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Alternating Series

Alternating Series

A series in which the terms are alternately positive and negative, and it has the form:

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

Example

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} + \dots$$

$$-2 + 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n 4}{2^n} + \dots$$

$$1 - 2 + 3 - 4 + 5 - 6 + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} n + \dots$$

The Convergence Test of Alternating Series

The series is **convergent**, if and only if, the following two conditions are satisfied:

1) $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq a_3 \geq a_4 \dots \dots$ (**decreasing series**)

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



Examples

Example

Test the convergent of the following series:

$$1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2n}{4n-1} \quad 2) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{n-1} \quad 3) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$$

Solution: 1) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2n}{4n-1}$ a_n

$$1) a_1 \geq a_2 \geq a_3 \geq a_4 \dots \dots (\text{decreasing series})$$

$$2) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

$$1] \text{ at } n = 1, \quad a_1 = \frac{2 * 1}{(4 * 1) - 1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{at } n = 2, \quad a_2 = \frac{2 * 2}{(4 * 2) - 1} = \frac{4}{7}$$

$$\text{at } n = 3, \quad a_3 = \frac{2 * 3}{(4 * 3) - 1} = \frac{6}{11}$$

$$\text{at } n = 4, \quad a_4 = \frac{2 * 4}{(4 * 4) - 1} = \frac{8}{15}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \geq \frac{4}{7} \geq \frac{6}{11} \geq \frac{8}{15} \dots \dots (\text{decreasing series})$$

$$2] \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{4n-1} = \frac{\infty}{\infty} \text{ [indeterminate form that should be avoided] by either dividing each term in the nominator and denominator by highest power of } n \text{ (which is } n) \text{ or using L'Hopital's Rule. So, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{4n-1} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2} > 0, \text{ so the condition is not satisfied.}$$

The series is **divergent (Div.)** cause condition (2) is not satisfied.



Examples

$$1) a_1 \geq a_2 \geq a_3 \geq a_4 \dots \dots (\text{decreasing series})$$

$$2) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

a_n

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

1] Series is **decreasing**
Notice that **a1** starts at **n=2**.

$$2] \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+1}/n}{\frac{n-1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{n}{n^2} + \frac{1}{n^2}}}{\frac{n-1}{n}} = \frac{0}{1} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Conv.}$$

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

1] Series is **decreasing**
Notice that **a1** starts at **n=1**.

$$2] \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Conv.}$$

Note:-

The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$

is **divergent (Div.)** by using either **integral test** or **P-series test**.



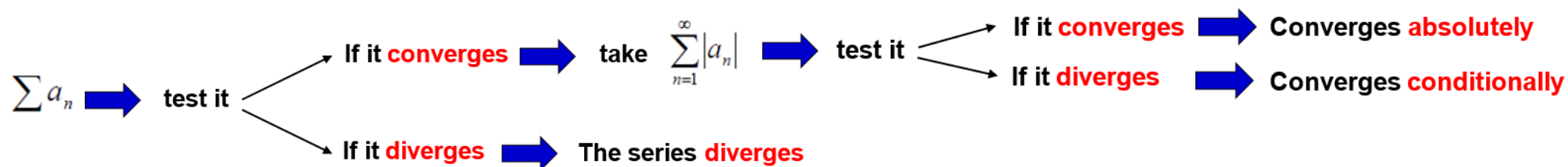
Absolute and Conditional convergence

Absolute Convergence

A series $\sum a_n$ *converges absolutely* (is *absolutely convergent*) if the corresponding series of absolute values, $\sum |a_n|$, converges.

Conditional Convergence

A series that converges but does not converge absolutely *converges conditionally*.



Examples

Example Which of the following series converges absolutely, conditionally, and which diverges?

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

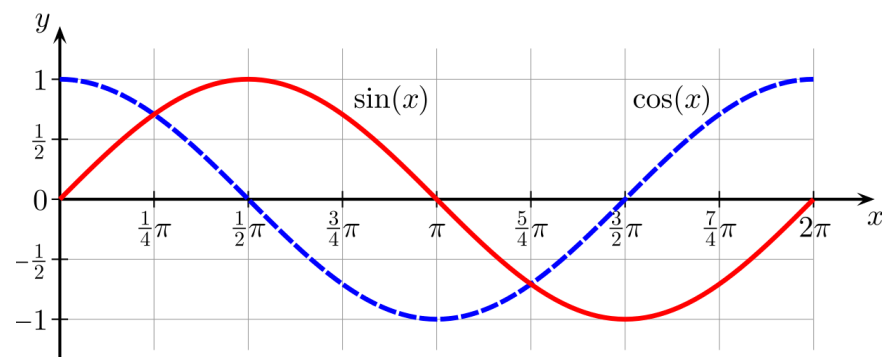
2) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-100)^n}{n!}$

3) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{3+n}{5+n}$

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

Solution:

1) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(n\pi)}{n\sqrt{n}}$ $\xrightarrow{a_n}$ $\cos(n\pi) = \pm 1$ at $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$



$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\pm 1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ \Rightarrow it **converges** by either integral test or p-series test ($p = 3/2 > 1$).

Then, take the absolute $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\cos(n\pi)}{n\sqrt{n}} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\pm 1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ which **converges** too, so it converges **absolutely**.



Examples

2) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-100)^n}{n!}$ $\xrightarrow{a_n}$ it **converges** by ratio test ($\frac{-100}{n+1} = 0 < 1$).
Then, take the absolute $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-100)^n}{n!} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n (100)^n}{n!} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(100)^n}{n!}$ which **converges** too by ratio test, so it converges **absolutely**.

3) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{3+n}{5+n}$ $\xrightarrow{a_n}$ it **diverges** (alternating series test) as 2nd condition is not satisfied, so it **diverges** (no need to take absolute for a_n).

4) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ $\xrightarrow{a_n}$ it **converges** (alternating series test), two conditions are satisfied.
Then, take the absolute $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| (-1)^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ which **diverges** by either integral or p-series ($p = 1/2 < 1$) tests, so it converges **conditionally**.



Power Series

Power series are defined as infinite series of powers of some variable (x).

In general, infinite series give us precise ways to express many numbers and functions as arithmetic sum with infinitely many numbers. It can extend our knowledge of how to evaluate, differentiate and integrate polynomials for new functions such as differential equations arising in important applications of mathematics to science and engineering.

$$\pi = 4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1} = 4 \left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots \right)$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

❖ A power series about $x = 0$ is a series of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overset{u_n}{c_n x^n} = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_n x^n + \dots$$

❖ A power series about $x = a$ is a series of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (x-a)^n = c_0 + c_1 (x-a) + c_2 (x-a)^2 + \dots + c_n (x-a)^n + \dots$$

in which the center a and the coefficients

$c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n, \dots$ are constants.



Convergence of Power Series

The test of power series is done using the Ratio Test.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \rho \begin{cases} < 1 & \text{Conv.} \\ > 1 & \text{Div.} \\ = 1 & \text{Fails (inconclusive test)} \end{cases}$$

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This condition gives us the interval of convergence.

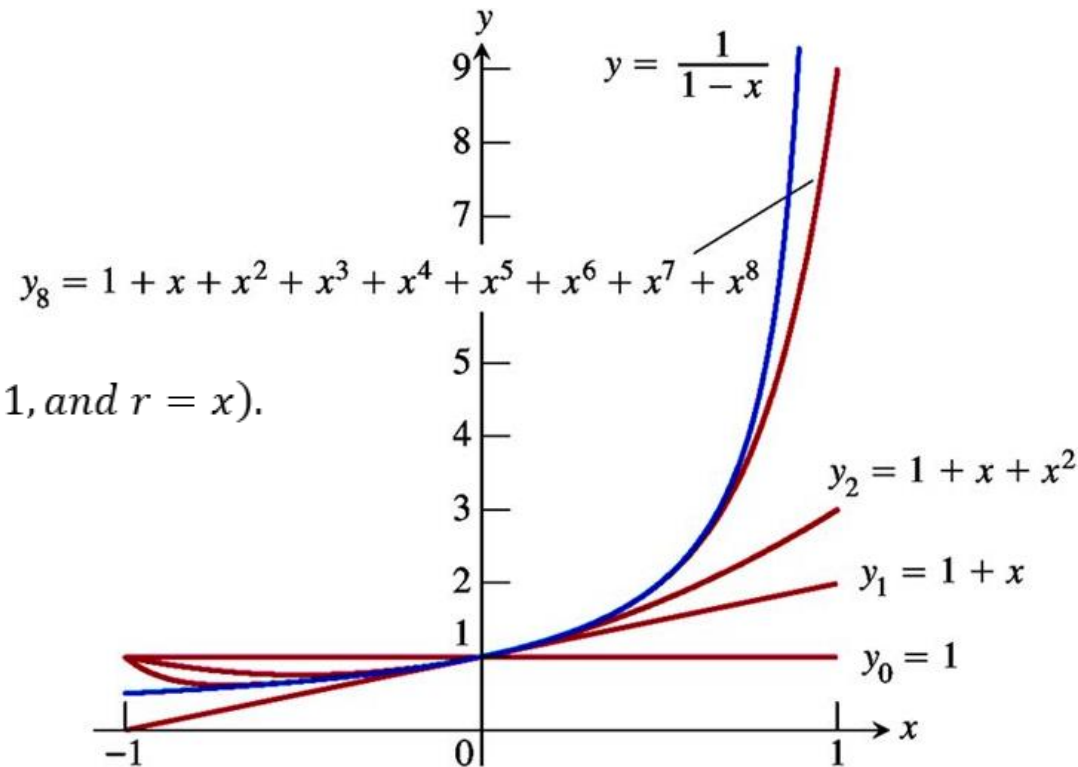
For example

The series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ is a geometric series (where $a = 1$, and $r = x$).

It converges to the sum $\left(\frac{a}{1-r} \right) = \frac{1}{1-x}$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + \dots + x^n$$

For $|x| < 1$ → $-1 < x < 1$



Examples

Find the interval of convergence and test the endpoints.

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

$$(b) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$(c) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! x^n$$

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

Solution: u_n

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \rho \begin{cases} < 1 & \text{Conv.} \\ > 1 & \text{Div.} \\ = 1 & \text{Fails (inconclusive test)} \end{cases}$$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| (-1)^{n+1-1} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \times \frac{n}{x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} \cdot |x|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x| = 1 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x| = 1 \cdot |x| = |x| \quad \Rightarrow \quad \rho = |x|$$

To get the interval of **convergence**, make $\rho < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < 1 \Rightarrow -1 < x < 1$

We can, also, get the **endpoints** by equating ρ to 1 ($\rho = 1$) $\Rightarrow |x| = 1 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$



Examples

Now, we test the **endpoints** (at $x = 1$ and $x = -1$).

at $x = 1$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n}$ *becomes* $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{n}$ \rightarrow It is an alternating series and it **converges**.

at $x = -1$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^n}{n}$ *becomes* $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{2n-1} \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-1}{n}$ \rightarrow It **diverges** by either integral test or by p-series test ($p=1$).

So, the *interval of convergence* is $-1 < x \leq 1$ and *diverges* elsewhere.

$$(b) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \times \frac{n!}{x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot |x|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x| = 0. \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x| = 0 \text{ for every } x.$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \rho \begin{cases} < 1 & \text{Conv.} \\ > 1 & \text{Div.} \\ = 1 & \text{Fails (inconclusive test)} \end{cases}$$

Since $\rho < 1$, it **converges** absolutely for all x .



Examples

$$(c) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! x^n \quad \rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)! x^{n+1}}{1} \times \frac{1}{n! x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n+1 \cdot |x|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n+1 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x| = \infty \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x| = \infty \text{ unless } x = 0.$$

Since $\rho > 1$, it **diverges** for all values of x **except** $x = 0$.

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

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right = \rho$	$\begin{cases} < 1 & \text{Conv.} \\ > 1 & \text{Div.} \\ = 1 & \text{Fails (inconclusive test)} \end{cases}$
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$$\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| (-1)^{n+1-1} \frac{x^{2(n+1)-1}}{2(n+1)-1} \times \frac{2n-1}{x^{2n-1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2n-1}{2n+1} x^2 \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n-1}{2n+1} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x^2| = 1 \cdot |x^2| = x^2 \Rightarrow \rho = x^2 = |x|$$

To get the interval of **convergence**, make $\rho < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < 1 \Rightarrow -1 < x < 1$

endpoints

at $x = 1$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^{2n-1}}{2n-1}$ **becomes** $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{2n-1}$

at $x = -1$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{x^{2n-1}}{2n-1}$ **becomes** $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{-1}{2n-1}$

both are alternating series and they **converge**.

So, the **interval of convergence** is $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ and **diverges** elsewhere.



Taylor and Maclaurin Series

Let f be a function with derivatives of all orders throughout some interval containing a as an interior point. Then the **Taylor Series** generated by f at $x = a$ is

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n + \dots$$

The **Maclaurin Series** generated by f is

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n + \dots$$

which is a Taylor series generated by f at $x = 0$.



Examples

Find Maclaurin series and Taylor series generated by $f(x)$ at $x = a$ for the following function $f(x) = e^{-2x}$, $a = 3$

Solution:

Maclaurin

$$f(x) = e^{-2x} \rightarrow f(0) = 1$$

$$f'(x) = -2e^{-2x} \rightarrow f'(0) = -2$$

$$f''(x) = 4e^{-2x} \rightarrow f''(0) = 4$$

$$f'''(x) = -8e^{-2x} \rightarrow f'''(0) = -8$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = 16e^{-2x} \rightarrow f^{(4)}(0) = 16$$

Taylor

$$f(a = 3) = e^{-6} = 0.00248$$

$$f'(a = 3) = -2e^{-6} = -0.0049$$

$$f''(a = 3) = 4e^{-6} = 0.0099$$

$$f'''(a = 3) = -8e^{-6} = -0.0198$$

$$f^{(4)}(a = 3) = 16e^{-6} = 0.0396$$

The **Maclaurin** series is $f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n + \dots$

$$f(x) = e^{-2x} = 1 - 2x + 4\frac{x^2}{2!} - 8\frac{x^3}{3!} + 16\frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots + \dots$$

The **Taylor** series is $f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n + \dots$

$$f(x) = e^{-2x} = e^{-6} - 2e^{-6}(x-3) + 4e^{-6}\frac{(x-3)^2}{2!} - 8e^{-6}\frac{(x-3)^3}{3!} + 16e^{-6}\frac{(x-3)^4}{4!} - \dots + \dots$$



Examples

Find the Taylor series for the following function $f(x) = \ln(x)$ at $x = 1$.

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{ll} f(x) = \ln(x), & f(1) = 0, \\ f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}, & f'(1) = 1, \\ f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}, & f''(1) = -1, \\ f'''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}, & f'''(1) = 2, \\ f^{(4)}(x) = \frac{-6}{x^4}, & f^{(4)}(1) = -6, \end{array}$$

The **Taylor** series is $f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n + \dots$

$$\ln(x) = 0 + (x-1) - \frac{(x-1)^2}{2!} + \frac{2(x-1)^3}{3!} - \frac{6(x-1)^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}(n-1)!}{n!}(x-1)^n + \dots$$

$$= (x-1) - \frac{(x-1)^2}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3} - \frac{(x-1)^4}{4} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}(x-1)^n + \dots$$

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



Which of the following series converges and which diverges?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left(\frac{n}{10} \right)^n$$

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

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

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

Which of the following series converges absolutely, conditionally, and which diverges?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} (0.1)^n$$

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

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

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



Find the interval of convergence and test the endpoints.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n+1}}{n!}$$

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

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{\sqrt{n^2 + 3}}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n x^n$$

Find Maclaurin series and Taylor series generated by $f(x)$ at $x = a$ for the following functions:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}, \quad a = 1$$

$$f(x) = 7 \cos(-x), \quad a = 2$$

