

ERROR BOUNDS (11.4)

I only have 1 tool: $\int_{k+1}^{\infty} f(x) dx \leq R_k \leq \int_k^{\infty} f(x) dx$.

example For what smallest k is $\sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4+1} < 0.00005$?

$$\int_{k+1}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4+1} \leq R_k \leq \int_k^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4+1} \leq 0.00005$$

No obvious antiderivative.

So squeeze a comparison term in

$$R_k \leq \int_k^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4+1} < \underbrace{\int_k^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4}}_{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{k^3}} \leq 0.00005$$

$$\Rightarrow R_k < \frac{1}{3k^3} \leq 0.00005$$

$$\text{and } k > \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{3(0.00005)}} \approx 18.82$$

So, using a comparison, we can approximate $\sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4+1}$ to within 0.00005 by using S_{19} .