

**Theorem 0.1 (The nth Term Test)** If  $a_n$  fails to exist or is different from zero, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

**Theorem 0.2 (The Alternating Series Test)** The series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} u_n = u_1 - u_2 + u_3 - u_4 + \dots \quad (1)$$

converges if all three of the following conditions are satisfied:

- The  $u_n$ 's are all positive.
- $u_n \geq u_{n+1}$  for all  $n \geq N$ , for some integer  $N$ .
- $u_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Definition 0.3 (Absolutely Convergent)** A series  $\sum a_n$  converges absolutely if the corresponding series of absolute values  $\sum |a_n|$  converges.

**Definition 0.4 (Conditionally Convergent)** A series that converges but does not converge absolutely converges conditionally.

**Theorem 0.5 (The Absolute Convergence Test)** If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

Which of the series in the following converge absolutely, or conditionally, and which diverge?

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

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

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

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

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

6. In the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n x^n$ , (a) find the series' radius and interval of convergence. For what values of  $x$  does the series converge (b) absolutely, (c) conditionally?

**Definition 0.6 (Taylor and Maclaurin series)** Let  $f$  be a function with derivatives of all orders throughout some interval containing  $a$  as an interior point. Then Taylor series generated by  $f$  at  $x = a$  is

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x - a)^k \quad (2)$$

The Maclaurin series generated by  $f$  is  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} x^k$ , the Taylor series generated by  $f$  at  $x = 0$ .

**Definition 0.7 (Taylor Polynomial of order  $n$ )** 
$$P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x - a)^k$$

6. Find the Taylor polynomials of orders 0, 1, 2 and 3.

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

b.  $f(x) = \sin x$ ,  $a = \frac{\pi}{4}$

7. Find the Maclaurin series for

a.  $e^{-x}$

b.  $\sin 3x$

8. Find the Taylor series

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

b.  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1-x}$ ,  $a = 0$