Math 426.2SY Calculus II

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Outline

Section 8.7 Comparison Tests



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Example

Does
$$\int_{1}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$$
 converge?

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Direct Comparison Test (DCT)

Let f(x) and g(x) be continuous with $0 \le f(x) \le g(x)$ for all $x \ge a$.

- If $\int_a^\infty g(x) dx$ converges, then $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ converges.
- If $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ diverges, then $\int_a^\infty g(x) dx$ diverges.

Example

Does
$$\int_1^\infty \frac{\sin^2(x)}{x^2} dx$$
 converge?

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Example

Does
$$\int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 0.1}} dx$$
 converge?

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Limit Comparison Test (LCT)

If f(x) and g(x) are positive continuous functions and $\lim_{x\to\infty}\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}=L$ with $0< L<\infty$ then $\int_a^\infty f(x)\,dx$ and $\int_a^\infty f(x)\,dx$ either both converge or they both diverge (they behave the same).

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Example

Does
$$\int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} dx$$
 converge?

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Example

Does
$$\int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x+1}}{x^2} dx$$
 converge?

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