

Q2 a)

Show that if $f : (a, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} xf(x) = L$ where $L \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$.

Proof. Given $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} xf(x) = L$. Let $\{x_n\}$ be any sequence diverges to ∞ . Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n f(x_n) = L$ as $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} xf(x) = L$. Let $X_n = x_n f(x_n)$ and $Y_n = \frac{1}{x_n}$. Now $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = L$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x_n} = 0$. So by Algebra of limits $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n Y_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n \times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y_n = L \times 0 = 0$. So for any arbitrary sequence $\{x_n\}$ converging to ∞ , $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = 0$ concluding $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$. \square

Q2 b) Example of any such continuous function could be given (domain to be specified)

For Example -

$$\bullet \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{but } x \neq 0 \\ \text{or } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\bullet \quad f(x) = a \quad (a \text{ is constant, } x \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} a = a$$