

§ 7.8 - Improper Integrals

Type I: $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^t f(x) dx$

Ex. $\int_{-\infty}^0 x e^x dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^0 x e^x dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} (x e^x - \int e^x dx) \Big|_t^0$

$u = x$
 $du = dx$

$dv = e^x dx$
 $w = e^x$

$= \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} (x e^x - e^x) \Big|_t^0$

$= \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \left(\underbrace{0 e^0}_{\text{0}} - \underbrace{e^0}_{\text{1}} - t e^t + e^t \right)$

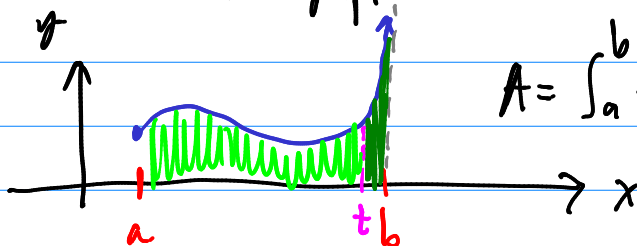
$= -1 - \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} t e^t + \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} e^t$

$= 0$

$= -1 - \underbrace{"-\infty \cdot 0"}_{\text{more work}} = -1 - \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{t}{e^{-t}} \stackrel{\text{UH}}{=} -1 - \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{-e^{-t}}$

$= -1 + \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} e^t = -1 + 0 = \boxed{-1} \quad \underline{\text{converges}}$

Type II. $y \rightarrow \pm\infty$: Vertical Asymptotes!



$A = \int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow b^-} \int_a^t f(x) dx$

$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow a^+} \int_t^b f(x) dx$

Ex. $\int_2^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}} dx$ "Problem: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2-2}} = \text{undef.}$ "

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 2^+} \int_t^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^3 u^{-1/2} du = 2u^{1/2} \Big|_t^3$$

$$u = x-2 \rightarrow u(5) = 5-2 = 3$$

$$du = dx$$

$$u(2) = 2-2 = 0$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} 2\sqrt{u} \Big|_t^3 = 2\sqrt{3} - \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} 2\sqrt{t} = 2\sqrt{3} - 0 = \boxed{2\sqrt{3}}$$

Ex. $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sec \theta d\theta$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \pi/2^-} \int_0^t \sec \theta d\theta$$

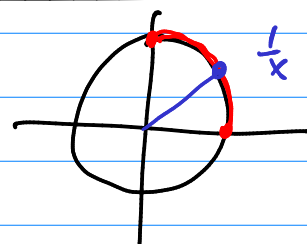
$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \pi/2^-} \ln |\sec \theta + \tan \theta| \Big|_0^t$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \pi/2^-} \left(\ln |\sec t + \tan t| - \underbrace{\ln |\sec 0 + \tan 0|}_{=0} \right)$$

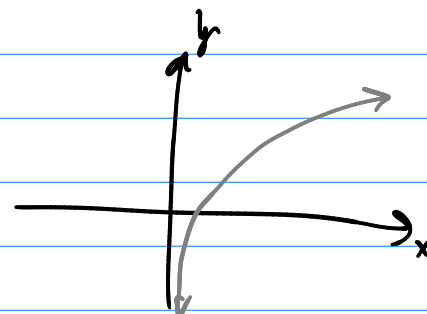
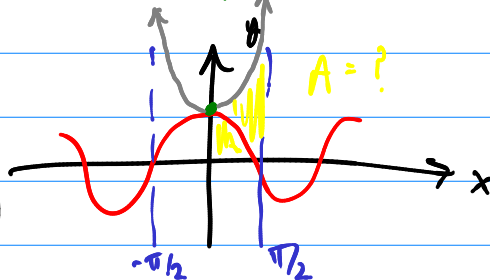
$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \pi/2^-} \ln |\sec t + \tan t|$$

$$\text{cont.} = \ln \left(\lim_{t \rightarrow \pi/2^-} \sec t + \lim_{t \rightarrow \pi/2^-} \tan t \right) = \ln |+\infty + \infty| = +\infty$$

So $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sec \theta d\theta$ is divergent.



$\sec \pi/2 = \text{undef.}$



$$\underline{\text{Ex.}} \quad \int_0^3 \frac{1}{x-1} dx = \underbrace{\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x-1} dx} + \int_1^3 \frac{1}{x-1} dx$$

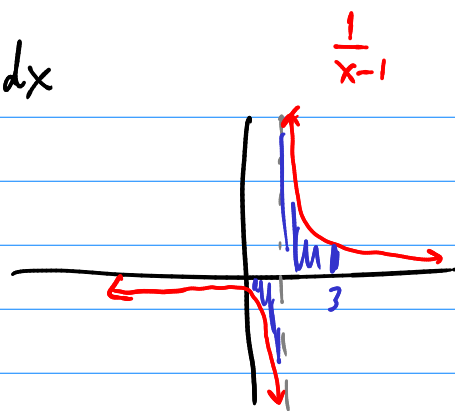
$$= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x-1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^t \frac{1}{x-1} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \left(\ln|x-1| \Big|_0^t \right)$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \left(\ln|t-1| - \ln|\cancel{0-1}| \right)$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \ln|t-1| = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \ln u = -\infty = \underline{\text{DIVERGES}}$$

$$\int_0^3 \frac{1}{x-1} dx \text{ is } \underline{\text{divergent}}.$$



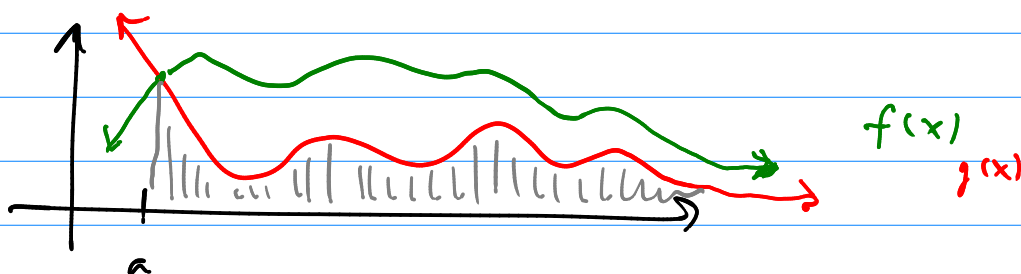
Thm. Comparison Thm.

Suppose f and g are continuous functions with:

$$f(x) \geq g(x) \geq 0 \quad \text{for } x \geq a$$

Then, 1. If $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ is convergent, then so is $\int_a^\infty g(x) dx$.

2. If $\int_a^\infty g(x) dx$ is divergent, then so is $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$.

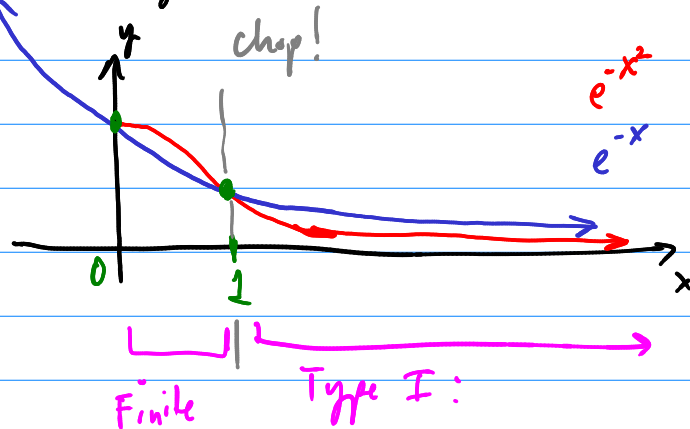


Ex. $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$

converge or diverge

Compare to $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} dx$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \underbrace{\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx}_{\#} + \underbrace{\int_1^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx}_{?}$$



but $\int_1^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \leq \underbrace{\int_1^{\infty} e^{-x} dx}_{\text{compute!}}$

$$\int_1^{\infty} e^{-x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t e^{-x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left. -e^{-x} \right|_1^t = \left(\cancel{-e^{-t}} + \underbrace{e^{-1}} \right) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty}$$

$$= \frac{1}{e} : \quad \text{convergent.}$$

we deduce by CT: $\underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx}_{= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}} \quad \text{is convergent.}$

Do the HW!