

Answer on Question #76438 – Math – Calculus

Question

Find the value of a, b, c such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{ae^x + b\cos x + ce^{-x}}{x \sin x} = \frac{3}{2}$.

Conjecture

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{ae^x + b\cos x + ce^{-x}}{x \sin x} \neq \frac{3}{2}$ for any $a, b, c \in R$.

Proof (by contradiction)

Let $f(x) = \frac{ae^x + b\cos x + ce^{-x}}{x \sin x}$.

Suppose that above-mentioned limit exists and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \frac{3}{2}$ then according to the definition of a limit of the function by Eduard Heine

$$\forall \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \infty \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \frac{3}{2}$$

Let's consider $x_n = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n$;

$$f(x_n) = \frac{ae^{(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n)} + ce^{-(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n)}}{\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n};$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{ae^{(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n)} + ce^{-(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n)}}{\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n} = \begin{cases} a \cdot (+\infty), & a \neq 0 \\ 0, & a = 0 \end{cases}$$

because of the fact that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{e^x}{x} = [\text{according to the Hospital's rule}] = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(e^x)'}{x'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} e^x = +\infty.$$

Here is the contradiction ■

Answer: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{ae^x + b\cos x + ce^{-x}}{x \sin x} \neq \frac{3}{2}$ for any $a, b, c \in R$.