

Conditions

Using the definition of the limit at infinity verify that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cos^2(x)/2x^2 = 0$

Solution

Definition. The function $f(x)$ has a limit, equal to F , when $x \rightarrow \infty$, if:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0 \forall x: |x| > \delta \implies |f(x) - F| < \varepsilon$$

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$

Consider $|f(x) - F|$ for our case:

$$\left| \frac{\cos^2(x)}{2x^2} - 0 \right| = \left| \frac{\cos^2(x)}{2x^2} \right| \leq \left| \frac{1}{2x^2} \right| < \left| \frac{1}{2\delta^2} \right| = \frac{1}{2\delta^2} < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{Here } \delta = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\varepsilon}}$$

So, for each ε we found $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon)$, for which $\left| \frac{\cos^2(x)}{2x^2} - 0 \right| < \varepsilon$

Q.E.D.