

Lecture Notes
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1 Improper Integrals

Example Does $\int_{-\infty}^1 \frac{1}{x-2} dx$ Converge?

$$\text{Sol'n } \int_{-\infty}^1 \frac{1}{x-2} dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{x-2} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x-2} dx$$

$$\text{Consider } \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{x-2} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^0 \frac{1}{x-2} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} (\ln|-1| - \ln|a-1|) \approx -\infty$$

Notice $x \in [0, 1], x-1 < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x-1} < 0$ and thus $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x-2} dx$ can never yield infinity.

Thus, $\int_{-\infty}^1 \frac{1}{x-2} dx$ diverges.

Motivation Does $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\arctan^5(x)}{(1+x^6)^{6/13}} dx$ Converge? What of $\int_1^{\infty} e^{x^2} dx$?

2 Comparison Theorem

Comparison Theorem (CT) for Type I

let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ Suppose g, f are continuous on $[a, \infty)$

$$f(x) \geq g(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in [a, \infty) \wedge \int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx \text{ Converges} \implies \int_a^{\infty} g(x) dx \text{ Converges}$$

$$h(x) \geq g(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in [a, \infty) \wedge \int_a^{\infty} h(x) = \infty \implies \int_a^{\infty} g(x) dx = \infty \text{ (Diverges)}$$

MIDTERM - TEST COVERS A1 - A6, Solving Improper Integrals by Evaluation