

WARM UP - Calculator Inactive

1. $\int 5 \sec^2 x \cdot e^{\tan x} dx =$

2. Find the area of the region between the inner and outer loop of $r = 1 - 2\sin\theta$ (set-up only)

Alternating Series Test

Objective:

- Determine if an Alternating Series converges.
- Approximate the sum of the series using the n th partial sum and determine the error.
- Determine if a series converges conditionally or converges absolutely.

Alternating Series - a series whose terms are alternately positive and negative on consecutive terms.

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

Alternating Series Test (AST)

If $a_n > 0$, then the alternating series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n$ or $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} a_n$ converges if both of the following conditions are satisfied:

1) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$

2) $\{a_n\}$ is a decreasing (or Non-increasing) sequence; that is, $a_{n+1} \leq a_n$ for all $n > k$, for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Note: This test only proves convergences!

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

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

$$(c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(n\pi)}{n}$$

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

Absolute vs Conditional Convergence

THEOREM 9.16 Absolute Convergence

If the series $\sum |a_n|$ converges, then the series $\sum a_n$ also converges.

Definitions of Absolute and Conditional Convergence

1. The series $\sum a_n$ is **absolutely convergent** when $\sum |a_n|$ converges.
2. The series $\sum a_n$ is **conditionally convergent** when $\sum a_n$ converges but $\sum |a_n|$ diverges.

Determine whether the given series converges or diverges. If it converges, determine whether it is absolutely convergent or conditionally convergent.

$$(a) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}}$$

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

Alternate Series Remainder

Suppose an alternating series satisfies the conditions of the AST, namely that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ and $\{a_n\}$ is not increasing. If the series has a sum S , then $|R_n| = |S - S_n| \leq a_{n+1}$, where S_n is the n th partial sum of the series.

In other words, if an alternating series satisfies the conditions of the AST, you can approximate the sum of the series by using the n th partial sum, S_n , and your error will have an absolute value no greater than the first term left off, a_{n+1} . This means $S \in [S_n - R_n, S_n + R_n]$

Approximate the sum by using the first six terms, and find the error and the interval in which S must lie.

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

Approximate the sum with an error less than 0.001.

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