

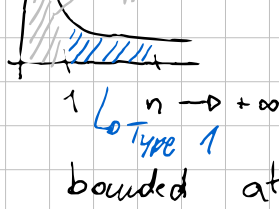
Lecture 17 - 30/05

→ 17.1 Improper Integral TYPE 1

What if f is not bounded in $[a, b]$ or if $a, b = \pm \infty$

i) Either $a = -\infty$ and/or $b = +\infty$

ex $f = 1/x^2$



ii) although f is not bounded at a or b eg $f = 1/x^2$ is not bounded at $[0, 1]$

→ Improper Integral of Type 2

def Type 1:

Let f be CONT on $[a, +\infty]$, we define Type 1

Improper Integral as

$$\int_a^{+\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \int_a^R f(x) dx$$

If limit exists, we say that Integrals CONV, otherwise

DIV

Integral $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) dx$



is defined if for some $a \in \mathbb{R}$ both $\int_a^{+\infty} f(x) dx$ and $\int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx$ exists.

Observation

$\int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx$ and $\int_a^{+\infty} f(x) dx$ is a stronger proof than $\lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{-R}^R f(x) dx$

IMPORTANT EXAMPLE

Show that Integral $\int_a^{+\infty} 1/x^n dx$, $a > 0$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$n \neq 1$

$$\int_a^{+\infty} 1/x^n dx = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^k 1/x^n dx = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{-x^{n+1}}{n+1} \right] \Big|_a^k$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{-n+1} [k^{-n+1} - a^{-n+1}] = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} [a^{-n+1} - k^{-n+1}]$$

$n > 1$:
eg. $n=5$ $k^{-5+1} = 1/k^4 \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$
 $\rightarrow \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot a^{1-n}$ CONV

$n < 1$:
eg. $n=-5$ $k^{5+1} = k^6 \rightarrow +\infty$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ DIV

$n = 1$:
 $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^k 1/x dx = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \ln(x) \Big|_a^k$
 $= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} [\ln(k) - \ln(a)] = +\infty$ DIV

→ 17.2 Improper Integral of Type 2

definition Type 2:

f CONT on some $[a, b]$ and possibly unbounded near point a , we define the improper integral as follows.

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow a^+} \int_c^b f(x) dx$$

Similarly if f is CONT on $[a, b]$ and possibly unbounded near b we define:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow b^-} \int_a^c f(x) dx$$

Type 2 Integrals can CONV, DIV to $\pm \infty$

or just DIV.

→ 17.2 IMPORTANT EXAMPLE Improper Integral of Type 2

$\int_0^a 1/x^p dx$ for which p does this CONV/DIV?

definition Type 2:

$$\int_0^a 1/x^p dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0^+} \int_c^a 1/x^p dx$$

unbounded near point a , we define the

improper integral as follows.
 $= \lim_{c \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{-p+1} [a^{-p+1} - c^{-p+1}] = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{p-1} [c^{-p+1} - a^{-p+1}] = \infty$

$p > 1$: eg. $p=5$ $c^{-5+1} = 1/c^4 \rightarrow \infty$ as $c \rightarrow 0^+$
Similarly if f is CONT on $[a, b]$ and possibly unbounded near b we define:

$p < 1$: eg. $p=5$ $c^{5-1} = c^4 \rightarrow 0$ as $c \rightarrow 0^+$
 $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow b^-} \int_a^c f(x) dx$
 $c \rightarrow 0$, $\infty = \frac{a^{-p+1}}{p-1} - \frac{b^{-p+1}}{p-1} = \frac{a^{1-p}}{1-p} \rightarrow \text{CONV}$

Type 2 Integrals can CONV, DIV to $\pm \infty$ or just DIV.

Similar to ex 1, we can show case $p = 1$ Δ

17.3 Comparison Test For improper Integrals

Sometimes we can test CONV of an Integral, even if we cant compute the actual Integral

Theorem 1:

Let a, b be either two numbers in \mathbb{R} s.t.

$a < b$ or $a = -\infty$ or $b = +\infty$.

Let f, g be two CONT functions on a, b s.t.

$0 \leq f(x) \leq g(x)$ $x \in (a, b)$. Then, if $\int_a^b g(x) dx$

CONV, so does $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ CONV, and

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \int_a^b g(x) dx$$

Equivalently if $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ DIV $\rightarrow \int_a^b g(x) dx$ DIV

Example: show that $\int_0^{+\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$ CONV

and find some upper-bound

• We observe $\frac{1}{e^{x^2}} < \frac{1}{e^x}$ for $x \geq 1$

• for $0 \leq x \leq 1$ $\rightarrow \frac{1}{e^{x^2}} \leq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-x^2} dx &= \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx + \int_1^{+\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \leq \int_0^1 1 dx + \int_1^{+\infty} e^{-x} dx = \\ &= 1 + \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^R e^{-x} dx \\ &= 1 + \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[-e^{-x} \right]_1^R \\ &= 1 + \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} (-e^{-R} + e^{-1}) \\ &= 1 + e^{-1} = \underline{1 + \frac{1}{e}} \end{aligned}$$

ex 5:

$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x+x^3}}$ \rightarrow not defined in $x=0$ and $x = +\infty$
 \rightarrow it is a combination of Type 1 & 2

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x+x^3}} + \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x+x^3}}$$

I_2 : $I_2 \leq \int_1^{+\infty} x^{-3/2} dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} -2x^{-1/2} \Big|_1^R$

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} (-2R^{-1/2} + 2) = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x+x^3}} \leq \frac{1}{x^{3/2}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+x^3}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

I_1 : $I_1 \leq \int_0^1 1/\sqrt{x} dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0^+} \int_c^1 x^{-1/2} dx$
 $= \left[2x^{1/2} \right]_c^1 = 2x^{1/2} = 2^{1/2} \cdot x^{1/2-1}$
 $= \lim_{c \rightarrow 0^+} 2 \left[x^{1/2} \right]_c^1 = 2 - 0 = 2$

All together, $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+x^3}} dx \leq 2 + 2 = 4$