

**Problem statement** The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n2^n}$  both converge (why?). By coincidence it turns out that their sums are both equal to  $\ln 2$ . (You'll understand this coincidence when we study Taylor series.)

Which series converges “faster” (and so numerically gives a more efficient way to get a numerical approximation for  $\ln 2$ )? Justify your answer by computing how many terms of each series must be added up to approximate  $\ln 2$  with maximum allowed error of  $10^{-6}$ .