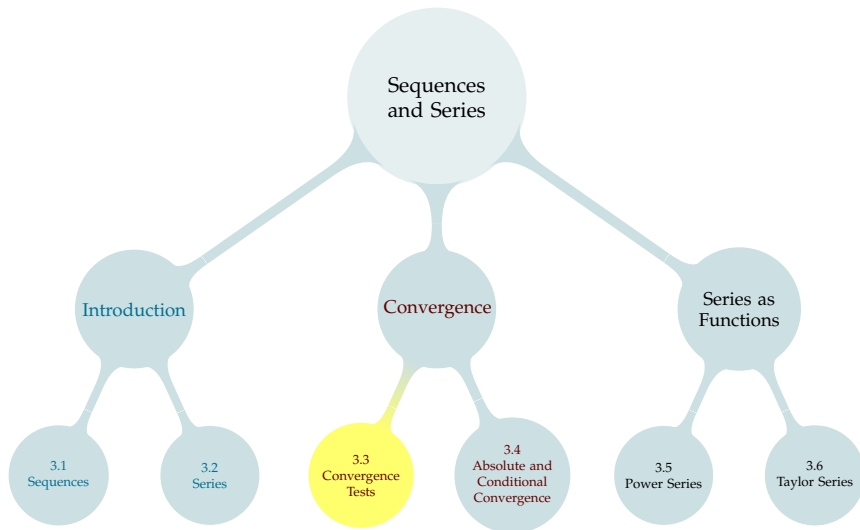


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ALTERNATING SERIES

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is alternating if every $A_n \geq 0$.

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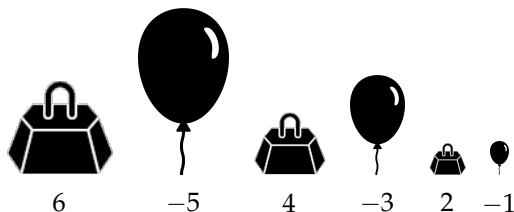
▶ $1 - 2 + 3 - 4 + 5 - 6 + 7 - 8 + \cdots$

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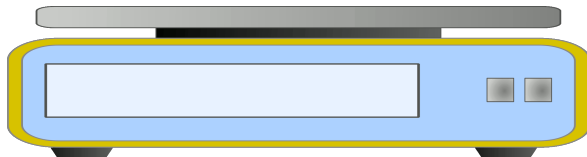
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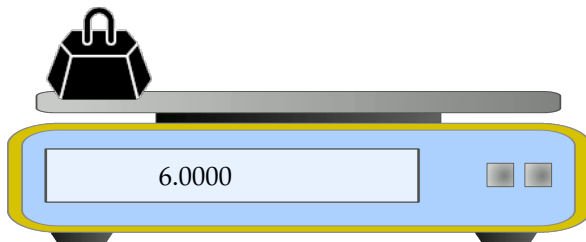
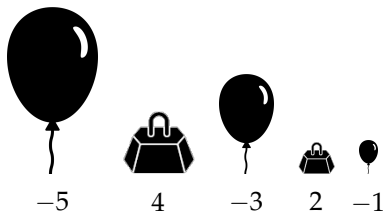
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Note: these terms alternate signs, **and** their magnitudes are decreasing: $|6| > |-5| > |4| > |-3| > |2| > |-1|$

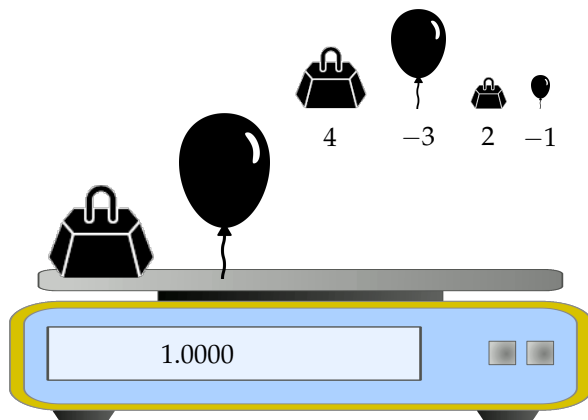


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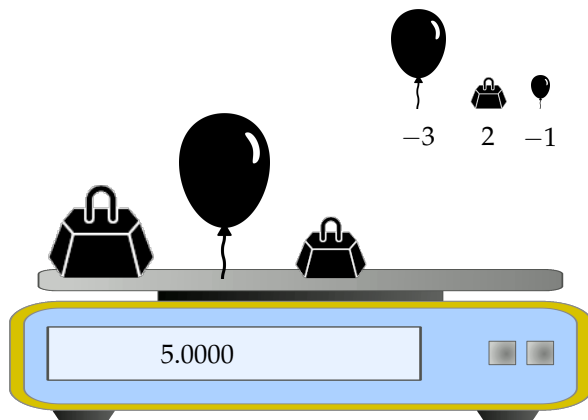
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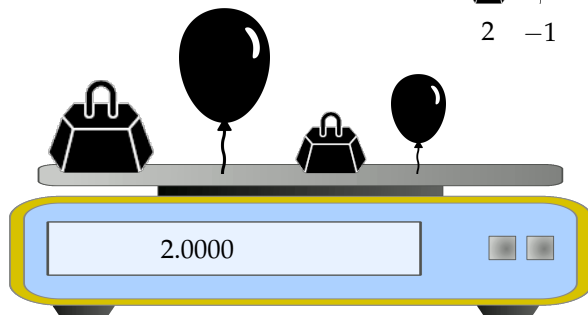
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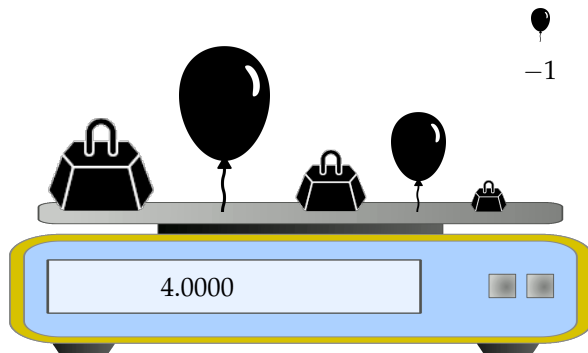
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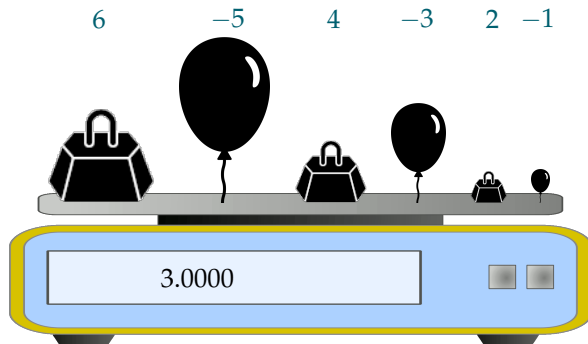
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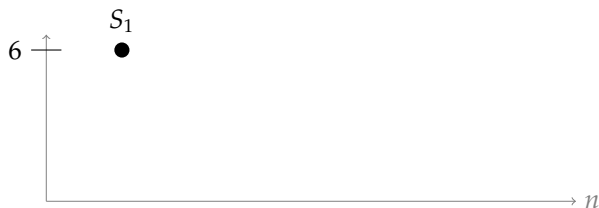
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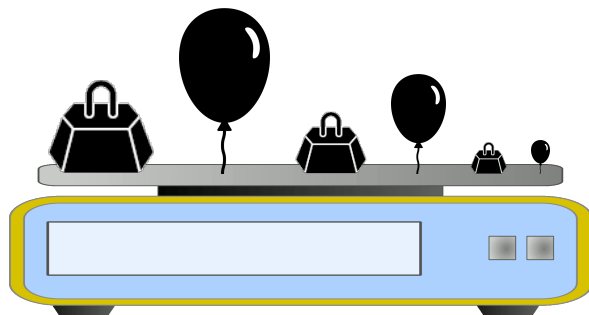
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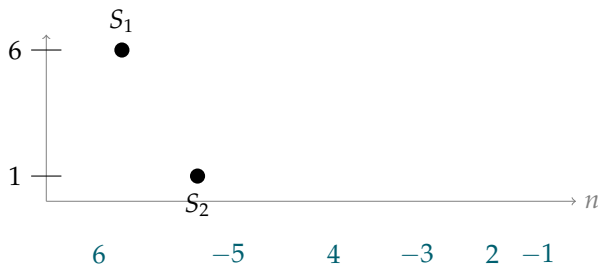
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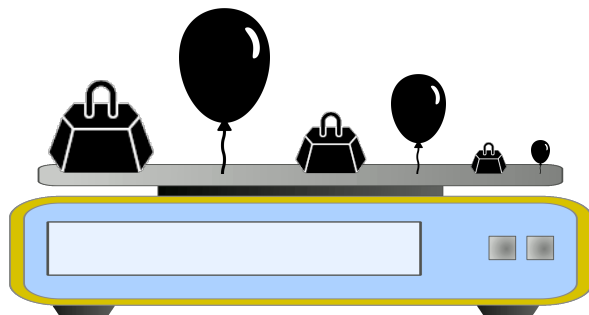
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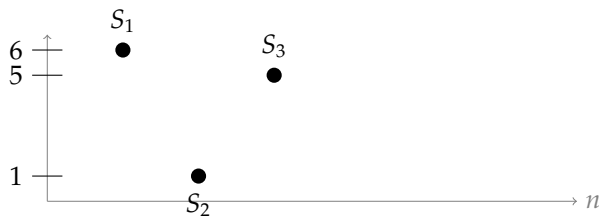
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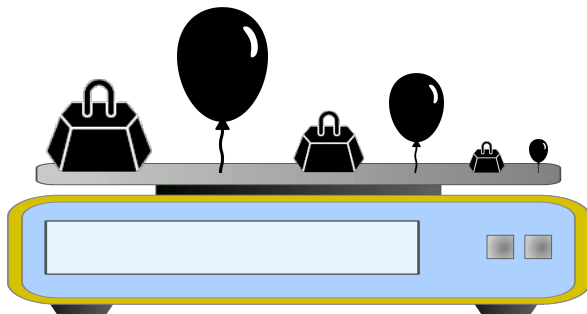
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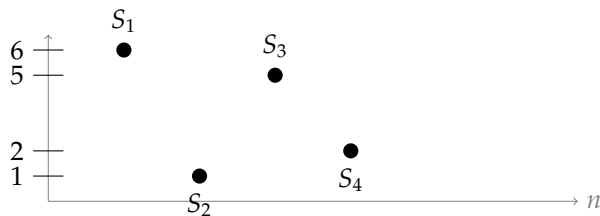
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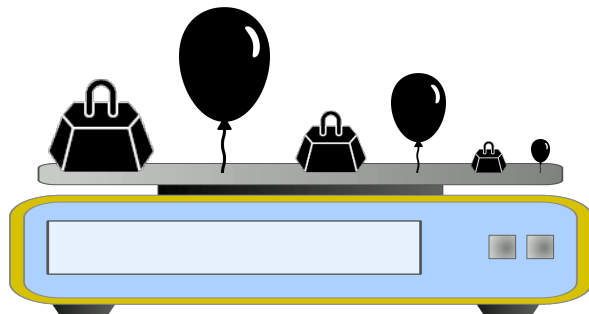
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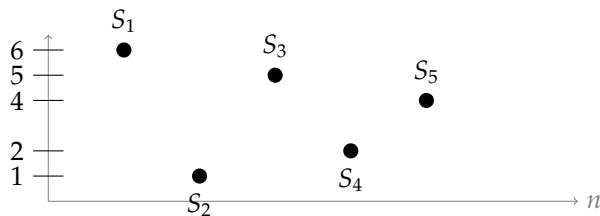
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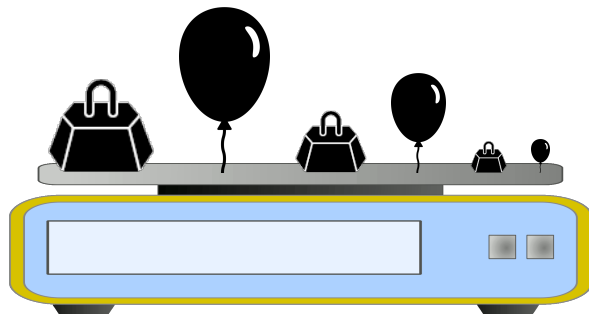
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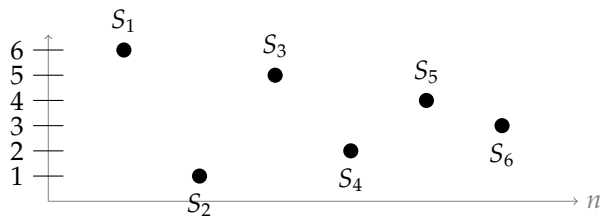
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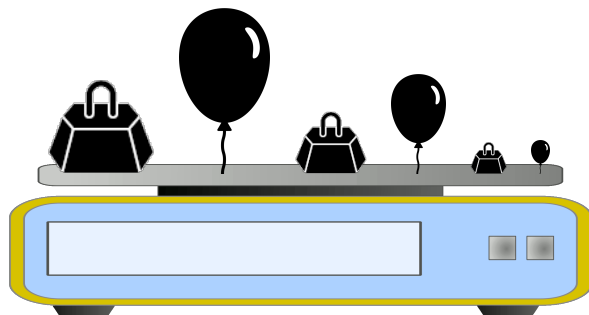
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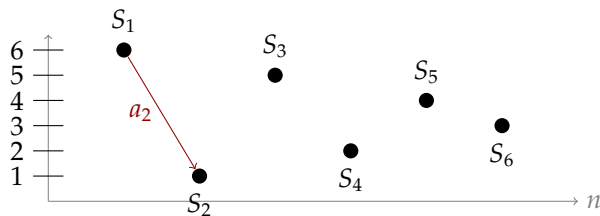
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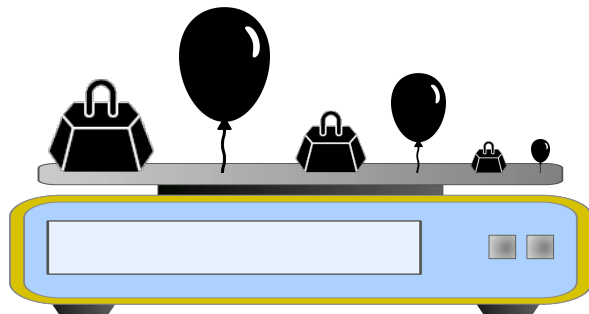
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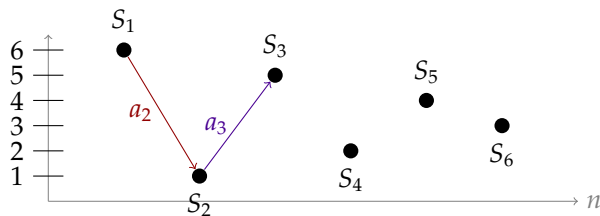
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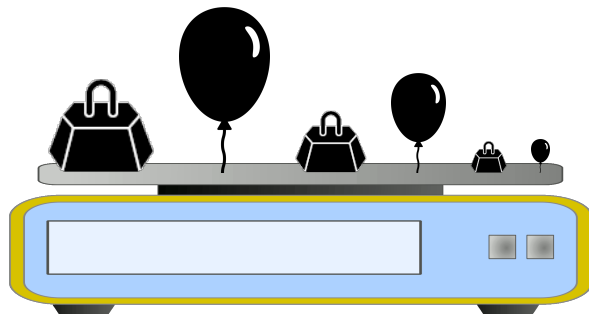
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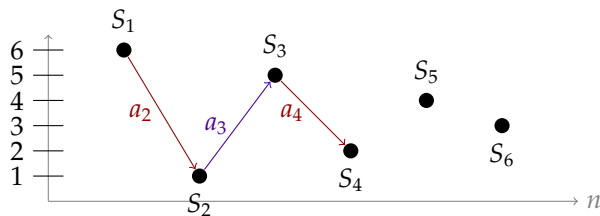
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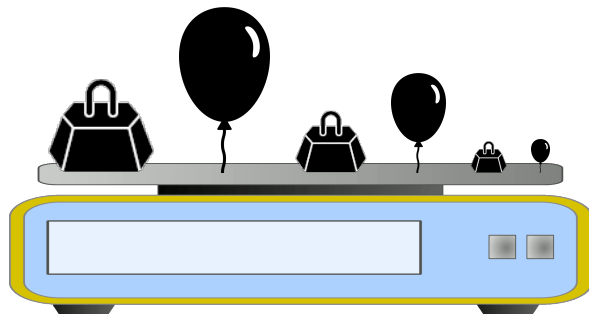
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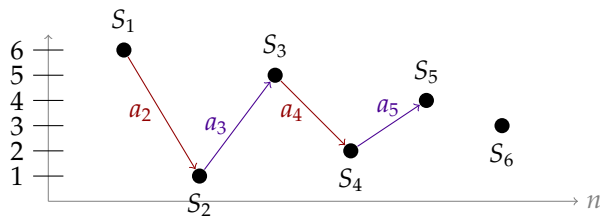
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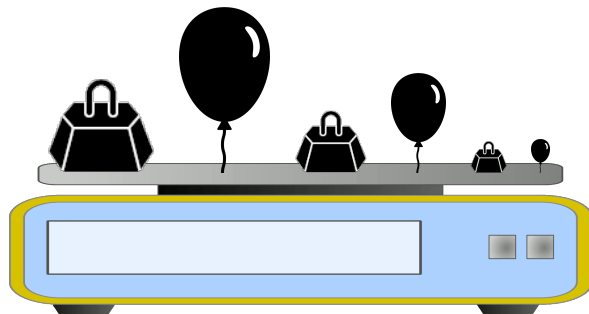
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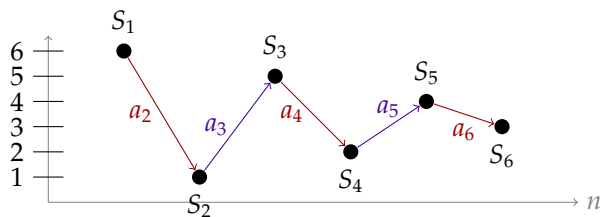
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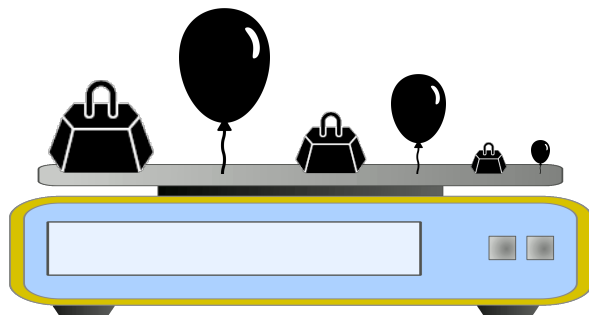
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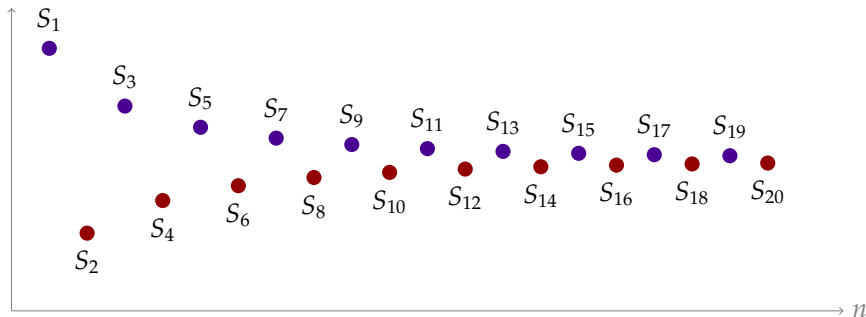
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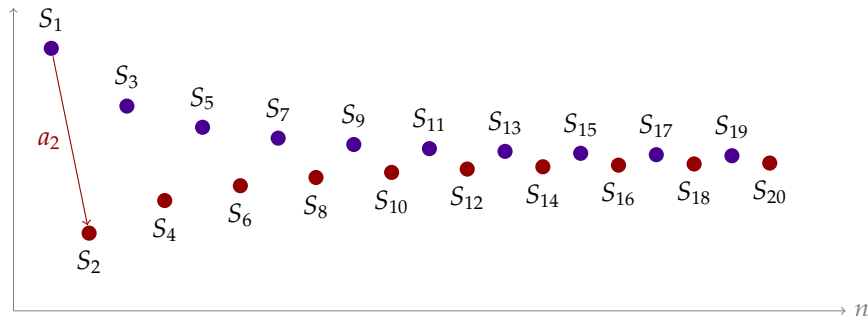


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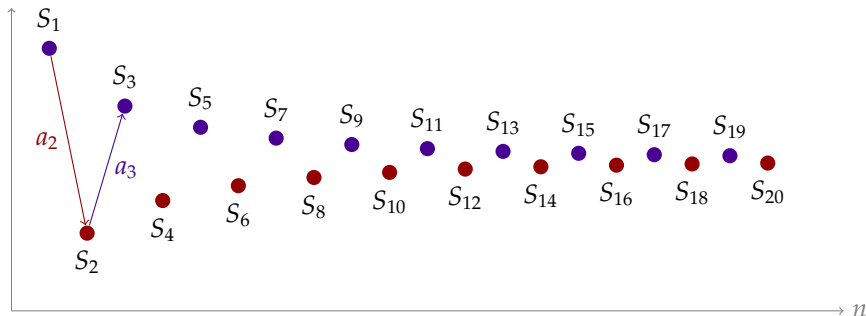
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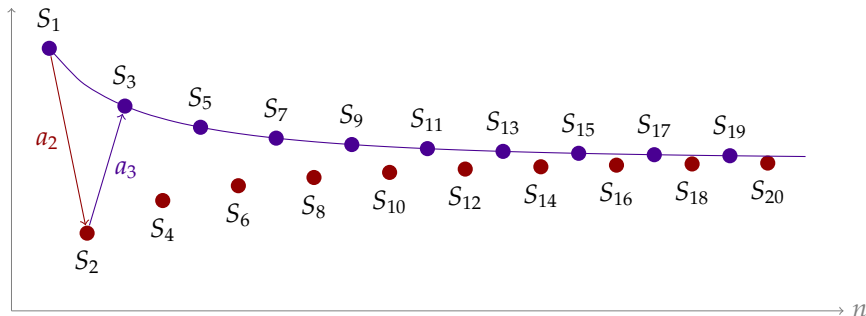
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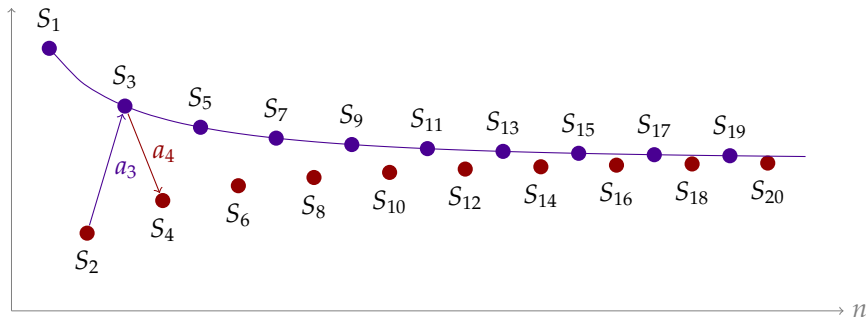
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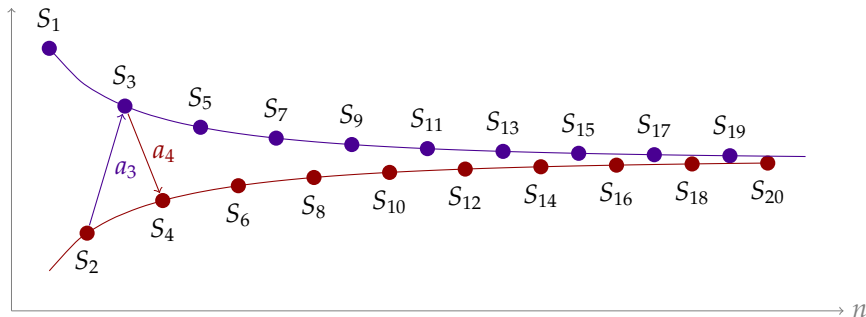
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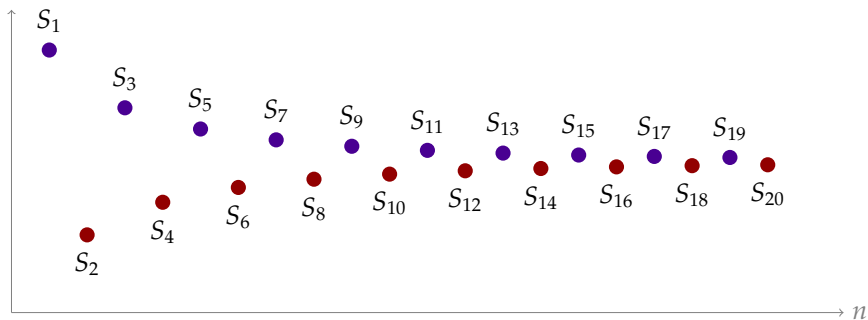


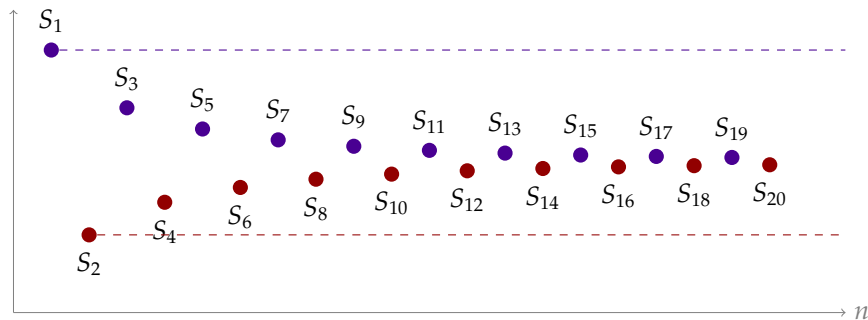
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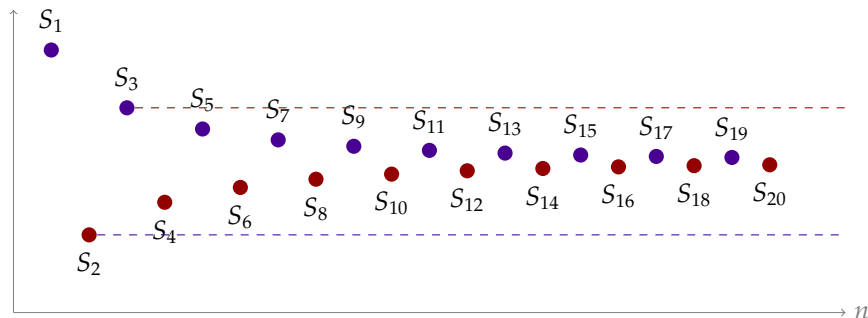
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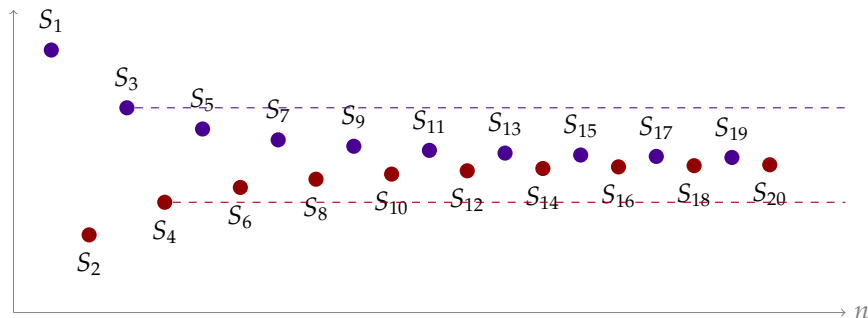




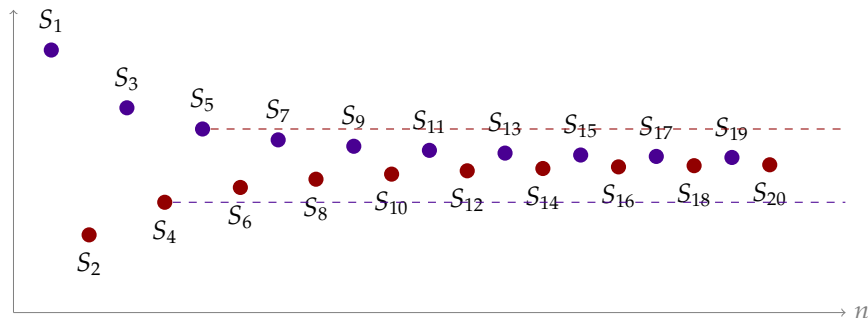
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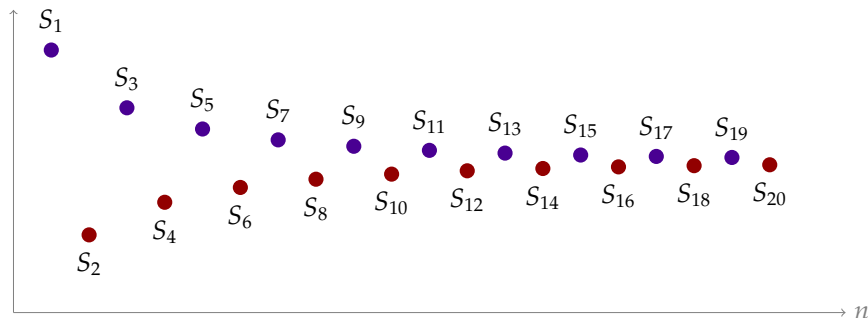
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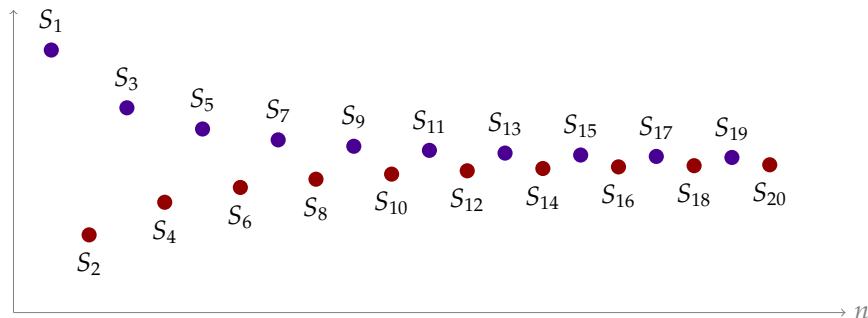


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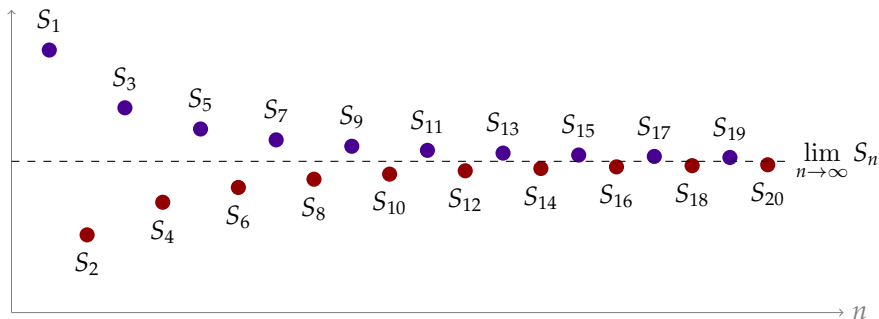
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Then

$$a_1 - a_2 + a_3 - a_4 + \cdots = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n = S$$

converges and, for each natural number N , $S - S_N$ is between 0 and (the first dropped term) $(-1)^N a_{N+1}$. Here S_N is, as previously, the N^{th} partial sum $\sum_{n=1}^N (-1)^{n-1} a_n$.

Alternating Series Test (abridged)

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► True or false: the harmonic series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ converges.

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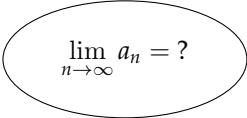
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- We've already seen that the harmonic series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges.
- By the Alternating Series Test, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n$ converges. That is,

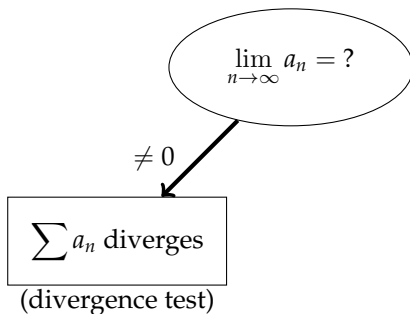
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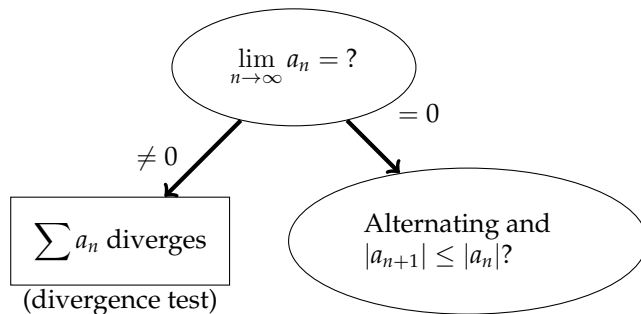
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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = ?$$

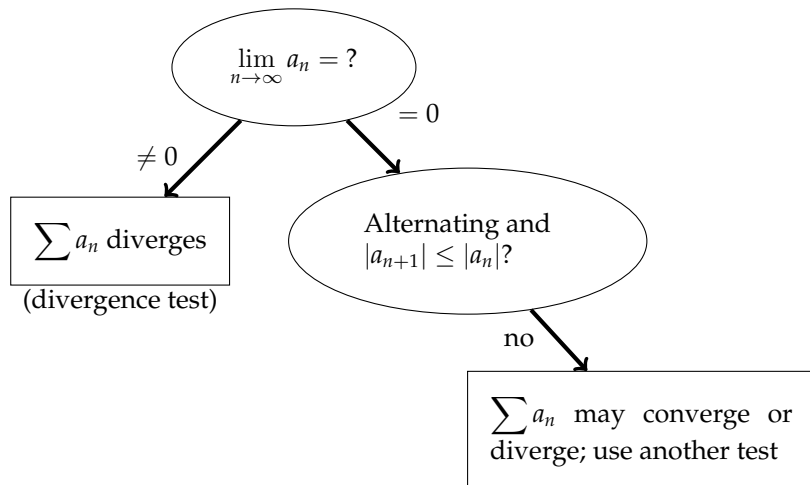
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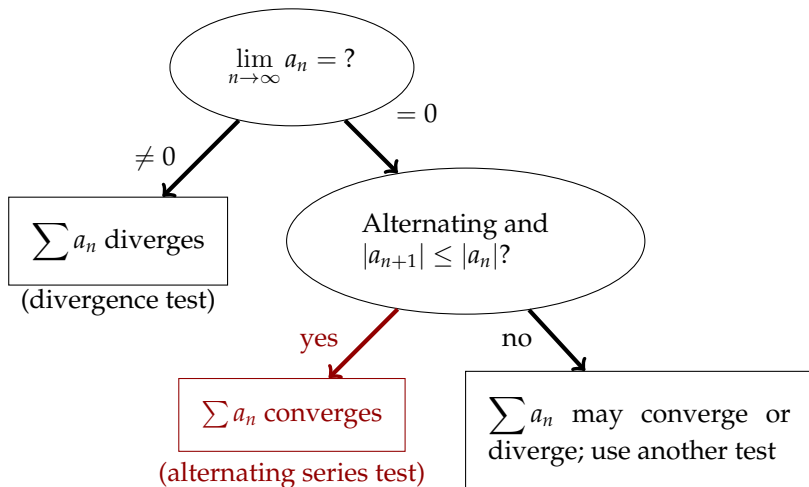
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Using a computer, you find $\sum_{n=1}^{99} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n} \approx 0.698$.

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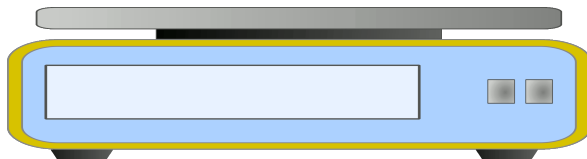
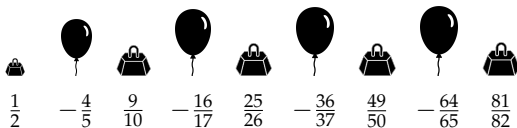
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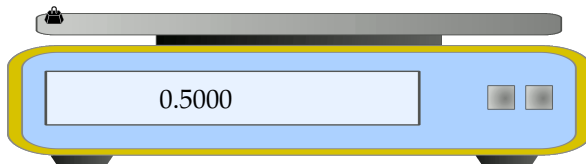
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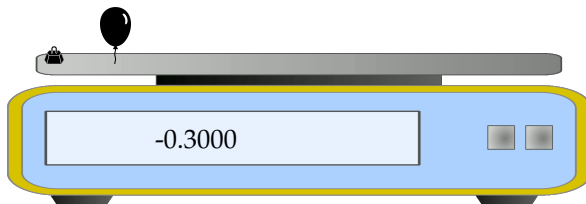
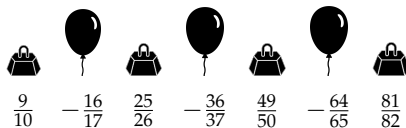
							
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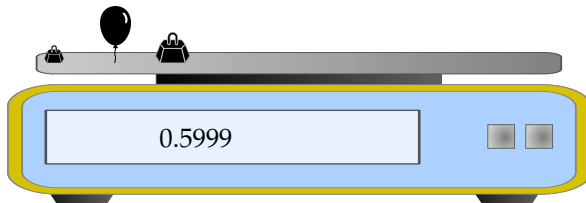
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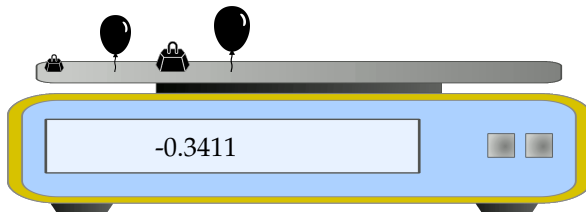
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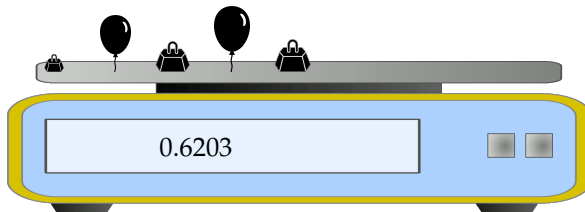
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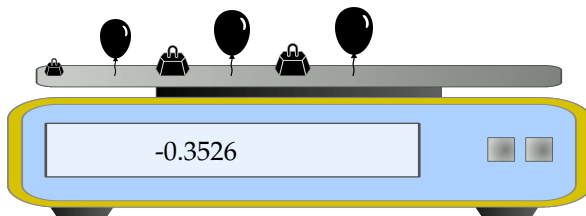
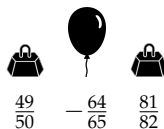
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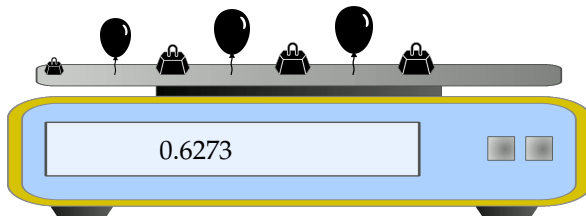
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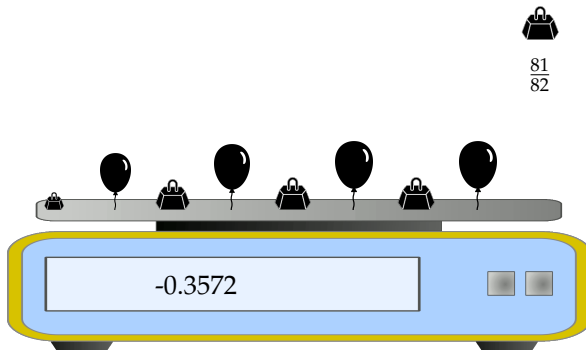
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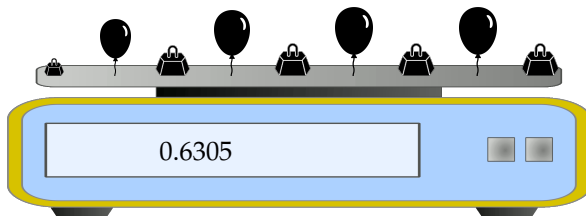
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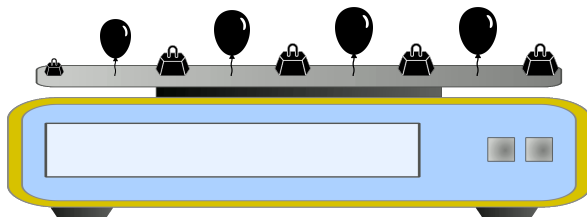
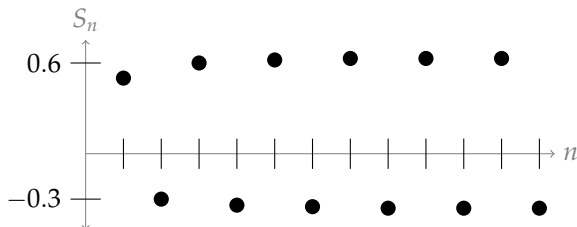
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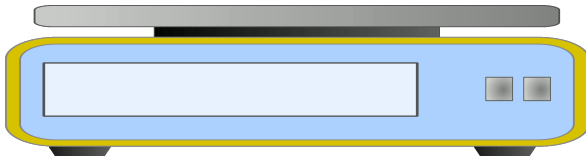
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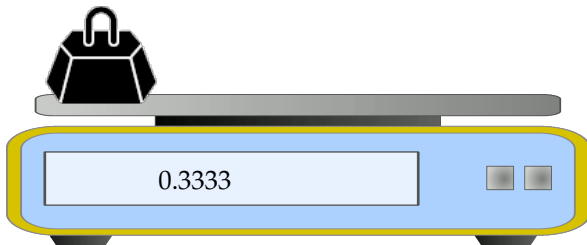


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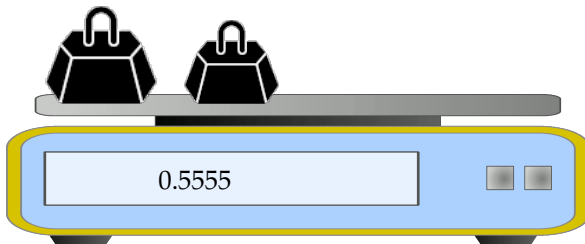
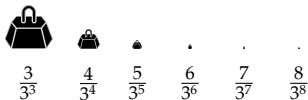
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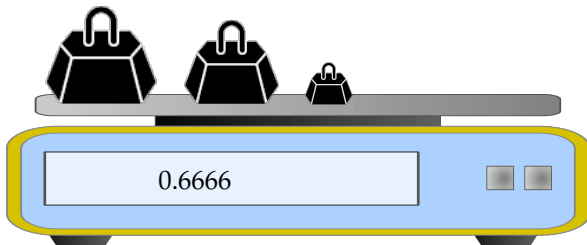
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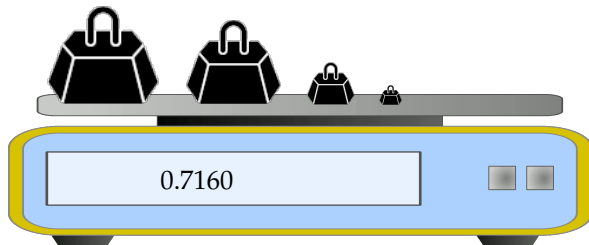
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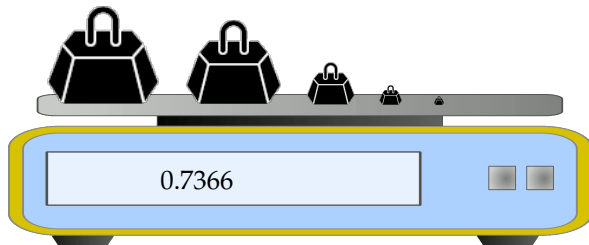
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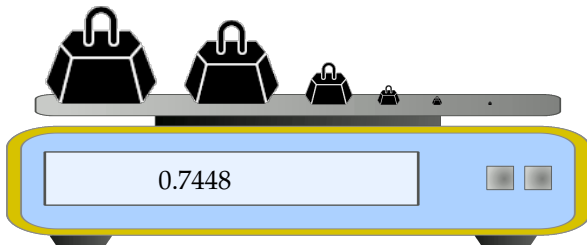
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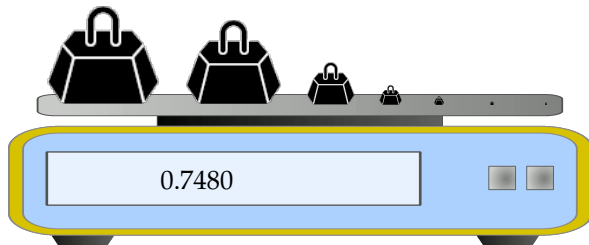
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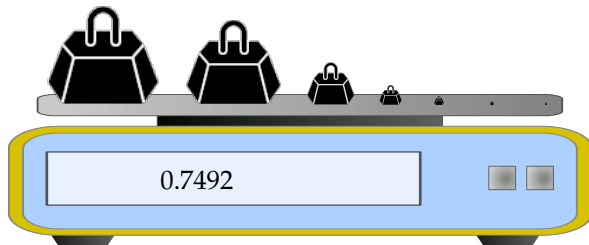
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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = |x|$$

So the series converges when $|x| < 1$ and diverges when $|x| > 1$. For the cases $x = \pm 1$, the ratio test is inconclusive, so we'll need another test. Fortunately, the divergence test makes things quick.

For $x = 1$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} an(1)^{n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} an \neq 0$$

For $x = -1$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} an(-1)^{n-1} \neq 0$$

All together, for any nonzero a , the series diverges when $|x| \geq 1$ and converges when $|x| < 1$.

Let x be a constant. Use the ratio test to determine whether

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = 3 \sqrt{\frac{1}{1}} \left(\frac{2}{2} \right) |x| = 3|x|$$

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So for $|x| < \frac{1}{3}$, the series converges, and for $|x| > \frac{1}{3}$, it diverges.



Consider $x = \frac{1}{3}$.

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

This is an alternating series. Let's use the alternating series test.

- (i) $a_n = \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{2n+3} \geq 0$ for all $n \geq 1$,
- (ii) To show that a_n is monotonically decreasing, consider the derivative of $f(t) = \frac{\sqrt{t+1}}{2t+3}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(t) &= \frac{(2t+3) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t+1}} - \sqrt{t+1}(2)}{(2t+3)^2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{t+1}}{\sqrt{t+1}} \right) \\ &= \frac{\left(t + \frac{3}{2}\right) - (t+1)(2)}{(2t+3)^2 \sqrt{t+1}} = \frac{-t - \frac{1}{2}}{(2t+3)^2 \sqrt{t+1}} \end{aligned}$$

Since $f'(t) < 0$ for all $t > 0$, we see it is a decreasing function on that domain, so $a_{n+1} < a_n$ for all $n \geq 1$.

- (iii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

So, our series converges by the alternating series test when $x = \frac{1}{3}$.

Finally, consider $x = -\frac{1}{3}$.

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

We will use the limit comparison test, with comparison series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{2n+3}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+1} \sqrt{n}}{2n+3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n^2+n}}{2n+3} \left(\frac{1/n}{1/n} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{1+1/n}}{2+3/n} = \frac{\sqrt{1+0}}{2+0} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\frac{1}{2}$ is a nonzero constant, and since $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ diverges (by the p -test), our series diverges as well.

All together, the original series converges when $-\frac{1}{3} < x \leq \frac{1}{3}$, and diverges otherwise.



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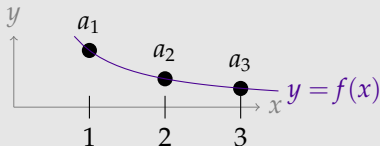
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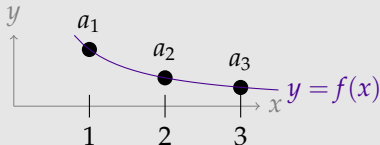
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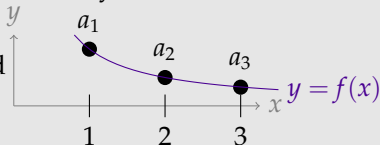
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- ▶ Comparison test lets you ignore pieces of a function that feel extraneous (like replacing $n^2 + 1$ with n^2) *but* there is a test to make sure the comparison is still valid. Either the limit of a ratio is the right thing, or an inequality goes the right way.
- ▶ Limit comparison works well when, for very large n , the n^{th} term a_n is approximately the same as a simpler, nonnegative term b_n

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- ▶ Telescoping series have partial sums that are easy to find because successive terms cancel out. These are less obvious, and are less common choices for comparison series.

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The **integral test** doesn't apply, because $f(x) = \frac{\cos x}{2^x}$ is not always positive (and not decreasing).

The **alternating series test** doesn't apply because the signs of the series do not strictly alternate every term.

The **ratio test** does not apply, because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$ does not exist.

Determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos n}{2^n}$ converges or diverges.

Comparison test: Let $a_n = \frac{\cos n}{2^n}$. Note $|a_n| \leq \frac{1}{2^n}$, and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n}$ converges (it is a geometric sum with ratio of consecutive terms $\frac{1}{2}$).

So by the comparison test, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos n}{2^n}$ converges.

Limit comparison: Set $a_n = \frac{\cos n}{2^n}$ and $b_n = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$. Then

$$\frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{\frac{\cos n}{2^n}}{\frac{2^n}{3^n}} = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n \cos n$$

$$-\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n \leq \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n \cos n \leq \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n, \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n = 0$$

So, by the Squeeze Theorem,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 0$$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges, by the limit comparison theorem, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos n}{2^n}$ converges as well.

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The **alternating series test** doesn't apply because the signs of the series do not alternate.

The **integral test** doesn't apply $f(x) = \frac{2^x \cdot x^2}{(x+5)^5}$ is not a decreasing function.

Divergence test: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n \cdot n^2}{(n+5)^5} = \infty$ (which you can see because the numerator is larger than a power function; the denominator is a polynomial; and power functions grow faster than polynomials), so the series diverges by the divergence test.

This is the fastest option, but not the only one.

Determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n \cdot n^2}{(n+5)^5}$ converges or diverges.

Ratio test:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_n}{b_n} &= \frac{\frac{2^{n+1} \cdot (n+1)^2}{(n+1+5)^5}}{\frac{2^n \cdot n^2}{(n+5)^5}} = \frac{2^{n+1}}{2^n} \cdot \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} \cdot \frac{(n+5)^5}{(n+6)^5} \\ &= 2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+6}\right)^5 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} &= 2(1)^2(1)^5 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

So, the limit of the ratio of consecutive terms is greater than 1.

Therefore $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n \cdot n^2}{(n+5)^5}$ diverges by the ratio test.

Determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n \cdot n^2}{(n+5)^5}$ converges or diverges.

Comparison test: Since power functions grow faster than polynomials, for large values of n , $2^n > (n+5)^5$, so $\frac{2^n}{(n+5)^5} > 1$. Then, for large enough n ,

$$\frac{2^n \cdot n^2}{(n+5)^5} > n^2.$$

By the divergence test, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2$ diverges. So by the comparison test, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n \cdot n^2}{(n+5)^5}$ diverges as well.

Determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n \cdot n^2}{(n+5)^5}$ converges or diverges.

Limit comparison: Set $a_n = \frac{2^n \cdot n^2}{(n+5)^5}$ and $b_n = \frac{2^n}{n^3}$.

Then

$$\frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{\frac{2^n \cdot n^2}{(n+5)^5}}{\frac{2^n}{n^3}} = \frac{n^5}{(n+5)^5} = \left(1 - \frac{5}{n+5}\right)^5$$

$$\text{So, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 1^5 = 1$$

Note that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n^3}$ diverges. (You can show this using the tests we've already used on the original series, so this method isn't really an improvement.) Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n}$ exists and is nonzero, by the limit

comparison theorem, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n \cdot n^2}{(n+5)^5}$ diverges.

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The **alternating series test** does not apply because we are not considering an alternating series.

The **integral test** won't work for us because $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) dx$ cannot be evaluated with techniques we've learned in class so far.

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The **ratio test** is inconclusive because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n+1} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right)}{\frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)} = 1$:

Set $x = \frac{1}{n+1}$. Then $\frac{1}{n} = \frac{x}{1-x}$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right)}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x}{\frac{x}{1-x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1-x) \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

Set $y = \frac{1}{n}$. Then $\frac{1}{n+1} = \frac{y}{1+y}$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)}{\frac{1}{n+1}} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin y}{\frac{y}{1+y}} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} (1+y) \frac{\sin y}{y} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n+1} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right)}{\frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)} = 1$$

Determine whether the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ converges or diverges.

Hint: If $\theta \geq 0$ then $\sin \theta \leq \theta$.

Comparison test: For $n \geq 1$, $\frac{1}{n} > 0$. Then setting $\theta = \frac{1}{n}$ in the hint, $\sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \leq \frac{1}{n}$. Furthermore, $0 < \frac{1}{n} < \pi$, so $\sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) > 0$.

$$0 < \frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \leq \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

The p -series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges, so by the comparison test, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ converges as well.

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Limit comparison: Set $a_n = \frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ and $b_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)}{\frac{1}{n}}$$


Setting $x = \frac{1}{n}$,


$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$


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