

Q1) Determine whether the sequence $\left\{ \frac{\cos n}{n^2 + 2n} \right\}$ converges or diverges. [3 marks]

Answer:

$$-1 \leq \cos n \leq 1 \quad \text{for every } n$$

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$$-\frac{1}{n^2 + 2n} \leq \frac{\cos n}{n^2 + 2n} \leq \frac{1}{n^2 + 2n}$$

$$\text{As } \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 + 2n} = 0$$

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We deduce that $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\cos n}{n^2 + 2n} = 0$

Q2) Determine whether the infinite series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n(n+3)}$ converges or diverges. If it converges find the sum S . [3 marks]

Answer:

$$\text{let } N \geq 1; \quad S_N = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{3}{n(n+3)}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{3}{x(x+3)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+3} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+3}$$

(1)

$$A = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cdot f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{x+3} = 1$$

$$B = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} (x+3) f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{3}{x} = -1$$

$$\text{So, } S_N = \sum_{n=1}^N \left[\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+3} \right] = \left(\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n} \right) - \left(\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n+3} \right)$$

(2)

$$S_N = \left(\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n} \right) - \left(\sum_{n=4}^{N+3} \frac{1}{n} \right) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{N+1} + \frac{1}{N+2} + \frac{1}{N+3} \right)$$

$$\text{As } \lim_{N \rightarrow +\infty} S_N = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{11}{6}, \text{ then } \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n(n+3)} \right) \text{ is}$$

Convergent to the sum $S = \frac{11}{6}$.

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Q3) Determine whether the infinite series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^3 e^{-n^4}$ converges or diverges. [4 Marks]

Answer: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^3 e^{-n^4}$ is a positive series

Using Integral test:

• $f(x) = x^3 e^{-x^4}$ is continuous on $[1, +\infty)$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 e^{-x^4} + x^3 (-4x^3) e^{-x^4}$$

$$= x^2 e^{-x^4} [3 - 4x^4] < 0$$

so f is a decreasing function on $[1, +\infty)$

$$\int_1^{+\infty} x^3 e^{-x^4} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\int_1^t x^3 e^{-x^4} dx \right)$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\int_{-t^4}^{-1} -\frac{1}{4} e^u du \right)$$

$$u = -x^4 \\ du = -4x^3 dx$$

$$\text{so } x^3 dx = -\frac{1}{4} du$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} [e^u]_{-1}^{-t^4} = -\frac{1}{4} \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} [e^{-t^4} - e^{-1}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4e} \quad \text{because } \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} e^{-t^4} = e^{-\infty} = 0$$

We deduce that $\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^3 e^{-n^4} \right)$ is convergent.