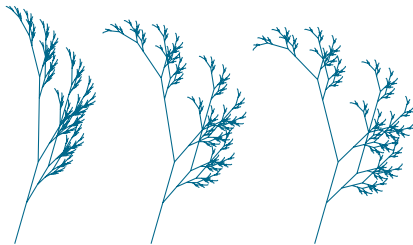


# Lesson 16: Introduction to the transform of Laplace—Improper Integrals

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# WHAT DO WE KNOW?

- ▶ The concepts of **differential equation** and **initial value problem**
- ▶ The concept of **order** of a differential equation.
- ▶ The concepts of **general solution**, **particular solution** and **singular solution**.
- ▶ **Slope fields**
- ▶ Approximations to solutions via **Euler's Method** and **Improved Euler's Method**
- ▶ **First-Order Differential Equations**
  - ▶ Separable equations
  - ▶ Homogeneous First-Order Equations
  - ▶ Linear First-Order Equations
  - ▶ Bernoulli Equations
  - ▶ General Substitution Methods
  - ▶ Exact Equations
- ▶ **Second-Order Differential Equations**
  - ▶ Reducible Equations
  - ▶ General Linear Equations (Intro)
  - ▶ Linear Equations with Constant Coefficients
    - ▶ Characteristic Equation
    - ▶ Variation of Parameters
    - ▶ Undetermined Coefficients

# LAPLACE TRANSFORM

## IMPROPER INTEGRALS

An **improper integral** over an unbounded interval is defined as a *limit of integrals over finite intervals*.

$$\int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^A f(x) dx$$
$$\int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx = \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-A}^a f(x) dx$$

If the limit exists, then the *improper integral* is said to **converge**; otherwise, is said to **diverge**.

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Depending on the value of the parameter  $c \neq 0$ , this improper integral converges to  $-1/c$  (if  $c < 0$ ), or diverges (if  $c > 0$ ).

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As before, the character of this improper integral depends on the value of the parameter  $p \neq 1$ . If  $p > 1$ , the integral converges to  $1/(p-1)$ ; otherwise, diverges.

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In the scope of this course, all the functions provided will be *good enough*. The requirements are simple:

- ▶  $f$  must be piecewise continuous on any interval  $0 \leq x \leq A$  for  $A > 0$ , and
- ▶ The function  $f$  must be of **exponential order**: There exist three constants  $K, M > 0, a \in \mathbb{R}$  so that  $|f(x)| \leq Ke^{at}$  when  $t \geq M$ .

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