

§7.8 Improper Integrals

In-class Activity 7.8



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C or D ? That is, do the following improper integrals converge or diverge? If they converge, find their value.

(a) $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx$

(b) $\int_{-\infty}^1 xe^x dx$

(c) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$

Activity 2:

Investigate numerically using Sage whether $\int_1^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$ converges or diverges. If it appears to converge, estimate its value.

Activity 3:

C or D ? That is, do the following improper integrals converge or diverge? If they converge, find their value.

(a) $\int_0^9 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$

(b) $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx$

(c) $\int_0^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{(x-1)^2}} dx$

Activity 4:

C or D ? That is, do the following improper integrals converge or diverge? If they converge, find their value.

(a) $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$

(b) $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sec(x) dx$

Activity 5:

Use the comparison test to show that $\int_1^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$ converges.

Activity 6:

Use the comparison test to determine whether the integral converges or diverges.

(a) $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^3 + 1}} dx$

(b) $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{3x} + \sqrt{x}} dx$

(c) $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1 + \sin^2(x)}{\sqrt{x}} dx$