

IMPROPER INTEGRALS? ~~(7.8)~~ ¹² (8.7)

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Look at the integral

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} dx$$

bottom of
1.1.6

By an appropriate ^{trick} substitution, we can solve it.

But notice that $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}}$ is not defined at one of the limits of integration, $x=1$ (i.e. $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow 1$).

This is one type of integral which is called improper.

^{Def} In general,

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Ⓐ if $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is s.t. $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$ for some $x \in [a, b]$

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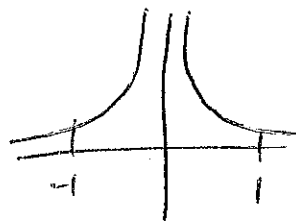
or Ⓑ if we have $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ or $\int_{-\infty}^b f(x) dx$

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we say that $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is an improper integral.

BEWARE OF IMPROPER INTEGRALS

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$



Try approach we've used
thus far.

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^{-2} dx = \left[\frac{x^{-1}}{-1} \right]_{-1}^1$$

$$= \left[-\frac{1}{x} \right]_{-1}^1 = -\frac{1}{(1)} - \frac{-1}{(-1)} = -1 - 1 = \underline{\underline{-2}} \leftarrow \text{inconsistent value!}$$

the old approach (not taking the infinite height into
account) does NOT work!

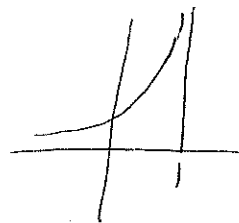
↖ positive
area
between curve
and x-axis.



B EVALUATING IMPROPER INTEGRALS: $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

Def Suppose $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow 1$

Look at the integral $\int_{-1}^b f(x) dx$



If this integral has a finite limit as $b \rightarrow 1$ from inside the interval, then we say that the integral converges, and we define

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow 1^-} \int_{-1}^b f(x) dx.$$

If this integral has no finite limit, then we say the integral diverges.

EX 1 Does $\int_0^1 \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} dx$ converge or diverge? Problem is at upper limit 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^b \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} dx &= \left[\arcsin x - \sqrt{1-x^2} \right]_0^b \\ &= (\arcsin b - \sqrt{1-b^2}) - (\arcsin 0 - \sqrt{1-0}) \\ &= \arcsin b - \sqrt{1-b^2} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Now as $b \rightarrow 1$ $\arcsin b \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\sqrt{1-b^2} \rightarrow 0$

$$\therefore \lim_{b \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^b \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 + 1 = \frac{\pi}{2} + 1 < \infty$$

$\therefore$ converges

$$\int_0^b \sqrt{\frac{1+y}{1-y}} \sqrt{\frac{1+y}{1-y}} dy = \int_0^b \frac{1+y}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} dy = \int_0^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} dy$$

EX 2

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What about $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x}$? Here the problem is at the lower limit 0.

as $x \rightarrow 0$, $\frac{1}{x} \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\int_b^1 \frac{dx}{x} = \log x \Big|_b^1 = \log 1 - \log b = \log \frac{1}{b}$$

as $b \rightarrow 0$, $\frac{1}{b} \rightarrow \infty$ and therefore $\log \frac{1}{b} \rightarrow \infty$

$\therefore \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x}$ diverges.

EX 5

What about $\int_0^3 \frac{dx}{(x-1)^{2/3}}$? Here the problem is inside the interval of integration, at $x=1$.

as $x \rightarrow 1$, $\frac{1}{x-1} \rightarrow \infty \therefore \frac{1}{(x-1)^{2/3}} \rightarrow \infty$.

Break it up into 2 integrals

$$\text{eg. } \int_0^b \frac{dx}{(x-1)^{2/3}} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_c^3 \frac{dx}{(x-1)^{2/3}}$$

Check each integral.

Note: $\int \frac{dx}{(x-1)^{2/3}} = 3(x-1)^{1/3} + C$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^b \frac{dx}{(x-1)^{2/3}} = \lim_{b \rightarrow 1^-} [3(x-1)^{1/3}]_0^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow 1^-} [3(b-1)^{1/3} - 3(-1)^{1/3}]$$

$$= 0 - (-3) = +3 \quad \text{finite!!}$$

$$\lim_{c \rightarrow 1^+} \int_c^3 \frac{dx}{(x-1)^{2/3}} = \lim_{c \rightarrow 1^+} [3(x-1)^{1/3}]_c^3 = \lim_{c \rightarrow 1^+} [3(3-1)^{1/3} - 3(c-1)^{1/3}]$$

$$= 3\sqrt[3]{2} \quad \text{finite also!!}$$

$$\therefore \int_0^3 \frac{dx}{(x-1)^{2/3}} = \lim_{b \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^b \frac{dx}{(x-1)^{2/3}} + \lim_{c \rightarrow 1^+} \int_c^3 \frac{dx}{(x-1)^{2/3}}$$

$$= 3 + 3\sqrt[3]{2} \quad \text{Converges}$$

C. EVALUATING IMPROPER INTEGRALS: One limit = ∞ .

Look at the 2nd type of improper integral — those in which one of the limits of integration is ∞ .

Look at the following integrals + determine convergence/divergence

(A) $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x}$ (B) $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2}$

(A) $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{dx}{x} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\log x \right]_1^b$
 $= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\log b - \log 1]$
 $= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \log b \rightarrow \infty$ diverges !

(B) $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{dx}{x^2} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{x} \right]_1^b$
 $= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{b} + 1 \right] \rightarrow 1$ converges !

— REMEMBER
THESE 2 EXAMPLES !

— THEY WILL BE COMMONLY
USED IN COMPARISONS

In general, for $I = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^p}$

if $p > 1$, I converges

if $p \leq 1$, I diverges

What happens if you can't integrate it?

EG.

Does $\int_1^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$ converge or diverge?

~~Let $I(b) = \int_1^b e^{-x^2} dx$~~

Let's look at a larger function & see if it converges

Now $\forall x > 1, \quad x < x^2$

$\therefore e^x < e^{x^2}$

$\therefore \frac{1}{e^x} > \frac{1}{e^{x^2}}$

i.e. $e^{-x} > e^{-x^2}$

$\therefore \int_1^b e^{-x} dx > \int_1^b e^{-x^2} dx$

Now $\int_1^b e^{-x} dx = [-e^{-x}]_1^b = -e^{-b} + e^{-1}$

as $b \rightarrow \infty$ we get $-\frac{1}{e^b} \rightarrow 0$

$\therefore$ as $b \rightarrow \infty \int_1^b e^{-x} dx \rightarrow \frac{1}{e} = .367879441$

$\therefore \int_1^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \leq \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b e^{-x} dx = .36787$

$\therefore$ converges.

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EXL
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This leads to formulating the following Thm

Thm 1 (~~Domination Test~~) (Direct Comparison Test)

If $0 \leq f(x) \leq g(x) \quad \forall x \geq a$

Then

1. $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ converges if $\int_a^\infty g(x) dx$ converges

2. $\int_a^\infty g(x) dx$ diverges if $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ ~~converges~~ ^{diverge}

MORE ON IMPROPER INTEGRALS

Thm 3 (Limit Comparison Test)

~~P 497~~
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 and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = L$ where $0 < L < \infty$

Then $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ and $\int_a^\infty g(x) dx$ both converge
 or both diverge.

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 EX 3
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Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$, $g(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

Then $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{\frac{1}{1+x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+x^2}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{x^2} + 1 \right) = 0 + 1 = 1$

This is a positive finite limit.

Since we know that $\int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{x^2}$ converges,

$\therefore \int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{1+x^2}$ also converges.

NOTE: The 2 integrals may converge to different values!

OTHER WAYS TO DIVERGE

EX 10

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$$\int_0^b \cos x \, dx = \sin x \Big|_0^b = \sin b - \sin 0 = \sin b.$$

As $b \rightarrow \infty$, $\sin b$ goes from $+1$ to -1 and back.

But it takes on NO one value.

It constantly oscillates, but it does not converge.

$\therefore$ This limit does not exist and thus

$$\int_0^{\infty} \cos x \, dx \text{ does not exist.}$$

This can be called divergence by oscillation.

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