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

Does the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5 \tan^{-1} n}{1+n^2}$ converge or diverge?

The given series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5 \tan^{-1} n}{1+n^2}$ is not a geometric series, a telescoping series, a harmonic series, or a p-series.

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). 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.

The integral $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{5 \tan^{-1} x}{1+x^2} dx$ can be used to determine the convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5 \tan^{-1} n}{1+n^2}$.

Evaluate the integral using substitution method with $u = \tan^{-1} x$. Taking the differentials on both sides of the equation,
 $du = \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$.

Rewrite the integral with the appropriate substitution of the variable.

$$\int_1^N \frac{5 \tan^{-1} x}{1+x^2} dx = \int_{x=1}^{x=N} 5u du$$

Evaluate the integral with respect to u .

$$\int_{x=1}^{x=N} 5u du = \left[\frac{5u^2}{2} \right]_{x=1}^{x=N}$$

Substitute $u = \tan^{-1} x$ back into the expression.

$$\left[\frac{5u^2}{2} \right]_{x=1}^{x=N} = \left[5 \left(\frac{(\tan^{-1}(x))^2}{2} \right) \right]_1^N$$

Evaluate the integral at the limits and simplify.

$$\left[5 \left(\frac{(\tan^{-1}(x))^2}{2} \right) \right]_1^N = 5 \left(\frac{(\tan^{-1}(N))^2}{2} \right) - 5 \left(\frac{\pi^2}{32} \right)$$

Take the limit as $N \rightarrow \infty$. The function $\tan^{-1} x$ is the only term containing N . The limit of this function as $N \rightarrow \infty$ is $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Therefore, the integral converges to a finite number.

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} 5 \left(\frac{(\tan^{-1}(N))^2}{2} \right) - 5 \left(\frac{\pi^2}{32} \right) = \frac{5}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^2 - 5 \left(\frac{\pi^2}{32} \right)$$

Thus, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5 \tan^{-1} n}{1+n^2}$ converges by the Integral Test.