

Based on problem #8 we have been prompted to find the convergence of, $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2n+1}$,

⇒ Question is? What different or other several convergence tests can we run on the problem to test for the convergence.....Answer would be =several:

Let's look at some of the convergence test

(i) Using the Nth term test for divergence

⇒ Definition: if the series, $\sum a_n$ converges then, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} = 0$

⇒ In other words the test implies that if, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \neq 0$, then the series $\sum a_n$ diverges

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pm 1}{2n^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pm 1}{2n^{\frac{1}{2}} + 0} = 0$$

⇒ This implies that the series converges

(ii) Using the alternating series test

Definition: By alternating series test if a_n is decreasing with terms alternating from positive to negative values and, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$, then the series converges

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \sqrt{n}}{2n+1} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{5} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{7} + \frac{\sqrt{4}}{9} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{11} + \dots$$

The above terms are decreasing and alternating from positive to negative, next we do the limit,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n \sqrt{n}}{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pm 1}{2\sqrt{n} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} = 0$$

The series converges by the alternating series test

(iii) Absolute and comparison test for convergence

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \sqrt{n}}{2n+1} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n \sqrt{n}}{2n+1} \right| = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2n+1},$$

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Defining the comparison test: If we have a series with non-negative terms ,then this series will converge if we can find another series larger or equal to the current one and it converges and vice-versa

Let the new series which is larger than the current one be given by:

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2n}$$

Testing the converge of the above series using the Nth term test we get:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} = 0$$

Thus it converges,Hence the proof

Base on #2 integration by parts is the most viable way to solve the given problem

Question is? When facing a sequence to integrate many times ,which is the most efficient way to do the integration?

Answer...=We can use tabular integration to solve such a lengthy sequence as below:

$$\Rightarrow \int x^3 \sin(2x) dx,$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{let, } u = x^3, dv = \sin(2x) dx$$

u	dv
x^3	$\sin(2x)$
$3x^2$	$-\frac{1}{2}\cos(2x)$
$6x$	$-\frac{1}{4}\sin(2x)$
6	$\frac{1}{8}\cos(2x)$
0	$\frac{1}{16}\sin(2x)$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{x^3}{2}\cos(2x) + \frac{3x^2}{4}\sin(2x) + \frac{6x}{8}\cos(2x) - \frac{6}{16}\sin(2x) + C$$

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