Answer on Question #40704 - Math - Calculus

calculate:

1) $\lim_{x \to 0} 1 -\cos x/x + x^2$ 2) $\lim_{x \to \infty} x - 2x^2/3x^2 + 5x$ 3) $\lim_{x \to \infty} (x \sin 1/x)$

4) Show that the sequence 1/2, 2/3,3/4,4/5,... is strictly increasing sequence.

Solution:

1)
$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x + x^2}$$

If we substitute x = 0 we get the form $\frac{0}{0}$. This means we can apply L'Hospital's rule. So we can take the derivative of numerator and the denomenator without changing the limits:

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x + x^2} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{\sin x}{1 + 2x} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

2)
$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{x - 2x^2}{3x^2 + 5x}$$

We can divide numerator and the denomenator on x^2 :

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{x - 2x^2}{3x^2 + 5x} = \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{\frac{x}{x^2} - \frac{2x^2}{x^2}}{\frac{3x^2}{x^2} + \frac{5x}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - 2}{3 + \frac{5}{x}} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

3) $\lim_{x\to\infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x}$

We can apply the La'Hospital rule. For that first of all convert the equation to form such that after applying limit directly we get $\frac{0}{0}$ or $\frac{\text{infinity}}{\text{infinity}}$ form. Then differentiate both the numerator and the denomenator and then apply the limit thus

$$f(x) = x \cdot \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \text{ convert to } \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \text{ form i. e.}$$
$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \frac{1}{x}$$

which is now in the form of $\frac{0}{0}$, then according to La'Hospital rule

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \frac{-\frac{1}{x^2 \cos \frac{1}{x}}}{-1/x^2} = \cos \frac{1}{x}$$

Now we can apply the limit to this derivative which gives

$$\cos\left(\frac{1}{\infty}\right) = \cos(0) = 1$$

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$$\lim_{x \to \infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = 1$$

4) We have the sequence $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots\right)$: $a_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$

Each term is greater than the last:

$$a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{n+1}{n+2} - \frac{n}{n+1} = \frac{n^2 + 2n + 1 - n^2 - 2n}{(n+2)(n+1)} = \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+1)} > 0 \Longrightarrow$$

The inequality is satisfied for any value of n. (n is a positive integer). Hence, the sequence is strictly monotonically increasing.