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Sec. 2.6 - Limits at Infinity

Math 251

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{x^4 + 1}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\frac{x^2}{x^4}}{\frac{x^4}{x^4} + \frac{1}{x^4}} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{1 + \frac{1}{x^4}} \right) = \frac{0}{1+0} = 0$$

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\ln(2+x) - \ln(1+x)]$

$$\ln(2+x) - \ln(1+x) = \ln\left(\frac{2+x}{1+x}\right), \text{ since } \ln(x) \text{ is continuous for } x > 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln\left(\frac{2+x}{1+x}\right) \right] = \ln\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2+x}{1+x}\right)\right) = \ln\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\frac{2}{x} + 1}{\frac{1}{x} + 1}\right)\right) = \ln(1) = 0$$

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^{-2x} \cos(x))$

$$-e^{-2x} \leq e^{-2x} \cos(x) \leq e^{-2x}$$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (-e^{-2x}) = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^{-2x})$, by the Squeeze Theorem

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^{-2x} \cos(x)) = 0$$

4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^{-x} + 2 \cos(3x))$

The limit does not exist because while $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^{-x}) = 0$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 2 \cos(3x)$ DNE

because $2 \cos(3x)$ oscillates between -2 and 2 as $x \rightarrow \infty$.