

#2.a) When x is small, sx term dominates. When x is large, x^3 term dominates.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty (x^3 + sx)^{-1/2} dx &\approx \int_0^{x_0} (sx)^{-1/2} dx + \int_{x_0}^{x_1} (x^3 + sx)^{-1/2} dx + \int_{x_1}^\infty x^{-3/2} dx \\ &\approx 2\sqrt{x_0/s} + \int_{x_0}^{x_1} (x^3 + sx)^{-1/2} dx + 2/\sqrt{x_1}\end{aligned}$$

Let's set x_0 when ratio between terms is 10^{10} :

$$\frac{sx_0}{x_0^3} = 10^{10} \Rightarrow x_0 = \sqrt{s} \times 10^{-5}$$

Likewise for x_1 :

$$\frac{x_1^3}{sx_1} = 10^{10} \Rightarrow x_1 = \sqrt{s} \times 10^5$$

We would still need to sum quadrature of x over ~ 10 orders of magnitude, which would take forever for any kind of decent accuracy. Transform $y = \log x$ to remedy this.

$$\begin{aligned}y = \log x &\rightarrow dy = dx/x \Rightarrow dx = e^y dy \\ \int_{x_0}^{x_1} (x^3 + sx)^{-1/2} dx &= \int_{y(x_0)}^{y(x_1)} (e^{3y} + se^y)^{-1/2} e^y dy\end{aligned}$$

#2.b) e^x goes to zero fast, integrate to where it basically disappears.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^\infty (x^2 + 1)^{-1/2} e^{-sx} dx &\approx \int_0^{x_0} (x^2 + 1)^{-1/2} e^{-sx} dx \\ e^{-sx_0} &= 10^{-10} \Rightarrow x_0 = 10 \log(10)/s\end{aligned}$$