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Homework 9  
Due: Friday, April 7

1. [SS]5.2.
2. In this problem, use the fact that if  $\{a_j\}$  is a sequence of numbers with  $|a_j - 1| < 1$ , then

$$\prod_{j \geq 1} (1 + a_j)$$

converges if and only if

$$\sum_{j \geq 1} \log(1 + a_j)$$

converges, where  $\log$  means the principal branch of the logarithm.

- (a) Show that  $\prod_{n \geq 2} (1 + \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}})$  diverges.
- (b) Show that  $\prod_{n \geq 2} (1 + \frac{(-1)^n}{n})$  converges.

(HINT: Use the first few terms in the expansion of  $\log(1 + z)$ .)

3. Do **Problem** [SS]5.4(a) (page 157), and read part (b).
4. Use (3) to redo [SS]5.2(a).