

Exercise 1. Reordering a Series

We consider the alternating harmonic series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k}$ and denote the sum of the first n terms by s_n . The partial sums of the harmonic series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$ shall be denoted by h_n . Further we consider a reordering of the alternating harmonic series given by

$$\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{11} - \frac{1}{6} + \dots$$

The partial sums of this reordered series shall be denoted by t_n . In this exercise, we will see that this reordering changes the limit of the partial sums.

1. Show that $t_{3n} + \frac{1}{2}h_n = h_{4n} - \frac{1}{2}h_{2n}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
2. Deduce further

$$3 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 2 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n$$

and explain why this implies the convergence of (t_n) . What is the limit?