

# Homework 3

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**Problem 1** 6.3.1 Problem 1

For which values of  $a$  and  $b$  does the improper integral

$$\int_0^{1/2} x^a |\log x|^b dx$$

exist

**Hint:** Consider  $a > -1$ ,  $a < -1$ ,  $a = -1$  separately.

If  $a > -1$  then  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  such that  $a - \epsilon > -1$  or  $\epsilon = \frac{a+1}{2}$ . Thus we have

$$\int_0^{1/2} x^a |\log x|^b dx = \int_0^{1/2} x^{a-\epsilon} x^\epsilon |\log x|^b dx$$

Since  $\epsilon > 0$ , for any  $b$ , by L'Hopital's rule (you don't need to prove this), we have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^\epsilon |\log x|^b = 0$

So the convergence of the integral is determined by  $x^{a-\epsilon}$

If  $a < -1$ , we use similar argument writing  $x^a = x^{a+\epsilon} x^{-\epsilon}$ , and use L'Hopital's rule to show  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{-\epsilon} |\log x|^b = \infty$

If  $a = -1$  use substitutions  $u = \log x$  to convert it to a form that the results are known.

**PROOF.** We examine three different cases:  $a > -1$ ,  $a = -1$ ,  $a < -1$

Case 1,  $a > -1$ . Then  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  such that  $a - \epsilon > -1$ . Thus we have

$$\int_0^{1/2} x^a |\log x|^b dx = \int_0^{1/2} x^{a-\epsilon} x^\epsilon |\log x|^b dx$$

Since  $\epsilon > 0$ , for any  $b$ , by L'Hopital's rule, we have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^\epsilon |\log x|^b = 0$

Then the convergence of the integral is dependent on  $x^a$ . We showed in class that  $\int_0^1 x^a$  converges for  $-1 < a < 0$ . Thus the limit exists, and the improper integral  $\int_0^{1/2} x^a |\log x|^b dx$  is defined for  $-1 < a < 0$ ,  $\forall b$

Case 2,  $a = -1$ . Then  $\int_0^{1/2} x^a |\log x|^b dx = \int_0^{1/2} x^{-1} |\log x|^b dx$ . Let  $u = \log x$  and  $du = 1/x dx$ . Then we have  $\int_{\log 0}^{\log 1/2} |u|^b du = u^{b+1} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\log 1/2}$ . This exists if  $b < -1$ . We know this since this function is similar to  $x^c$ , which has an integrable singularity at  $\infty$  iff  $c < -1$ . So, the improper integral  $\int_0^{1/2} x^a |\log x|^b dx$  is defined for  $a = -1$ ,  $b < -1$

Case 3,  $a < -1$ . Then  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  such that  $a + \epsilon < -1$ . Thus we have

$$\int_0^{1/2} x^a |\log x|^b dx = \int_0^{1/2} x^{a+\epsilon} x^{-\epsilon} |\log x|^b dx$$

Then, from L'Hopitals rule we know that:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{-\epsilon} |\log x|^b = \infty$  Therefore, regardless of choice of  $a$ . The integral diverges.

Thus we have the improper integral  $\int_0^{1/2} x^a |\log x|^b dx$  is defined for  $-1 < a < 0$ ,  $\forall b$ , and  $a = -1, b < -1$

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**Problem 2** 7.2.4 Problem 1

Give an example of two convergent series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_k$  such that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k y_k$  diverges. Can this happen if one of the series is absolutely convergent?

**Hint:** For the first part, consider the alternating series. For the second part, if one series is absolutely convergent, consider to use the Cauchy Criterion and the fact that every term in the other series is bounded.

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**Problem 3** 7.2.4 Problem 2

State a contrapositive form of the comparison test that can be used to show divergence of a series

**Hint** You can assume the terms of both series are non-negative, and you don't need to prove the statement.

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**Problem 4** 7.2.4 Problem 4

Prove the ratio test (Theorem 7.2.3a). What does this tell you if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_{n+1}/n|$  exists?

**Hint:** Use comparison test with geometric series, and then use the Cauchy criterion.

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