

Written HW13 – MATH 2501 Fall 2020

Due by 27 October for timely completion credit

1. Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^4 + x^3 + 2000x + 1}{-10x^4 - 300000x + 12}$
2. Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x} \ln(x)^2}$
3. Recall the Stirling approximation which says that $n! \approx \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$ (note: as discussed in class, this means you can replace $n!$ with $\sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$ inside a limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$).
Calculate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n! e^n}{\sqrt{nn^n}}$.
4. It can be shown that a so-called “modified Bessel function of the first kind”, $I_1(x)$, has asymptotic formula $I_1(x) \approx \frac{e^x}{\sqrt{2\pi x}}$ (note: this means you can replace $I_1(x)$ with $\frac{e^x}{\sqrt{2\pi x}}$ in a limit as $x \rightarrow \infty$).
Use that fact to compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} J_1(x)$.
(another note: “Bessel functions” often appear when solving the “wave equation” on a circular membrane which describes, for instance, the behavior of a snare drum when it is struck by a stick)