$

Since the series is alternating and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) \right] = \cos(0) = 1$, the series does not converge by the alternating series test.