1. For each of the following series, determine whether the series converges or diverges.

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

(b) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n}{2n-5}$$
 (d)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left(\frac{\ln n}{n}\right)$ 

2. Estimate the sum of the following series to within two decimal places of accuracy

(a) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{n^2}{10^n}$$
 (b)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{7}{n^5}$ 

3. Determine how many terms you would need in order to estimate the following sums to within .0001 (you do **not** need to find an estimate)

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

4. Determine whether each of the following series are absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent, or divergent:

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

(b) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{3n}{500n+1}$$
 (d)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n \ln n}$ 

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(e) 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(n\pi)}{n}$$
 (f)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{3^n}{n!}$ 

5. The following is a proof that 2=1. Consider the alternating harmonic series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$ . We know that this series converges conditionally. Assume the sum of the series is S.

(a) Write out the first 14 terms of this series. We've done the first 3.

$$S = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$$

(b) Multiply what you have in part (a) by 2 and simplify your fractions:

2S =

(c) Collect terms with the same denominator in part (b):

## 2S =

(d) Rearrange what you have in part (c) so that you have the series you began with:

$$2S = 1 - \frac{1}{2} +$$

(e) Thus:

2S = S and dividing by S we get 2 = 1.

(f) We know that  $2 \neq 1$ . What does your work above tell you about conditionally convergent series?