

## SECTION 11.3 THE INTEGRAL TEST AND ESTIMATES OF SUMS

- The Integral Test - If  $f$  is positive, continuous, and decreasing on  $[1, \infty)$  and  $a_n = f(n)$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent if and only if  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  is convergent.
- The  $p$ -series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  is convergent if  $p > 1$  and divergent if  $p \leq 1$ .
- Remainder Estimate - If  $\sum a_n$  converges by the Integral Test and  $R_n = s - s_n$  then  $\int_{n+1}^{\infty} f(x) dx \leq R_n \leq \int_n^{\infty} f(x) dx$ .
- Since  $s_n + R_n = s$ ,  $s_n + \int_{n+1}^{\infty} f(x) dx \leq s \leq s_n + \int_n^{\infty} f(x) dx$

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## 11.4 THE COMPARISON TESTS

- The idea here is to compare a given series with a series with known convergence or divergence.
- If  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  are series with positive terms,
  - (i) If  $\sum b_n$  is convergent and  $a_n \leq b_n$  for all  $n$ , then  $\sum a_n$  is also convergent.
  - (ii) If  $\sum b_n$  is divergent and  $a_n \geq b_n$  for all  $n$ , then  $\sum a_n$  is also divergent.
- The Limit Comparison Test. If  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  are series with positive terms, then if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = c$ , where  $c$  is finite and  $c > 0$ , then both series either converge or they both diverge.

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## 11.5 ALTERNATING SERIES

- These are useful for ~~for~~ series whose terms are alternately positive and negative.
- If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} b_n$  satisfies (i)  $b_{n+1} \leq b_n$  for all  $n$  and (ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ , then the series is convergent. This is the Alternating Series Test.
- Alternating Series Estimation Theorem. If  $s = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} b_n$  is the sum of an alternating series that satisfies (i)  $0 \leq b_{n+1} \leq b_n$  and (ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ , then  $|R_n| = |s - s_n| \leq b_{n+1}$ . The size of the error, in other words, is smaller than  $b_{n+1}$ , which is the absolute value of the first neglected term.