MAC2312: Calculus 2 - Section 3

Quiz 16: 11.4 The Comparison Tests

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1. Determine whether the following series is convergent or divergent.

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{n^4 - 1}$$

A. convergent

B. divergent

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{n^4 - 1} > \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{n^4} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is divergent. Thus, by The Comparison Theorem, $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{n^4-1}$ is divergent.