

#12

Idea: As $k \rightarrow +\infty$, k^2 will dominate k in the numerator and k^5 will dominate 10 in the denominator, so

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{4k^2 + 5k}{\sqrt{10 + k^5}} \quad \text{should "act like"} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2}{\sqrt{k^5}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{1/2}}$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{4k^2 + 5k}{\sqrt{10 + k^5}}}{\frac{1}{k^{1/2}}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{4k^{\frac{5}{2}} + 5k^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{10 + k^5}} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{k^{5/2}}}{\frac{1}{k^{5/2}}}$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{4 + \cancel{\frac{5}{k}}^0}{\sqrt{\cancel{\frac{10}{k^5}}^0 + 1}} = 4, \text{ which is finite and nonzero.}$$

Since $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{1/2}}$ diverges (p-series, $p = \frac{1}{2}$),

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{4k^2 + 5k}{\sqrt{10 + k^5}}$ diverges as well.

Note: It is perfectly reasonable to compare the series to $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{k^{1/2}}$, i.e. keep the leading coefficient.

The limit would then be 1, but the conclusion would be the same.