

7.8 Improper integrals

1. infinite interval 無限區間 $[a, \infty), (-\infty, a], (-\infty, \infty)$
2. (infinite) discontinuous integrand (無限) 不連續積分域 (f)
3. Comparison Theorem 比較定理 — 大收就小收, 小發就大發。

Recall: $\int_a^b f(x) dx$: definite integral 定積分, 是極限, 是淨面積, 是數字.

$\int f(x) dx$: indefinite integral 不定積分, 是 (最一般) 反導數 ($+C$), 是函數.

TFTC: $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \left[\int f(x) dx \right]_a^b$: 定積分等於不定積分代上界減代下界.

Observation: 目前看到的定積分都有兩個性質:

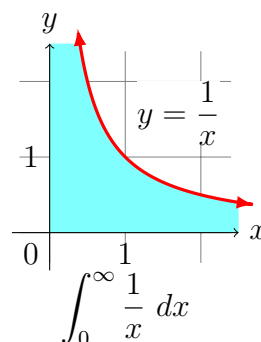
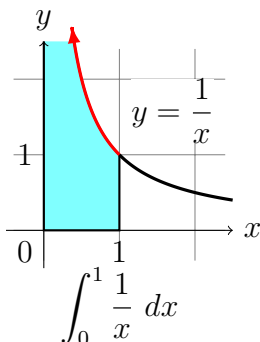
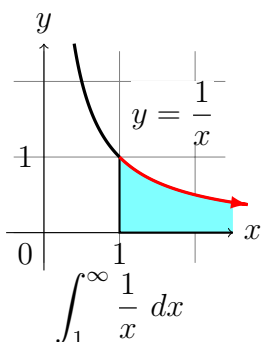
1. integration on finite domain 在有限區間 $([a, b])$ 上積分.
2. integrand of finite range 有限值域的積分域 (f).

這種的叫做 **proper integral** 正常積分, 真積分; 不是的, 叫做不正常積分, 或是:

Define: Definite integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is an **improper integral** 瑕積分 if

- (i) the interval $[a, b]$ is infinite ($(-\infty, b]$ or $[a, \infty)$ or $(-\infty, \infty)$), or
- (ii) f has an infinite discontinuity in $[a, b]$ ($\lim_{x \rightarrow c^\pm} f(x) = \infty$ or $-\infty$).

所以瑕積分有三種: 無限區間 (domain), 無限值域 (range), 無限區間與值域.



(無限邊界區域的面積怎麼算? 用極限. 怎麼把無限切成 n 等分? 不能切!)

Key Idea: 有限靠近無限, 瑕積分就是定積分的極限: 瑕積分 = \lim 定積分
 極限存在叫收斂 (convergent a. 康福聚的; converge v. 康福聚),
 不存在叫發散 (divergent a. 歹福聚的; diverge v. 低/歹福聚).

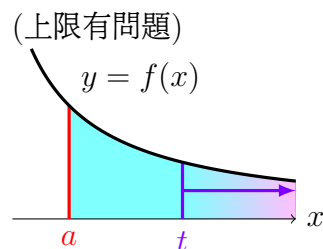
0.1 Infinite interval

Definition: 有三種

- (a) If $\int_a^t f(x) dx$ exists for $t \geq a$, then

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

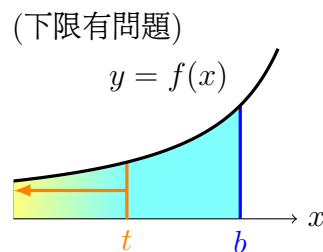
provided this limit exists (as a finite number).



- (b) If $\int_t^b f(x) dx$ exists for $t \leq b$, then

$$\int_{-\infty}^b f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^b f(x) dx$$

provided this limit exists (as a finite number).

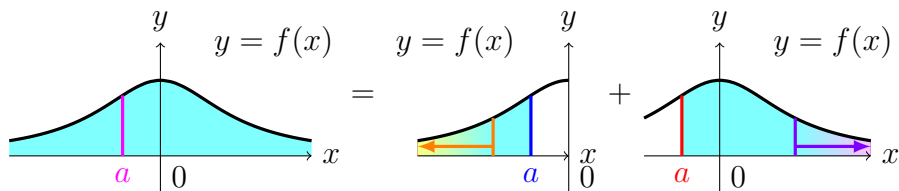


The improper integrals 瑕積分 $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ and $\int_{-\infty}^b f(x) dx$ are called **convergent** 收斂 if the corresponding limit exists 極限存在, and **divergent** 發散 if the limit does not exist 極限不存在.

- (c) If **both** $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ and $\int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx$ are **convergent**, then

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

meanwhile, any real number a can be used. ($\because \int_a^b f(x) dx$ exists)
(上下限都有問題)



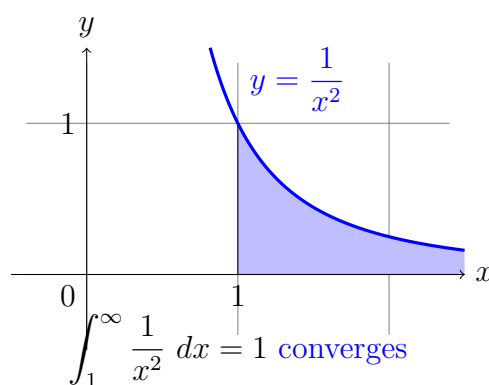
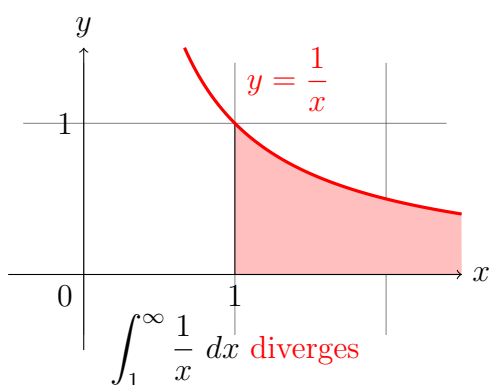
Attention: $(-\infty, \infty)$ 要切! 不管切哪, 會收斂 (極限都存在), 切哪都收斂。

Example 0.1 $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} dx$? *Divergent*.

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln |x| \right]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \ln |t| = \infty. \quad \blacksquare$$

Example 0.2 $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^2} dx$? *Convergent* ($= 1$).

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{x} \right]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{t} \right) = 1. \quad \blacksquare$$



([右上]可以說無界限區域的面積等於 1, 或是畫得越遠面積越靠近 1.)

Example 0.3 For what p is $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$ convergent?

When $p = 1$, $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} dx$ *diverges*.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } p \neq 1, \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{x^{1-p}}{1-p} \right]_1^t \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{p-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{t^{p-1}} \right) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p-1} & \text{if } p > 1; \\ \infty & \text{if } p < 1. \end{cases} \\ \therefore \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx &= \frac{1}{p-1} \text{ is } \textit{convergent} \text{ for } p > 1. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Skill: 好用的瑕積分: (下限是任何正數都適用, 只是收斂時值不同.)

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx \text{ is } \begin{cases} \text{convergent} \left(= \frac{1}{p-1} \right) \text{ for } p > 1, \\ \text{divergent} \text{ for } p \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

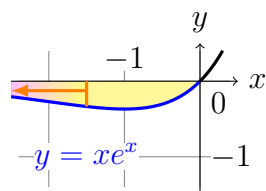
Example 0.4 $\int_{-\infty}^0 x e^x dx$.

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 x e^x dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^0 x e^x dx, \dots\dots\dots (\text{哪邊有問題, 哪邊取極限.})$$

$$\int_t^0 x e^x dx = x e^x \Big|_t^0 - \int_t^0 e^x dx = -te^t - 1 + e^t, \dots\dots\dots (\text{分部積分})$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} te^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{t}{e^{-t}} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{-e^{-t}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} (-e^t) = 0, (0 \cdot \infty \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{\infty})$$

$$\therefore \int_{-\infty}^0 x e^x dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} (-te^t - 1 + e^t) = 0 - 1 + 0 = -1. \quad \blacksquare$$



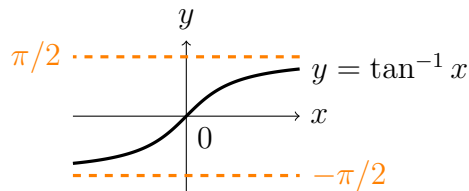
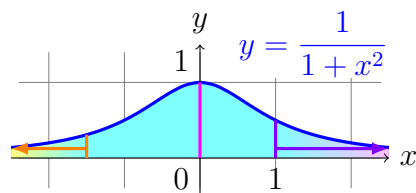
Example 0.5 $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx, \dots\dots\dots (\text{切在 } 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{左}) \quad \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^0 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} [\tan^{-1} x]_t^0 \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} (\tan^{-1} 0 - \tan^{-1} t) = 0 - (-\frac{\pi}{2}) = \frac{\pi}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{右}) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\tan^{-1} x]_0^t \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (\tan^{-1} t - \tan^{-1} 0) = \frac{\pi}{2} - 0 = \frac{\pi}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} = \pi. \quad (\text{要兩個都收斂合起來才會收斂.}) \quad \blacksquare$$



Skill: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$ 切哪都一樣, 那就切在 0.

WARNING: 常見錯誤 Part I

1. 自創寫法, 把符號 ∞ 當成數字:

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx \stackrel{!}{=} \left[\tan^{-1} x \right]_0^{\boxed{\infty}} \stackrel{!}{=} \tan^{-1} \boxed{\infty} - \tan^{-1} 0 \stackrel{!}{=} \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}}.$$

!: ∞ 是符號, 不能用 T FTC;

!: $\tan^{-1} \infty$ 沒定義.

!: $\tan^{-1} \infty$ 更不會是 $\frac{\pi}{2}$, 只有 $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1} t = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

2. 自創定義的幻覺:

$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty x dx \stackrel{!}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\boxed{-t}}^{\boxed{t}} x dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-t}^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{t^2}{2} - \frac{(-t)^2}{2} \right] = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} 0 = 0.$$

!: 沒有這樣定義; 否則會變成:

$$0 = \int_{-\infty}^\infty x dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{1-t}^{1+t} x dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{(1+t)^2}{2} - \frac{(1-t)^2}{2} \right] = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} 2t = \infty.$$

3. 不照定義靠直覺, 其實是錯覺:

$\because f(x) = x$ is odd, by symmetry, $\therefore \int_{-\infty}^\infty x dx \stackrel{!}{=} 0$. (其實是發散)

!: 對稱性只對定積分有用, 對瑕積分沒用.

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WARNING: 常見錯誤 Part II

4. 看到積分就算, 沒注意到是真積分還是瑕積分 (Trap!)

$$\int_0^3 \frac{1}{x-1} dx \stackrel{!}{=} \left[\ln |x-1| \right]_0^3 = (\ln 2 - \ln 1) = \ln 2.$$

!: (熊出) 沒注意到 1 有問題 (其實是發散).



5. 偷渡不連續

$$\int_2^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}} dx \stackrel{!}{=} \left[2\sqrt{x-2} \right]_{\boxed{2}}^5 = 2(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{0}) = 2\sqrt{3}.$$

!: 在 2 不連續, 不能用 T FTC (閉區間連續函數).

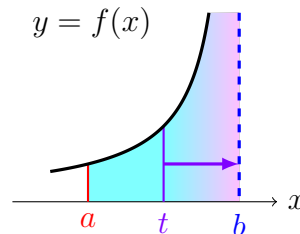
0.2 discontinuous integrand

Definition:

- (a) If f is continuous on $[a, b)$ and is discontinuous (上限有問題) at b , then

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

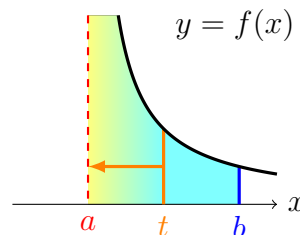
if this limit exists (as a finite number).



- (b) If f is continuous on $(a, b]$ and is discontinuous (下限有問題) at a , then

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

if this limit exists (as a finite number).

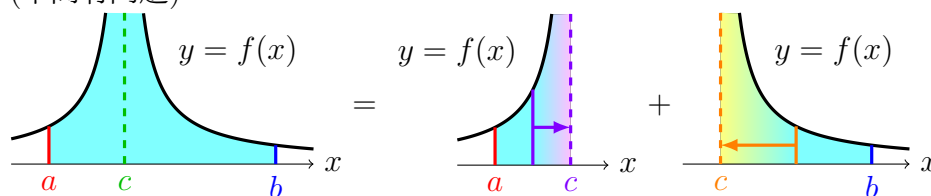


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- (c) If f has a discontinuity at c , where $a < c < b$, and **both** $\int_a^c f(x) dx$ and $\int_c^b f(x) dx$ are **convergent**, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx$$

(中間有問題)



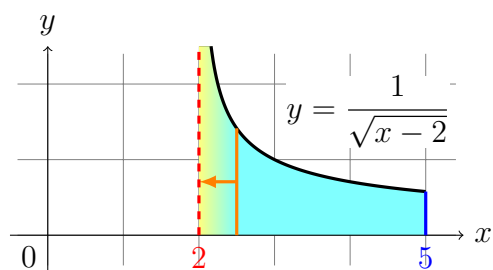
Attention: 要檢查是不是瑕積分, 要切在 (有問題)不連續點.

Example 0.6 $\int_2^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}} dx.$

$\because \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}} = \infty, \text{ improper.}$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_2^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 2^+} \int_t^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 2^+} \left[2\sqrt{x-2} \right]_t^5 \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 2^+} (2\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{t-2}) = 2\sqrt{3}. \quad \dots\dots\dots (\because \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x} = 0.) \end{aligned}$$

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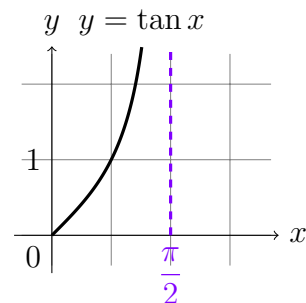
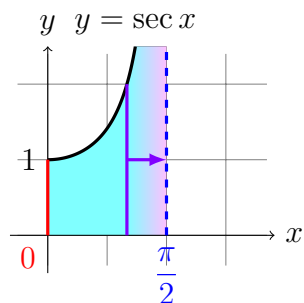


Example 0.7 $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sec x dx?$

$\because \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \sec x = \infty, \text{ improper.}$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sec x dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \int_0^t \sec x dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \left[\ln |\sec x + \tan x| \right]_0^t \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} [\ln(\sec t + \tan t) - \ln 1] = \infty. \quad \dots\dots\dots (\lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \tan t = \infty.) \end{aligned}$$

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Note: 都是取單邊極限 $\lim_{t \rightarrow c^\pm}$, 無限處極限 $\lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty}$ 也可以看成是單邊極限.

Example 0.8 Evaluate $\int_0^3 \frac{1}{x-1} dx$.

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{x-1} = -\infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{x-1} = \infty$, improper.

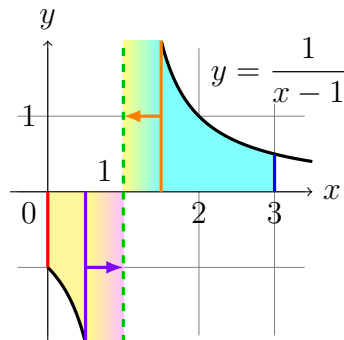
$\int_0^3 \frac{1}{x-1} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x-1} dx + \int_1^3 \frac{1}{x-1} dx$, (1 有問題, 從 1 切開.)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(左)} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x-1} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^t \frac{1}{x-1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} [\ln|x-1|]_0^t \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} (\ln|t-1| - 0) = -\infty, \text{diverges;} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{[Or]} \text{(右)} \int_1^3 \frac{1}{x-1} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} \int_t^3 \frac{1}{x-1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} [\ln|x-1|]_t^3 \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} (\ln 2 - \ln|t-1|) = \infty, \text{diverges;} \end{aligned}$$

(只要其中一塊發散就發散)

$\therefore \int_0^3 \frac{1}{x-1} dx$ **diverges**. (Need not to evaluate 說明發散就不用算) ■



($\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x-1}$ 區域跟 $\int_1^2 \frac{dx}{x-1}$ 相似, 但是不可以相消, $\therefore \infty - \infty \neq 0$, 是未定型.
所以不可以變成 $\int_0^3 \frac{dx}{x-1} \not= \int_2^3 \frac{dx}{x-1} = \ln 2$.)

Note: 有問題點切開後, 哪邊有問題, 哪邊取極限.

Additional: 想想看, 如果很多點有問題怎麼辦? 要怎麼切? 怎麼取極限?

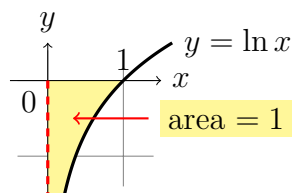
Attention: 切開後, 如果一邊發散就發散; 如果一邊收斂, 還要檢查另一邊.

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Example 0.9 Evaluate $\int_0^1 \ln x \, dx$.

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln x = -\infty$, *improper*.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \ln x \, dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^1 \ln x \, dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left[x \ln x - x \right]_t^1 \quad (\text{分部積分}) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (1 \ln 1 - 1 - t \ln t + t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (-1 - t \ln t + t), \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} t \ln t &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln t}{1/t} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1/t}{-1/t^2} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (-t) = 0, \quad (0 \cdot \infty \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{\infty}) \\ \therefore \int_0^1 \ln x \, dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (-1 - t \ln t + t) = -1 - 0 + 0 = -1. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$



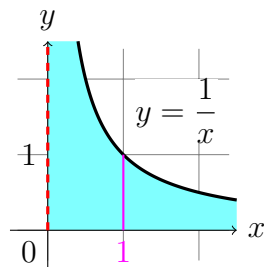
(Area = 1, why $\int_0^1 \ln x \, dx = -1$? \therefore Net area.)

如果一邊是無限區間一邊是無限值域呢？一樣切開分兩塊。

Example 0.10 $\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x} \, dx$.

$\frac{1}{x}$ is continuous on $(0, \infty)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} = \infty$, *improper* 中的 *improper*.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x} \, dx &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} \, dx + \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} \, dx, \quad (\text{從 } 1 \text{ 切開}) \\ \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} \, dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^1 \frac{1}{x} \, dx = \infty, \quad \text{or} \quad \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} \, dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x} \, dx = \infty, \\ \therefore \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x} \, dx &\text{ diverges.} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$



哪邊有問題，哪邊取極限；
兩邊有問題，就要切中間；
如果會收斂，切哪都收斂；
一邊若發散，整個都發散。

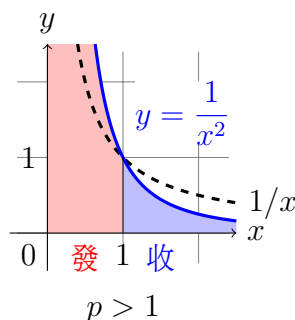
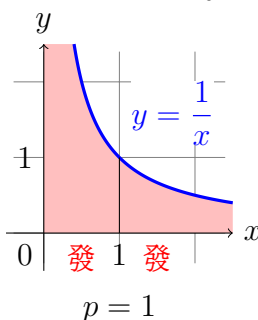
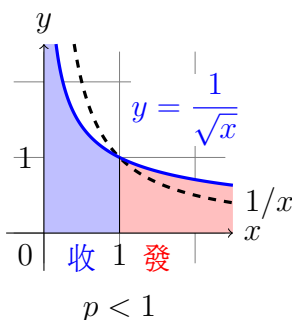
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Recall: (注意兩者積分範圍($0 \rightarrow a, a \rightarrow \infty$) 與收發範圍($p \gtrless 1$) 的差異。)

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx \text{ is } \begin{cases} \text{convergent} \left(= \frac{1}{p-1} \right) \text{ for } p > 1, \\ \text{divergent} \text{ for } p \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

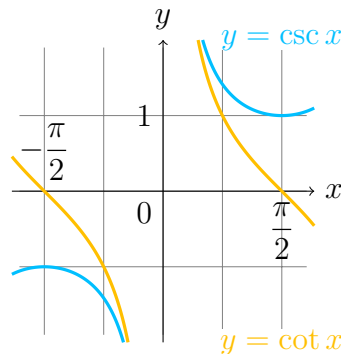
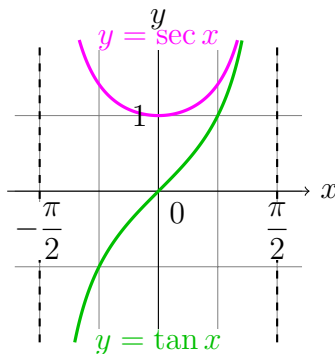
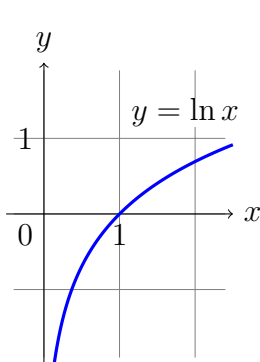
Fact: (Example 4 & Exercise 7.8.57) $\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$ diverges for all p .



Skill: 記憶法, 以 $p = 1$ 為界, 比 $\frac{1}{x}$ 大的就發散, 比 $\frac{1}{x}$ 小的就收斂。

Question: 什麼函數會有無限值域?

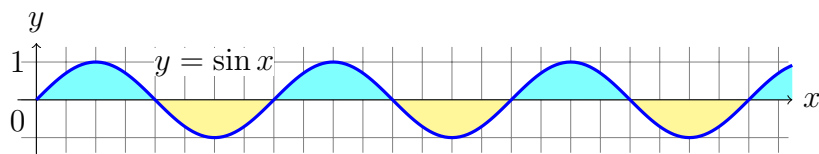
Answer: 分母為 0; $\ln x, \log_a x$ at 0; $\tan x, \sec x$ at $(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi, (n \in \mathbb{Z})$; $\cot x, \csc x$ at $n\pi, (n \in \mathbb{Z})$; ... etc.



Note: 不是只有無限面積的時候才會發散:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \sin x \, dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \sin x \, dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [-\cos x]_0^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \cos t),$$

does not exist, **diverges**.



0.3 Comparison test for improper integral

瑕積分常用在計算無界限區域的面積。有些瑕積分很難積，但是可以用比較來知道發散或是收斂。為什麼要知道是收斂還是發散？收斂，用其他方法積分或是計算近似值；發散，就不用算了。

Theorem 1 (Comparison Theorem) 比較定理

Suppose that f and g are continuous functions with $f(x) \geq g(x) \geq 0$ for $x \geq a$.

- (a) If $\int_a^{\infty} f(x) \, dx$ is **convergent**, then $\int_a^{\infty} g(x) \, dx$ is **convergent**.
- (b) If $\int_a^{\infty} g(x) \, dx$ is **divergent**, then $\int_a^{\infty} f(x) \, dx$ is **divergent**.

大的**收斂** \implies 小的**收斂**; 小的**發散** \implies 大的**發散**.

其他型的也一樣: $\int_{-\infty}^b f(x) \, dx$, $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \, dx$, $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx$ (不連續積分域).

Attention: Converse is not necessarily true (反過來**不保證對**).

- (a) $\int_a^{\infty} g(x) \, dx$ (小) 收斂 ~~不保證~~ $\int_a^{\infty} f(x) \, dx$ (大) 收斂或發散;
- (b) $\int_a^{\infty} f(x) \, dx$ (大) 發散 ~~不保證~~ $\int_a^{\infty} g(x) \, dx$ (小) 收斂或發散.

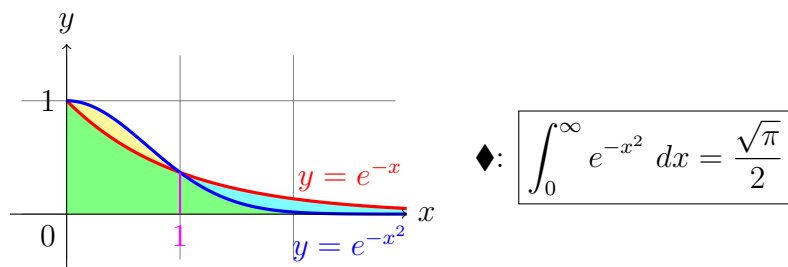
Timing: 問收斂發散，積不出來.

Skill: 找誰比？找 $\frac{1}{x^p}$, e^{-x} , ... 來比.

Example 0.11 Show that $\int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$ is convergent.

$\int e^{-x^2} dx$ 不會算, 用比的; 跟誰比? e^{-x} ; 能比嗎? No. How?
 $\int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx = \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx + \int_1^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$ (切在 1), and $\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx$ is proper.
 For $x \geq 1$, $x^2 \geq x$, $-x \geq -x^2$, $e^{-x} \geq e^{-x^2} > 0$, and
 $\int_1^\infty e^{-x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t e^{-x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [-e^{-x}]_1^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (-e^{-t} - (-e^{-1})) = \frac{1}{e}$.
 $\therefore \int_1^\infty e^{-x} dx$ is convergent, by Comparison Theorem, (大收就小收)
 $\int_1^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$ is convergent, $\therefore \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$ is convergent. ■

(有限不影響無限, 真積分不影響收斂發散, $[0, 1]$ 不能比就不用比.)



Example 0.12 Show that $\int_1^\infty \frac{1+e^{-x}}{x} dx$ is divergent by Comparison Theorem.

\therefore For $x \geq 1$, $e^{-x} > 0$, $\frac{1+e^{-x}}{x} > \frac{1}{x} > 0$, and $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} dx$ is divergent,
 \therefore by Comparison Theorem, $\int_1^\infty \frac{1+e^{-x}}{x} dx$ is divergent. (小發就大發) ■

