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1 Improper Integrals

1.1 Infinite Intervals

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_a^\infty f(x)dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x)dx \\
 \int_{-\infty}^b f(x)dx &= \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^b f(x)dx \\
 \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(x)dx &= \int_{-\infty}^c f(x)dx + \int_c^\infty f(x)dx
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

1.2 convergent, divergent

The integrals with infinite intervals can be convergent or divergent, they are convergent if the limit exists, or divergent if the limit does not exist.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^n} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{x^n} dx \\
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b x^{-n} dx \\
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{x^{-n+1}}{-n+1} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{b^{-n+1}}{1-n} - \frac{1^{-n+1}}{1-n} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{1-n} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{b^{n-1}} - 1 \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

So, $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^n} dx$ converges if $n > 1$, and diverges if $n \leq 1$.

Example:

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

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^0 \frac{e^x}{1+e^{2x}} dx + \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \frac{e^x}{1+e^{2x}} dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{1+u^2} du \quad u = e^x = du = e^x dx$$

$$\tan^{-1} e^x$$

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^0 \frac{e^x}{1+e^{2x}} dx + \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \frac{e^x}{1+e^{2x}} dx \quad (3)$$

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} [\tan^{-1} e^x]_a^0 + \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\tan^{-1} e^x]_0^b$$

$$\tan^{-1} 1 - \tan^{-1} 0 + \tan^{-1} \infty - \tan^{-1} 1$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} - 0 + \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2}$$

1.3 infinite discontinuities

Example:

$$\int_0^9 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx \quad (4)$$

$$\lim_{c \rightarrow 0^+} \int_c^9 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$$

1. for b : $\lim_{c \rightarrow b^-} \int_a^c f(x) dx$
2. for a : $\lim_{c \rightarrow a^+} \int_c^b f(x) dx$
3. for c : $\lim_{d \rightarrow c^+} \int_a^d f(x) dx + \lim_{e \rightarrow c^-} \int_e^b f(x) dx$

1.4 comparison test for convergence or divergence

If $f(x) \geq g(x)$ on $[a, \infty]$, then if $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ is convergent, $\int_a^\infty g(x) dx$ is convergent, and if $\int_a^\infty g(x) dx$ is divergent, $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ is divergent.

Example:

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x + \sin^2 x} dx \text{ and } \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{1+x} dx$$

$$\sin x \leq 1$$

$$\sin^2 x \leq 1$$

$$x + \sin^2 x \leq 1 + x$$

$$\frac{1}{x + \sin^2 x} \geq \frac{1}{1+x}$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{1+x} dx$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\ln |1+x|]_1^b$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\ln(1+b) - \ln 2] = \infty$$

So both equations are divergent.