

Learning Outcome: determine if  $\int$  is convergent and evaluate it if it is.

If a function  $f(x)$  is less than or equal to another function  $g(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $x \geq M$ , then the following is true;

$$(a) \int_M^\infty f(x) dx \text{ convg.} \implies \int_M^\infty g(x) dx \text{ convg.}$$

$$(b) \int_M^\infty g(x) dx \text{ diverg.} \implies \int_M^\infty f(x) dx \text{ diverg.}$$

**EXAMPLE**  $\int_{10}^\infty \frac{1}{x \ln^2 x} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{10}^\infty \frac{1}{x \ln^2 x} dx &= (\ln x = u, du = 1/x dx) \\ &= \int_{\ln 10}^\infty \frac{1}{u^2} du \text{ convg. by p-test} \end{aligned}$$

**EXAMPLE**  $\int_{10}^\infty \frac{1 + \sin^2 3x + \arctan x}{x \ln^2 x} dx$

$$\text{numerator} < 1 + 1 + \pi/2 < 4$$

So,

$$\int_{10}^\infty \frac{1 + \sin^2 3x + \arctan x}{x \ln^2 x} dx < \int_{10}^\infty \frac{4}{x \ln^2 x} dx \text{ convg. by p-test}$$

Therefore, our original integral is convergent by comparison.

O, o - notation:

$$f(x) = O(g(x)) \iff \exists c : f(x) \leq cg(x)$$

A function is a big O of another function if it is strictly less than or equal to a scalar multiple of another function.

$$f(x) = O(g(x)) \wedge \int_a^\infty g(x) dx \text{ convg.} \implies \int_a^\infty f(x) dx \text{ convg.}$$

If a function is big O of another function and that function is convergent on the domain, then our original function is also. Similarly;

$$f(x) = O(g(x)) \wedge \int_a^\infty f(x) dx \text{ diverg.} \implies \int_a^\infty g(x) dx \text{ diverg.}$$

$f(x) \sim g(x)$  when  $x \rightarrow \infty$  if  $f(x) = O(g(x))$  and  $g(x) = O(f(x))$

**EXAMPLE**  $5g(x) < f(x) < 9g(x)$

If  $f(x) \sim g(x)$ , then they converg or diverge simultaneously. This implies

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = c$$

and

$$\left| \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - c \right| < \varepsilon \implies (c - \varepsilon)g(x) < f(x) < (c + \varepsilon)g(x)$$

or, " $f(x) \sim g(x)$  when  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ."

**EXAMPLE**  $I_1 = \int_1^\infty \frac{2+e^{-x}}{x} dx > I_2 = \int_1^\infty \frac{2}{x} dx$  diverg.  $\therefore I_1$  diverg. too

**EXAMPLE**  $I_1 = \int_1^\infty \frac{2-e^{-x}}{x} dx$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2-e^{-x}}{x} \div \frac{2}{x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2-e^{-x}}{2} = 1$$

so,

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{2-e^{-x}}{x} dx \text{ and } \int_1^\infty \frac{2}{x} dx \text{ are similar, i.e. converg or diverge simultaneously}$$

**EXAMPLE**  $\int_0^\infty \frac{\arctan x}{2+e^x} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-\pi/2}{2+e^x} &< \frac{\arctan x}{e^x+2} < \frac{\pi/2}{2+e^x} < \frac{\pi}{2+e^x} \\ \implies \int_0^\infty \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{1}{e^x} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{2} (-e^{-x}) \Big|_0^b = \frac{\pi}{2} \therefore \text{converg.} \end{aligned}$$

**MODIFICATION**  $\int_0^\infty \frac{\arctan x}{e^x - x^2 - 3} dx$

While it is not generally true that

$$\frac{\arctan x}{e^x - x^2 - 3} < \frac{\pi}{2e^x}$$

but it is the truth that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\arctan x}{e^x - x^2 - 3} \div \frac{1}{e^x} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

since the terms are equivalent, or "similar"

**EXAMPLE**  $\int_1^\infty \frac{x\sqrt{x-2x+1}}{x^3+2x^2+x+5} dx$

$$\text{integrand} < \frac{x\sqrt{x}}{x^3} = x^{-3/2}$$

$$\int x^{-3/2} dx \text{ convg. } \therefore \int \text{ convg.}$$

**MODIFICATION**  $\int_{10}^\infty \frac{\arctan x}{x^3-2x^2-5x-6} dx$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \text{integrand} \div \text{dominating terms} = 1$$

Inproper  $\int$  with a singularity (discontinuity);

$$f(x) : x \in [a, b) \cup (b, c] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \implies \int_a^c f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow b^-} \int_a^n f(x) + \lim_{n \rightarrow b^+} \int_n^c f(x) dx$$