

Determine the number of terms of the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^k}{k}$ that are needed to be computed in order for the sum to have an error less than 0.01.

$$|E_n| = S - S_n = a_{n+1} - (a_{n+2} - a_{n+3}) - (a_{n+4} - a_{n+5}) - \dots < a_{n+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{100} < \frac{2}{n+1} \Rightarrow n+1 < 200 \Rightarrow n = 199 \text{ So for the error to be less than 0.01}$$

we must have n be 199.

A series is *conditionally convergent* if the series itself, $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$, converges but the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|$ diverges. A series *converges absolutely* if $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|$ converges. Determine whether each series converges absolutely, conditionally, or diverges.

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

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

c) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{3k+4}$

d) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k k^4 3^k}{k!}$

e) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} 2^k}{3k+1}$

f) $\sum_{k=5}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} 2^k}{k^2}$

Some of the known sums and approximations are

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \approx 1.2020569$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^5} \approx 1.0369278$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^6} = \frac{\pi^6}{945}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^7} \approx 1.0083493$$

(Telescoping Series) Find the sum:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 + 3k + 2} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+2)(k+1)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+1)} - \frac{1}{(k+2)} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \cdots + \left(\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{k+1} - \frac{1}{k+2}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1} - \cancel{\frac{1}{2}}\right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{2}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{3}}\right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{3}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{4}}\right) + \cdots + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{k}} - \cancel{\frac{1}{k+1}}\right) + \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{k+1}} - \frac{1}{k+2}\right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{k+2} = 1\end{aligned}$$

Find the sum -

a) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 + 3k + 2}$

c) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 + k}$

b) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 + 4k + 3}$

d) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{3}{k^2 + 7k + 12}$

(Special Series) Find the sum:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} = e$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{4(-1)^k}{2k+1} = \pi$$

Taylor's (and Maclaurin's) Formula

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} (x)^k$$