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Answer each question completely. You must fully justify your answers to get credit. Even a correct answer with no justification is wrong.

1. Does the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{(n+3)^2} \right)$ converge or diverge? If it converges, find the sum. If it diverges, say so and justify your answer fully.

THIS IS A TELESOPING SERIES. LET'S LOOK AT A FEW TERMS.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{(n+3)^2} \right) &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{4^2} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{5^2} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{6^2} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{4^2} - \frac{1}{7^2} \right) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{5^2} - \frac{1}{8^2} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{6^2} - \frac{1}{9^2} \right) + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MORE FORMALLY,} \\ \text{WE HAVE } S_K &= \sum_{n=1}^K \left(\frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{(n+3)^2} \right) = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{(K+1)^2} - \frac{1}{(K+2)^2} - \frac{1}{(K+3)^2} \\ \text{THEN } \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} S_K &= \lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{(K+1)^2} - \frac{1}{(K+2)^2} - \frac{1}{(K+3)^2} \right) = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} \end{aligned}$$

2. Consider the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \pi^{n+2}}{6^n}$. If it converges, find the sum. If it diverges, explain why.

THIS CAN BE WRITTEN AS A GEOMETRIC

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SERIES } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \pi^{n+2}}{6^n} &= \pi^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (\pi)^n}{6^n} \\ &= \pi^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-\pi}{6} \right)^n \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\pi^2}{1 + \pi/6} = \frac{6\pi^2}{6 + \pi}$$