

Math 152 Week in Review: Sections 11.5, 11.6

Solutions and questions can be found at the link:

<https://www.math.tamu.edu/~kahlig/152WIR.html>

The Alternating Series Test (AST): If the alternating series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{(n-1)} b_n \text{ with } b_n > 0 \text{ satisfies: (1) } b_{n+1} \leq b_n \text{ for all } n \quad \text{and} \quad (2) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$$

then the series is convergent.

Alternating Series Estimation Theorem: If $s = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{(n-1)} b_n$ is the sum of an alternating series that satisfies:

$$(a) 0 < b_{n+1} \leq b_n \quad \text{and} \quad (b) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$$

$$\text{then } |R_n| = |s - s_n| \leq b_{n+1}$$

1. Determine if the series converges or diverges.

$$(a) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (n+5)}{n^2 + 3n}$$

$$(b) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{2n+1} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)$$

$$(c) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)^n}{n}$$

$$(d) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin\left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi\right)}{1 + \sqrt{n}}$$

2. Use the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n^2}{(n+3)!}$ and the fact it converges by the alternating series test for the following.

(a) Estimate the sum of the series by s_5

(b) Find an upper bound for the error in the estimate.

(c) Is the estimate, s_5 , more or less than the actual sum?

3. How many terms of the series do we need to add in order to find the sum so that the $|\text{error}| < 0.0005$?

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n3^n}$$

Definition: A series $\sum a_n$ is called **absolutely convergent** if the series $\sum |a_n|$ is convergent.

If a series $\sum a_n$ is absolutely convergent then it is also convergent.

Definition: A series $\sum a_n$ is called **conditionally convergent** if the series $\sum |a_n|$ is divergent and the series $\sum a_n$ is convergent.

4. Determine if the series is absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos n}{n^4}$$

5. Determine if the series is absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent.

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

The Ratio Test:

(a) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L$, with $0 \leq L < 1$, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is **absolutely convergent** (and therefore convergent).

(b) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L > 1$ or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \infty$, then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is divergent.

Note: If the limit for the ratio test is 1, then this test fails to give any information. Try something else.

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6. For which series is the Ratio Test inconclusive? (fails to give a definite answer)

(a) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n+5}{3n^5-7}$

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

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

(d) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n!}$

7. Determine if the series is absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent.

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

$$(b) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^5}{(-10)^{n+1}}$$

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

$$(d) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-2)^{n!}}{5 \cdot 8 \cdot 11 \cdots (3n+2)}$$