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$$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$$

$$\text{If } p=1: \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \ln|x| \Big|_1^t$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} [\ln|t| - \ln|1|] = +\infty \text{ Diverges}$$

$$\text{If } p \neq 1: \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_1^t x^{-p} dx$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^{1-p}}{1-p} \Big|_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{1-p} [t^{1-p} - 1]$$

$$\text{If } 1-p > 0 \text{ (or } p < 1) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} t^{1-p} = +\infty \text{ and integral diverges}$$

$$\text{If } 1-p < 0 \text{ (or } p > 1) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} t^{1-p} = 0 \text{ and integral converges}$$

So $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$ diverges if $p \leq 1$ and converges (to $\frac{1}{p-1}$) if $p > 1$.