

Having a given series: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} \cdot n}{2n^2+3}$ we need to determine our a_n what is equal to: $\frac{n}{2n^2+3}$.

Next step is deciding that a_n is positive or negative. In this case a_n is greater than zero ($a_n > 0$).

Furthermore, we have to establish whether our a_n is increasing or decreasing. We see that a_n is decreasing because $2n^2+3$ grows faster than n .

Then, we should check convergence/divergence by calculating the limit of a_n .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2n^2+3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n}{n}}{\frac{2n^2+3}{n}} = \frac{1}{2n} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$$

First of all, in our limit we need to separate n before the parenthesis in the denominator and cross out our n . It gives us a simplified expression. We know that three divided by n is zero, so we have only one over two times n and again we must divide a number one by infinity (two times n). Our result is zero what means a_n is CONVERGENT.

The essence of the last step is determining whether a_n is none, absolutely or conditionally convergent.

We use the integral:

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{x}{2x^2+3} dx = \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^A \frac{x dx}{2x^2+3} = \begin{matrix} \int \frac{1}{4} dt = \frac{1}{4} \ln x \\ \frac{dt}{4} = x dx \end{matrix} = \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4} \int_5^{2A^2+3} \frac{dx}{x} = \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4} \cdot \ln x \Big|_5^{2A^2+3} =$$

$$= \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4} (\ln(2A^2+3) - \ln 5) = \infty \rightarrow \text{DIVERGENT}$$

In our integral we assume A is equal to infinity. Next we substitute $2x^2+3$ as t and calculate derivative of it. Furthermore, we are compute t supposing x is equal to A and 1. Then, we must take out $\frac{1}{4}$ before our integral (we see our limits are changed: $2A^2+3$ and 5). The last part is counting our fraction by substituting x by the limits. The result is infinity what confirms the divergence.

To sum up, that series is only CONVERGENT CONDITIONALLY!

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