

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

Not needed

Let's find the first few terms:

$$= \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} \right)}_{n=1} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right)}_{n=2} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right)}_{n=3} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} \right)}_{n=4} + \dots$$

Consider the N th partial sum, S_N (the sum of first N terms)

$$S_N = \left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} \right) + \dots$$
$$\dots + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{N-2} - \frac{1}{N} \right)}_{n=N-2} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{N-1} - \frac{1}{N+1} \right)}_{n=N-1} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{N} - \frac{1}{N+2} \right)}_{n=N}$$

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

(you may want to write more terms to see this)

N th partial sum test:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{N+1} - \frac{1}{N+2} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} - 0 - 0 = \frac{3}{2}$$

The series converges, and the sum is $\frac{3}{2}$.