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Assignment: HW-5 [Sections 10.1, 10.2 & 10.3]

Use the Integral Test to determine if the series shown below converges or diverges. Be sure to check that the conditions of the Integral Test are satisfied.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{n^2 + 121}$$

Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of positive terms. Suppose that $a_n = f(n)$, where f is a continuous, positive, decreasing function of x for all $x \geq N$ (N a positive integer). Then the Integral Test states that the series $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n$ and the integral $\int_N^{\infty} f(x)dx$ both converge or both diverge.

Check to see whether the Integral Test can be applied to this series. First identify $f(n)$.

$$f(n) = \frac{5}{n^2 + 121}$$

Since the first index in the sum is $n = 1$, see if the conditions hold for $N = 1$. Since $f(x)$ is a rational function whose denominator has no real zeros, it is continuous for all $x \geq 1$.

Since $x^2 \geq 0$, the denominator $x^2 + 121 \geq 0$ for all x . Also, the numerator is a constant, positive value. So, $f(x)$ is positive for all $x \geq 1$.

Since the denominator of $f(x)$, $x^2 + 121$, is increasing, and the numerator is constant, $f(x)$ is decreasing for all $x \geq 1$.

Therefore, $f(x)$ is continuous, positive, and decreasing for all $x \geq 1$, so the conditions of the Integral Test are satisfied with

$N = 1$. Now determine whether the integral $\int_1^{\infty} f(x)dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{5}{x^2 + 121} dx$ converges or diverges.

Use a basic integration formula to evaluate the integral. To evaluate $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{5}{x^2 + 121} dx$, use the formula

$$\int \frac{dx}{a^2 + x^2} = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + C.$$

Apply the formula $\int \frac{dx}{a^2 + x^2} = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + C$ with $a = 11$ to evaluate the indefinite integral $\int \frac{5}{x^2 + 121} dx$.

$$\int \frac{5}{x^2 + 121} dx = \frac{5}{11} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{11} \right) + C$$

Apply the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus to evaluate the integral $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{5}{x^2 + 121} dx$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^{\infty} \frac{5}{x^2 + 121} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{5}{11} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{11} \right) \right]_1^b \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{5}{11} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{b}{11} \right) - \frac{5}{11} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{11} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{5}{11} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{b}{11} \right) - \frac{5}{11} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{11} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{11}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$, then $\frac{5}{11} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{11}\right) = \frac{5\pi}{22}$.

Use the value of the limit to finish evaluating the integral.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^{\infty} \frac{5}{x^2 + 121} dx &= \frac{5\pi}{22} - \frac{5}{11} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{11}\right) \\ &= \frac{5}{11} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{11}\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the integral $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{5}{x^2 + 121} dx$ converges. Since the integral converges, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5}{n^2 + 121}$ also converges by the Integral Test.