

11.3 #2

A) $f(x) = x e^{-x^2/2}$

The series is positive, continuous and decreasing.

$$\begin{aligned} f' &= 1 e^{-x^2/2} + x \cdot \left(\frac{-2x}{2}\right) e^{-x^2/2} \\ &= 1 e^{-x^2/2} - x^2 e^{-x^2/2} \\ &= (1-x^2) e^{-x^2/2} \end{aligned}$$

note $e^{-x^2/2}$ is positive
and $(1-x^2) < 0$
for $x > 1$

now check the integral

$$\int_1^{\infty} x e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

$$u = -\frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$du = -\frac{2x}{2} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{x=1}^{x=t} -e^u du$$

$$du = -x dx$$

$$-du = x dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} -e^u \Big|_{x=1}^{x=t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} -e^{-x^2/2} \Big|_1^t$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} -e^{-t^2/2} - -e^{-1/2} = 0 + e^{-1/2}$$

The integral converges

By the integral test the series will converge.

$$B) S_4 = 1e^{-1/2} + 2e^{-4/2} + 3e^{-9/2} + 4e^{-16/2}$$

$$R_4 \leq \int_4^{\infty} x e^{-x^2/2} dx = e^{-16/2} = e^{-8}$$

Integral work from part A