

Today: { 11.5 (alternating series)  
HW 10 due @ 5 PM

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

alternates between positive and negative terms

We'll show that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt{n}}$  is convergent

But  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$  is divergent: It's  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1/2}}$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \approx \text{~~0.707107~~ } 0.707107$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \approx 0.817457$$

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} - \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \approx 0.817457$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} - \dots - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \approx 0.707107$$

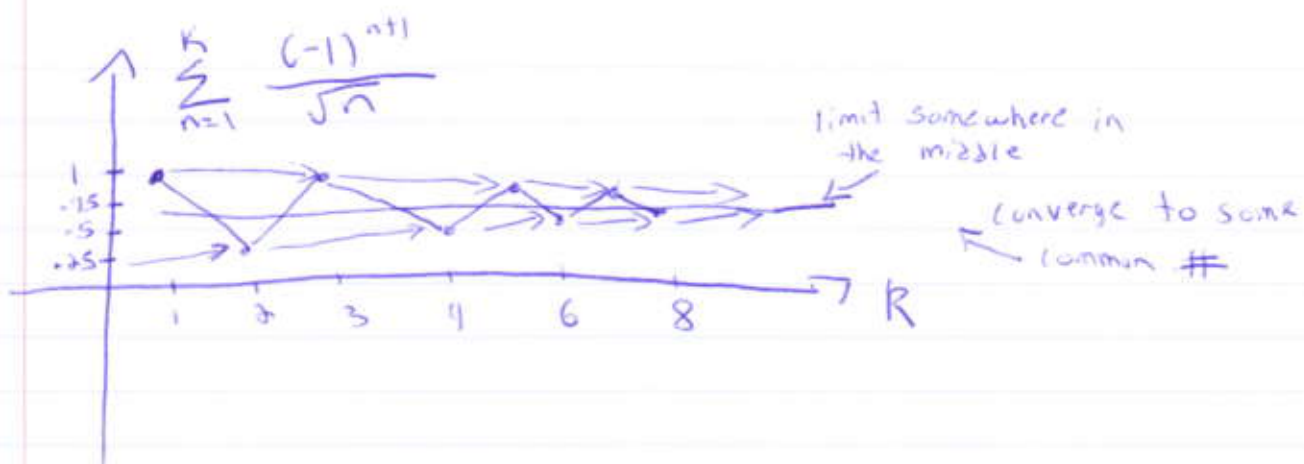
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} - \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \approx 0.817457$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} - \dots - \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \approx 0.707107$$

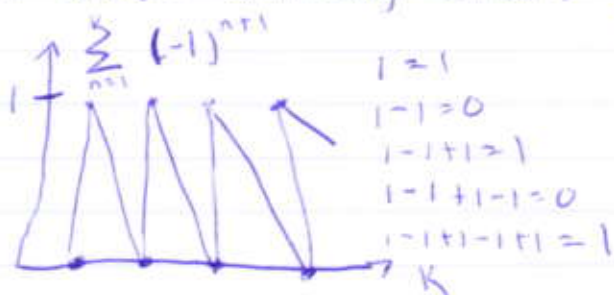
$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  is  $\begin{cases} \text{convergent: } p > 1 \\ \text{divergent: } p \leq 1 \end{cases}$

plot





A divergent alternating series:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} = 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots$



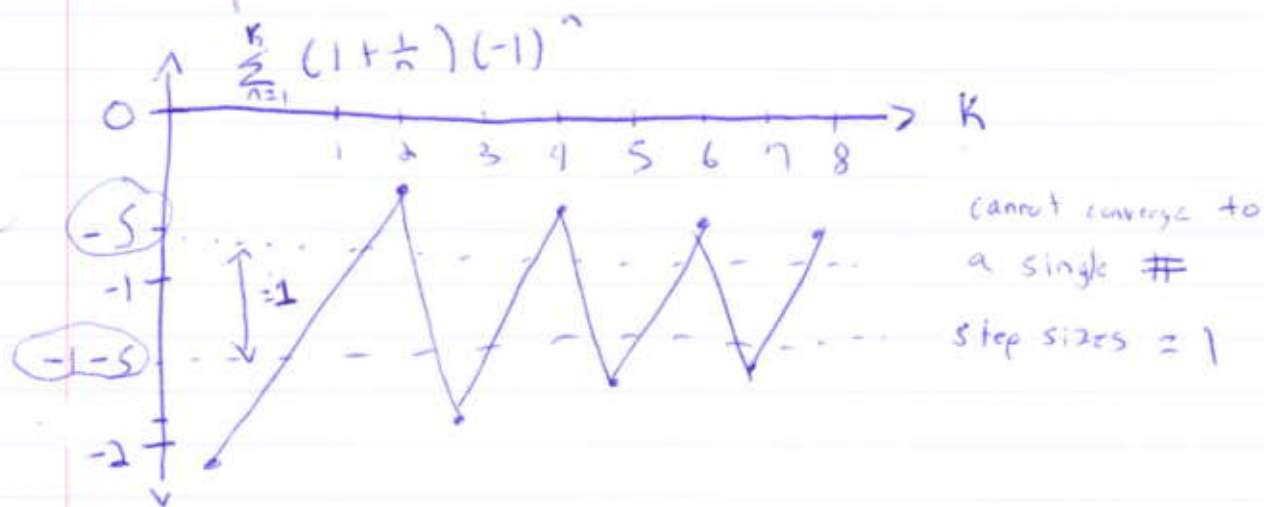
"Alternating series test"

If  $b_1 \geq b_2 \geq b_3 \geq \dots \geq 0$ ,  
 and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ ,

then  $b_1 - b_2 + b_3 - b_4 + b_5 - b_6 + \dots$   
 is convergent

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) (-1)^n &= \\
 &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right) (-1)^1 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) (-1)^2 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) (-1)^3 + \dots \\
 &= -\left(1 + \frac{1}{1}\right) + \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right) - \left(1 + \frac{1}{5}\right) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$k$	$\sum_{n=1}^k (1 + \frac{1}{n}) (-1)^n$
1	-2
2	$-2 + \frac{3}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} = -0.5$
3	$-2 + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{4}{3} = -\frac{11}{6} \approx -1.833$
4	$-2 + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{4}{3} + \frac{5}{4} = -\frac{7}{12} \approx -0.5833$
5	$-2 + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{4}{3} + \frac{5}{4} - \frac{6}{5} \approx -1.7833$
6	$-2 + \dots + \frac{7}{6} \approx -0.61667$
7	$-2 + \dots - \frac{8}{7} \approx -1.75952$
8	$-2 + \dots + \frac{9}{8} \approx -0.63452$



$\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{8} + \dots$  is convergent:

$$\frac{1}{1} \geq \frac{1}{2} \geq \frac{1}{3} \geq \frac{1}{4} \geq \frac{1}{5} \geq \frac{1}{6} \geq \dots \geq 0$$

and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$ , so  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \dots$

is convergent by the Alternating Series Test

Let  $S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) (-1)^n = -5 + \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n}_{\text{divergent}}$$

$$\underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}}_{-1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 - \dots} = -5$$

$$-\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5}$$