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#11 Integral test.

$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+3x+2}$ is positive, continuous for $x > 0$ and decreasing for $x > 0$

$$f' = -1(x^2+3x+2)^{-2}(2x+3) = \frac{-(2x+3)}{(x^2+3x+2)^2} < 0$$

determine if $\int_3^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2+3x+2} dx$ converges.

Method 1 comparison method.

$$x^2+3x+2 > x^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2+3x+2} < \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$\int_3^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$ is a p-integral so it converges.

by the integral test the series will converge.

Method 2: compute the integral.

$$\frac{1}{x^2+3x+2} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x+2} \Rightarrow 1 = A(x+2) + B(x+1)$$

$$\text{if } \underline{x = -1}$$

$$1 = A(1) \\ A = 1$$

$$\underline{x = -2}$$

$$1 = -B \\ B = -1$$

$$\int_3^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 + 3x + 2} dx = \int_3^{\infty} \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{x+2} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_3^t \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{x+2} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln|x+1| - \ln|x+2| \right]_3^t$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \ln(t+1) - \ln(t+2) - (\ln(4) - \ln(5))$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(\frac{t+1}{t+2}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)$$

$$= \ln(1) - \ln\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)$$

Thus the integral converges.

By the Integral test the series will converge