

3. Determine the convergence or divergence of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 + 5}{\sqrt{n^6 + n}}$$

(5 points)

limit comparison test

Highest degree of  $n^2 + 5$  is 2

Highest degree of  $\sqrt{n^6 + n}$  is  $\frac{6}{2} = 3$

so compare with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{n^3} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^2 + 5}{\sqrt{n^6 + n}}}{\frac{1}{n}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3 + 5n}{\sqrt{n^6 + n}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{5}{n^2}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{n}{n^6}}} \\ &= \frac{1 + 0}{\sqrt{1 + 0}} = 1 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  is divergent

By limit comparison test

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 + 5}{\sqrt{n^6 + n}} \text{ is } \boxed{\text{divergent.}}$$