

§11.5 Wording for problems #23-30.

- ① Is the series an alternating series $\sum (-1)^n u_n$ with $u_n > 0$?
If yes, identify u_n .
- ② If yes for ① ... does the series satisfy the conditions of the AST?
Verify your answer.
- ③ If yes for ② ... the Alternating Series Estimation Theorem (ASET) guarantees that the sum of the first $N = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ terms of the series will approximate the infinite series within the given error. (Find the best N).

Remark. If the problem says "correct to k decimal places",
estimate w/in $|\text{error}| < 5 \cdot 10^{-(k+1)}$.

Example from class

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{4}{2n+1} \left[\frac{1}{2^{2n+1}} + \frac{1}{3^{2n+1}} \right]$$

accurate to 3 decimal places
 $\Downarrow$
 $|\text{error}| < 5 \cdot 10^{-4} = 0.0005$

① Yes. $u_n = \frac{4}{2n+1} \left[\frac{1}{2^{2n+1}} + \frac{1}{3^{2n+1}} \right] > 0$

② Yes.

(i) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$ ✓ yes clear " ~~$\frac{1}{\infty} \neq 0$~~ "

(ii) u_n dec? i.e. $u_n > u_{n+1}$. ✓ yes clear.

recall ... was given $|\text{error}| < 0.0005$
 (3)

(3) Chart to help $\rightarrow$ these 2 columns not needed but helpful.

n	$(-1)^n$	$2n+1$	u_n
0	1	1	$4(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}) = 3.\bar{3} \times 0.0005$
1	-1	3	$\frac{4}{3}(\frac{1}{2^3} + \frac{1}{3^3}) \approx 0.2160493827$
2	1	5	
3	-1	7	
4	1	9	$\frac{4}{9}(\frac{1}{2^9} + \frac{1}{3^9}) \approx 8.906356726E^{-4} \approx 0.00089 \times 0.0005$
5	-1	11	$\frac{4}{11}(\frac{1}{2^{11}} + \frac{1}{3^{11}}) \approx 1.796695561E^{-4} \approx 0.0001796 < 0.0005$

So, by ASET,

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

$$< \frac{4}{11} \left(\frac{1}{2^{11}} + \frac{1}{3^{11}} \right) < 0.0005.$$

Note

$$\sum_{n=0}^4 (-1)^n u_n = \underbrace{u_0 - u_1 + u_2 - u_3 + u_4}_{5 \text{ terms.}}$$

Answer $N = 5.$