

Seminar 13

Substitution: $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b, I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ int

$g: [a, b] \rightarrow I$ diff, $g' \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$

$f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ cont

$$\int_a^b f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) dx = \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(u) du$$

Integration by parts: $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b, f, g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ diff, $f', g' \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$

$$\int_a^b f'(x)g(x) dx = f(x)g(x) \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b f(x)g'(x) dx$$

Ex 1: Study the improper integrability of the following functions on their domains and, in case they are improperly integrable, determine the corresponding improper integrals:

a) $f: (1, 2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{1}{x(x-2)}$

$$\frac{1}{x(x-2)} = \frac{x-(x-2)}{x(x-2)} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x-2}$$

f cont

Let $t \in (1, 2)$. Then $\int_1^t \frac{1}{x(x-2)} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^t \left(\frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{1}{x} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2} (\ln|x-2| - \ln|x|) \Big|_1^t =$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\ln(2-t) - \ln t) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2-t}{t}$$

$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow 2 \\ t < 2}} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x(x-2)} dx = \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow 2 \\ t < 2}} \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{2-t}{t} = -\infty \Rightarrow f$ is not imp. int. on $[1, 2)$

b) $f: (-\infty, 0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x e^{-x^2}$

f cont

Let $t \in (-\infty, 0]$. Then $\int_t^0 x e^{-x^2} dx = \int_{t^2}^0 e^{-u} \frac{1}{2} du = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-u} \Big|_{t^2}^0 = -\frac{1}{2} (1 - e^{-t^2}) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow -\infty} -\frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow f$ is improperly integrable on $(-\infty, 0]$ and $\int_{-\infty}^0 f(x) dx = -\frac{1}{2}$.

c) $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = e^{-x} \sin x$

f cont

Let $t \in [0, \infty)$. Then $\int_0^t e^{-x} \sin x dx = -\int_0^t (e^{-x})' \sin x dx = -e^{-x} \sin x \Big|_0^t + \int_0^t e^{-x} \cos x dx$

We study the improper integrability of f on $(-\infty, 0]$ and on $[0, \infty)$.

$[0, \infty)$: Let $t \in [0, \infty)$. Then $\int_0^t \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \arctan t \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\Rightarrow f$ is imp. int on $[0, \infty)$ and $\int_0^\infty f(x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

$(-\infty, 0]$: As f is even, f is imp. int on $(-\infty, 0]$ as well and $\int_{-\infty}^0 f(x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\Rightarrow f$ is imp. int on \mathbb{R} and $\int_{-\infty}^\infty f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 f(x) dx + \int_0^\infty f(x) dx = \pi$

d) $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

f cont

$\Rightarrow \int_0^t e^{-x} \sin x dx = -e^{-t} \sin t - e^{-t} \cos t + 1$

$\Rightarrow \int_0^\infty e^{-x} \sin x dx = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-t} (\sin t + \cos t) + \frac{1}{2} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow f$ is imp. int on $[0, \infty)$ and $\int_0^\infty f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}$.

(See Lecture 11)

Thm 1: $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b, f: [a, b) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ cont
 $p \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $\exists L = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow b \\ x < b}} (b-x)^p f(x)$. Then

(i) if $p < 1$ and $L < \infty \Rightarrow f$ is imp. int on $[a, b)$

(ii) if $p \geq 1$ and $L > 0 \Rightarrow f$ is not imp. int on $[a, b)$.

Thm 2: $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b, f: (a, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ cont

$p \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $\exists L = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow a \\ x > a}} (x-a)^p f(x)$. Then

(i) if $p < 1$ and $L < \infty \Rightarrow f$ is imp. int on $(a, b]$

(ii) if $p \geq 1$ and $L > 0 \Rightarrow f$ is not imp. int on $(a, b]$

$L = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \\ x < \frac{1}{2}}} \left(\frac{1}{2} - x \right)^p \frac{1}{\cos x}$

For $p = \frac{1}{2}$, $\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \\ x < \frac{1}{2}}} \frac{\frac{1}{2} - x}{\cos x} = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \\ x < \frac{1}{2}}} \frac{-1}{-\sin x} = 1$

$p > \frac{1}{2}, L > 0 \Rightarrow f$ is not imp. int on $[0, \frac{1}{2})$.

b) $f: (1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x \sqrt{x^2-1}}$

f cont

$\forall x > 1, f(x) > 0$

Thm 3: $a \in \mathbb{R}, f: [a, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ cont
 $p \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $\exists L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^p f(x)$. Then

(i) if $p > 1$ and $L < \infty \Rightarrow f$ is imp. int on $[a, \infty)$

(ii) if $p \leq 1$ and $L > 0 \Rightarrow f$ is not imp. int on $[a, \infty)$

Ex 2: Study the improper integrability of the following functions:

a) $f: [0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{1}{\cos x}$

f cont

$\forall x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}), f(x) > 0$

We try to find $p \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $\exists L = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} \\ x < \frac{\pi}{2}}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x \right)^p \cdot f(x)$ ($\in (0, \infty)$ preferably)

We study the improper integrability of f on $(1, 2]$ and $[2, \infty)$:

$(1, 2]$: $p \in \mathbb{R}, L = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 1 \\ x > 1}} (x-1)^p \frac{\ln x}{x \sqrt{x^2-1}} = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 1 \\ x > 1}} (x-1)^p \cdot \frac{\ln x}{x \sqrt{(x-1)(x+1)}} =$

$\left| \frac{\ln x}{x \sqrt{x^2-1}} \right|, \alpha > 0$
 $\downarrow x \rightarrow \infty$
 0

For $p = \frac{1}{2}, L = 0$

$p < \frac{1}{2}, L < \infty \Rightarrow f$ is imp. int on $(1, 2]$.

$[2, \infty)$: $p \in \mathbb{R}, L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^p \cdot \frac{\ln x}{x \sqrt{x^2-1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^p}{x \sqrt{x^2-1}} \cdot \ln x = x^{p-2} \cdot \ln x$

$p-2 < 0 \Rightarrow L = 0 < \infty$

$p > \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \in (1, \frac{3}{2})$

For $p = \frac{1}{2}, L = 0$

$p > \frac{1}{2}, L < \infty \Rightarrow f$ is imp. int on $[2, \infty)$.

$\Rightarrow f$ is imp. int on $(1, \infty)$.

d) $f: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{1}{x^\alpha (1+x^2)^\beta}$, where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

f cont

$\forall x \geq 1, f(x) \geq 0$

$p \in \mathbb{R}, L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^p \cdot \frac{1}{x^\alpha (1+x^2)^\beta} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{p-\alpha}}{x^{2\beta} (\frac{1}{x^2} + 1)^\beta}$

For $p = \alpha + 2\beta, L = 1 \in (0, \infty)$
 $\Rightarrow f$ is imp. int on $[1, \infty) \Leftrightarrow \alpha + 2\beta > 1$

Integral Test for Convergence of Series

$n \in \mathbb{N}, f: [n, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ cont & decr. Then

f imp. int on $[n, \infty) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=m}^\infty f(n)$ is conv

Ex 3: Use the Integral Test to study if the following series are convergent or divergent:

a) $\sum_{n=22}^\infty \frac{1}{n(\ln n)^2}$

$f: [2, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty), f(x) = \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2}$

f cont, decr.

Let $t \in [2, \infty)$. Then $\int_2^t \frac{1}{x(\ln x)^2} dx = -\frac{1}{\ln x} \Big|_2^t = -\frac{1}{\ln t} + \frac{1}{\ln 2} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln 2}$

$\Rightarrow f$ is imp. int on $[2, \infty)$.

By the Integral Test, the given series is conv.

b) $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\ln n}{n^{3/2}}$

$f: [2, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty), f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x^{3/2}}$

f cont

$f'(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{x} x^{3/2} - \ln x \cdot \frac{3}{2} x^{1/2}}{x^3} = \frac{\sqrt{x} (1 - \frac{3}{2} \ln x)}{x^3}$

$1 - \frac{3}{2} \ln x \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{2}{3} \ln x \geq \frac{1}{3} \Leftrightarrow \ln x \geq \frac{1}{2}$
 $\Leftrightarrow x \geq e^{1/2}$
 $2 > e$
 $\Rightarrow f' \leq 0$
 $\Rightarrow f$ decr.

$p \in \mathbb{R}, L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^p \cdot \frac{\ln x}{x^{3/2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{p-3/2} \cdot \ln x$

$p - \frac{3}{2} < 0 \Rightarrow L = 0 < \infty$

$p > \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \in (1, \frac{3}{2})$

For $p = \frac{1}{2}, L = 0$

$p > \frac{1}{2}, L < \infty \Rightarrow f$ is imp. int on $[2, \infty)$

By the Integral Test, $\sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{\ln n}{n^{3/2}}$ is conv, so the given series is conv.

Exercise 3.c Use the Integral Test to study if the series $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{n^2}{1+n^3}$ is convergent or divergent.

Solution Consider $f : [1, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{1+x^3}$. This function is continuous. One can check that $f|_{[2, \infty)}$ is decreasing (please do this).

Let $t \in [2, \infty)$. Then $\int_2^t f(x)dx = \frac{1}{3} (\ln(1+t^3) - 2 \ln 3)$, so $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^t f(x)dx = \infty$. Hence, f is not improperly integrable on $[2, \infty)$ and, by the Integral Test, the series $\sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{n^2}{1+n^3}$ is divergent, so the given series is divergent.