

Improper Integral Practice

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Question 1

A. $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 + 1} = \arctan x + C$

B. The $\int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{1+x^2}$ is improper because of an indefinite integral i.e for $x \in [0, \infty)$.

C. $\int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \underbrace{\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x^2}}_{\text{Definite Integral}} + \underbrace{\int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{1+x^2}}_{\text{Improper Integral}}$. Since $\frac{1}{1+x^2} < \frac{1}{x^2}$ on $(1, \infty)$ and $\int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{x^2}$ converges. Therefore by the comparison test $\int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{1+x^2}$ converges.

D. $\int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x^2} + \int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \arctan x \Big|_0^1 + \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \arctan x \Big|_1^b = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}}$

Question 2

1. $\int x^{-3/5} dx = \frac{5x^{2/5}}{2} + C$

2. The $\int_0^\infty x^{-3/5} dx$ is improper because of an indefinite integral i.e for $x \in (0, \infty)$.

3. $\int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \underbrace{\int_0^1 x^{-3/5} dx}_{\text{Converges}} + \underbrace{\int_1^\infty x^{-3/5} dx}_{\text{Diverges}}$. Since $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^P} dx$ converges when $P > 1$ and diverges when $P \leq 1$, and $\frac{3}{5} < 1$ therefore the $\int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{x^{3/5}}$ diverges.

4. $\int_0^1 x^{-3/5} = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{5x^{2/5}}{2} \Big|_a^1 = \boxed{\frac{5}{2}}$

Question 3

- $\int x^{-1/3} dx = \frac{3x^{2/3}}{2} + C$
- The $\int_{-8}^1 x^{-1/3} dx$ is improper because the $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{-1/3} = \infty$ and the $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x^{-1/3} = -\infty$ therefore there is a vertical asymptote at $x = 0$.
- $\int_{-8}^1 x^{-1/3} dx = \underbrace{\int_{-8}^0 x^{-1/3} dx}_{\text{Converges}} + \underbrace{\int_0^1 x^{-1/3} dx}_{\text{Converges}}$. Since $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^P} dx$ converges when $P < 1$ and diverges when $P \geq 1$, and $\frac{1}{3} < 1$ therefore the $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x^{1/3}}$ and $\int_{-1}^0 x^{-1/3} dx$ converges.
- $\int_{-8}^1 x^{-1/3} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^-} \left. \frac{3x^{2/3}}{2} \right|_{-8}^a + \lim_{b \rightarrow 0^+} \left. \frac{3x^{2/3}}{2} \right|_b^1 = \boxed{-\frac{9}{2}}$

Question 4

- $\int \frac{e^{1/x}}{x^2} dx = -e^{1/x} + C$
- The $\int_0^{\ln 2} \frac{e^{1/x}}{x^2} dx$ is improper because the $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^{1/x}}{x^2} = \infty$ therefore there is a vertical asymptote at $x = 0$.
- The $\underbrace{\int_0^{\ln 2} \frac{e^{1/x}}{x^2} dx}_{\text{Converges}}$. Since $\frac{e^{1/x}}{x^2} > \frac{1}{x^2}$ on $(0, \ln 2)$ and $\int_0^{\ln 2} \frac{dx}{x^2}$ diverges. Therefore by the comparison test $\int_0^{\ln 2} \frac{e^{1/x}}{x^2} dx$ diverges.

Question 5

- $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6} = \int \frac{dx}{(x+2)(x+3)} = \ln \left| \frac{x+2}{x+3} \right| + C$
- The $\int_{-1}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6}$ is improper because of an indefinite integral i.e for $x \in [-1, \infty)$.
- The $\int_{-1}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6} = \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6}}_{\text{Definite integral}} + \underbrace{\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6}}_{\text{Improper integral}}$. Since $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6}$ converges and $\frac{1}{x^2 + 5x + 6} < \frac{1}{x^2}$ for $x \in (1, \infty)$ and $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2}$ converges, therefore by the comparison test $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6}$ converges.

$$4. \int_{-1}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left| \frac{x+2}{x+3} \right| \Big|_{-1}^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\ln \left| \frac{b+2}{b+3} \right|}_{\ln(1)} - \ln \frac{1}{2} = \ln 2$$

Question 6

1. $\int \tan x \, dx = \ln |\sec x| + C$
2. The $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \tan x \, dx$ is improper because the $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \tan x = \infty$, therefore there is a vertical asymptote at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.
3. $\underbrace{\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \tan x \, dx}_{\text{Diverges}}$. Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \tan x = \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2} - x}$ and since the $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2} - x}$ diverges then $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \tan x \, dx$ diverges.
4. $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \tan x \, dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \ln |\sec x| \Big|_0^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \ln |\sec b| - \ln(1) = \infty$

Question 7

1. $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x-1}} = 2\sqrt{x-1} + C$
2. The $\int_5^{\infty} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x-1}}$ is improper because of an indefinite integral i.e for $x \in [5, \infty)$.
3. $\underbrace{\int_5^{\infty} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x-1}}}_{\text{Diverges}}$. Since $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} > \frac{1}{x^{1/2}}$ on $(5, \infty)$ and $\int_5^{\infty} x^{-1/2} \, dx$ diverges, therefore by the comparison test $\int_5^{\infty} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x-1}}$ diverges.
4. $\int_5^{\infty} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x-1}} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} 2\sqrt{x-1} \Big|_5^b = \infty$

Question 8

1. $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{4-x}} = -2\sqrt{4-x} + C$
2. The $\int_0^4 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{4-x}}$ is improper because the $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{4-x}} = \infty$, therefore there is a vertical asymptote at $x = 4$.

$$3. \int_0^4 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{4-x}} = \int_0^4 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}} = \underbrace{\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}}}_{\text{Converges}} + \underbrace{\int_1^4 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}}}_{\text{Definite integral}}. \text{ Since } \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^P} dx \text{ converges when } P < 1 \text{ and diverges when } P \geq 1, \text{ and } \frac{1}{2} < 1 \text{ therefore the } \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}} \text{ diverges.}$$

$$4. \int_0^4 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{4-x}} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} -2\sqrt{x-1} \Big|_0^4 = \infty$$

Question 9

$$1. \int \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6} = \int \frac{dx}{(x+2)(x+3)} = \ln \left| \frac{x+2}{x+3} \right| + C$$

$$2. \text{ The } \int_{-5}^0 \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6} \text{ is improper because the } \underbrace{\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} \frac{1}{x^2 + 5x + 6}}_{-\infty} \neq \underbrace{\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{1}{x^2 + 5x + 6}}_{\infty} \text{ and } \underbrace{\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{1}{x^2 + 5x + 6}}_{\infty} \neq \underbrace{\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{1}{x^2 + 5x + 6}}_{-\infty}, \text{ therefore there is a vertical asymptotes at } x = -2 \text{ and } x = -3.$$

$$3. \int_{-5}^0 \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6} = \underbrace{\int_{-5}^{-3} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6}}_{\text{Diverges}} + \underbrace{\int_{-3}^{-2} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6}}_{\text{Diverges}} + \underbrace{\int_{-2}^0 \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6}}_{\text{Diverges}}. \text{ Since } \int_{-2}^0 \frac{1}{x^2 + 5x + 6} = \lim_{a \rightarrow -2} \ln \left| \frac{x+2}{x+3} \right| \Big|_a^0 = 2 \ln 3 - \underbrace{\ln(0)}_{\infty} = \infty \text{ then } \int_{-5}^0 \frac{dx}{x^2 + 5x + 6} \text{ diverges.}$$

Question 10

$$1. \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x-1}} = 2\sqrt{x-1} + C$$

$$2. \text{ The } \int_1^5 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x-1}} \text{ is improper because } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} = \infty \text{ and therefore there is a vertical asymptote at } x = 1.$$

$$3. \int_1^5 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}} = \underbrace{\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}}}_{\text{Converges}} + \underbrace{\int_1^5 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}}}_{\text{Definite integral}}. \text{ Since } \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^P} dx \text{ converges when } P < 1 \text{ and diverges when } P \geq 1 \text{ and } \frac{1}{2} < 1, \text{ therefore the } \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}} \text{ converges.}$$

$$4. \int_1^5 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}} = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} 2\sqrt{x-1} \Big|_a^1 = 4$$