Exercise 22

Find the limit or show that it does not exist.

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^4 + 1}}$$

Solution

Evaluate the limit using the limit laws after factoring out the highest power of x in the denominator.

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^4 + 1}} = \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^4}\right)}}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{x^2}{x^2 \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^4}}}$$
$$= \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^4}}}$$
$$= \frac{\lim_{x \to \infty} 1}{\lim_{x \to \infty} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^4}}}$$
$$= \frac{\lim_{x \to \infty} 1}{\sqrt{\lim_{x \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^4}\right)}}$$
$$= \frac{\lim_{x \to \infty} 1}{\sqrt{\lim_{x \to \infty} 1 + \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{1}{x^4}}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 0}}$$
$$= 1$$