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Begin with what the problem statement gave us:

$$\log(1+x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+u} du$$

We see that

$$\frac{1}{1+u} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-u)^n \text{ for } |u| < 1 \quad (1)$$

Then, assuming we are in the radius of convergence ($R=1$, by (1)) at all times,

$$\begin{aligned} \dots &= \int_0^x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-u)^n du \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x)^{n+1}}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

We then see that, for $x=1$,

$$\log(1+1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} = \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots$$

$$\log(2) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots$$