Question

Determine the following limits: (a) $\lim((3\sqrt{n})1/2n)$, (b) $\lim((n+1)1/\ln(n+1))$

Solution

(a) $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{3\sqrt{n}}{2n} = \frac{3}{2} \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$ (b) We use the Stolz-Cesàro theorem:

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{a_n}{b_n}=\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{a_n-a_{n-1}}{b_n-b_{n-1}},$$

where $a_n = n + 1$, the sequence $b_n = \ln(n + 1)$ is strictly monotone (strictly increasing) and divergent (approaches $+\infty$).

So we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{n+1}{\ln(n+1)} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(n+1)-n}{\ln(n+1)-\ln n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{\ln\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)} = \frac{1}{\ln\left(\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)} = 1/\ln 1 = \infty.$$

Answer: (a) 0; **(b)** ∞.