

Unit 5. DEALING WITH  $\infty$ 

$$\text{If } \begin{cases} f(x) \rightarrow \infty \\ g(x) \rightarrow \infty \\ f'(x)/g'(x) \rightarrow L \end{cases} \text{ as } x \rightarrow a \quad \text{THEN } f(x)/g(x) \rightarrow L \quad (x \rightarrow a)$$

$a = \pm\infty, L = \pm\infty, \text{ or } 0$

$f(x) \ll g(x)$  means the  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \rightarrow 0, x \rightarrow \infty$   
 $(x \rightarrow \infty), (f, g > 0)$

$$\ln x \gg x^p \quad \ln x \ll x^p \ll e^x \ll e^{x^2} \rightarrow \infty$$

RATE OF DECAY  $\frac{1}{\ln x} \gg \frac{1}{x^p} \gg e^{-x} \gg e^{-x^2}, p > 0$

IMProper Integrals (无穷积分)

$$\text{DEFN: } \int_a^\infty f(x) dx = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^N f(x) dx$$

converges or diverges (收敛/发散)

The integral converges if limit exists  $\rightarrow$  area is finite

diverges if limit not exist  $\rightarrow$  area is infinite

$$\text{Ex1. } \int_0^\infty e^{-kx} dx, \quad \boxed{k > 0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^N e^{-kx} dx &= -\frac{1}{k} e^{-kx} \Big|_0^N \\ &= -\frac{1}{k} e^{-kN} + \frac{1}{k} \\ &= \frac{1}{k} (1 - e^{-kN}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{As } N \rightarrow \infty, \quad = \frac{1}{k} \quad \therefore \int_0^\infty e^{-kx} dx = \frac{1}{k}$$

Ex 1

the number of the decay in a radioactive substance in time  $0 \leq t \leq T$

$$\int_0^T A \cdot e^{-kt} \cdot dt$$

Ex 2,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$$

Ex 3  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x}$

$$= \ln x \Big|_1^{\infty} = \ln \infty \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^p} = \frac{x^{-p+1}}{-p+1} \Big|_1^{\infty} \quad \text{diverges}$$
$$= \frac{(\infty)^{-p+1}}{-p+1} - \frac{1}{-p+1}$$

$p < 1$
$\infty \rightarrow \infty$
$p > 1$
$0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{p-1}$

$$\Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^p}, \quad p \leq 1 \text{ diverges}$$

$$p > 1 \text{ converges} = \frac{1}{p-1}$$

### LIMIT COMPARISON

IF  $f(x) \sim g(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \rightarrow 1$ ,  $(x \rightarrow \infty)$

THEN  $\int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx$  and  $\int_a^{\infty} g(x) dx$

either both converge or both diverge



Ex:  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2+10}} \sim \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x} \therefore \text{diverges}$

Ex:  $\sqrt{x^2+10} \sim \sqrt{x^2} = x$   
 $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^3+3}} \sim \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}, \text{ converges}$

Ex:

~~$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = -x^{-1} \Big|_{-1}^1 = -2$~~

wrong, because  $(-1,1), \frac{1}{x^2}$  is diverge

