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9.1 The Comparison Test

if f and g are continuous and $0 \leq g(x) \leq f(x)$ for $x \geq a$

- $\int_a^\infty f(x)dx$ converges then $\int_a^\infty g(x)dx$ converges
- $\int_a^\infty f(x)dx$ diverges then $\int_a^\infty g(x)dx$ diverges

Example 9.1 Does $\int_0^\infty \frac{x+5}{1+x^2}$ converge or diverge ?

Note : $\frac{x+5}{1+x^2} \geq \frac{x}{1+x^2}$

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \frac{x}{1+x^2} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\ln|1+x^2|}{2} \right]_0^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(1+b^2)}{2} - \frac{\ln(1)}{2} = \infty$$

$\int_0^\infty \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx$ diverges so, $\int_0^\infty \frac{x+5}{1+x^2}$ diverges by the comparison test

Example 9.2 Does $\int_1^\infty \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} dx$ converge or diverge ?

$$\begin{aligned} -1 &\leq \sin x \leq 1 \\ \implies 0 &\leq \sin^2 x \leq 1 \\ \implies 0 &\leq \frac{\sin^2 x}{x} \leq \frac{1}{x^2} \\ \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^2} dx &\text{ converges since } (P = 2 > 1) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \int_1^\infty \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} dx$ converges by the comparison test

9.2 Review : Area Between Curves

Consider $f(x)g(x)$ on $[a, b]$ with $f(x) \geq g(x)$. The area bounded by $f(x)$ & $g(x)$ between a and b can be represented as.

$$A = \int_a^b f(x)dx - \int_a^b g(x)dx$$

End of Lecture Notes
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