

11.4 #6

note: the series has positive terms

by comparison

$$S_n + 4^n > 4^n$$

$$\frac{1}{S_n + 4^n} < \frac{1}{4^n}$$

so

$$\frac{3^n - 1}{S_n + 4^n} < \frac{3^n - 1}{4^n}$$

now

$$3^n - 1 < 3^n$$

so

$$\frac{3^n - 1}{4^n} < \frac{3^n}{4^n}$$

Together we get

$$\frac{3^n - 1}{S_n + 4^n} < \frac{3^n - 1}{4^n} < \frac{3^n}{4^n}$$

now $\sum \frac{3^n}{4^n} = \sum \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$ is a convergent geometric series $r = \frac{3}{4}$

by the comparison test.

$\sum \frac{3^n - 1}{S_n + 4^n}$ will converge.

by limit comparison

Known $\sum \frac{3^n}{4^n} = \sum \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$ is geometric +
is convergent
 $r = 3/4$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3^n - 1}{5n + 4^n}}{\frac{3^n}{4^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n - 1}{3^n} \cdot \frac{4^n}{5n + 4^n} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

by the LCT the

$$\text{series } \sum \frac{3^n - 1}{5n + 4^n}$$

will converge.

L'Hopital work

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^n - 1}{3^n} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \frac{3^n \cdot \ln(3)}{3^n \ln(3)} = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^n}{5n + 4^n} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^n \ln(4)}{5 + 4^n \ln(4)} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^n (\ln(4))^2}{4^n (\ln(4))^2} = 1$$