

## 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:

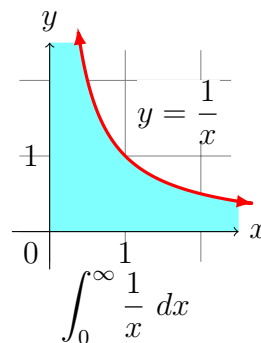
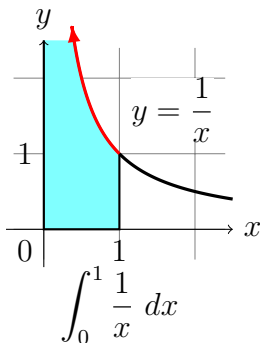
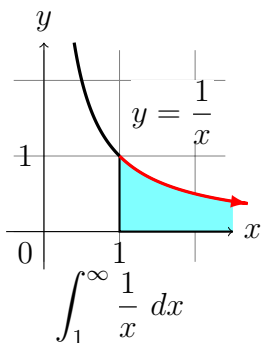
1. integration on finite domain 在有限區間  $[a, b]$  上積分。
2. integrand of finite range 有限值域的積分域 ( $f$ )。

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, 瑕積分就是真積分的極限: 瑕積分 =  $\lim$  真積分  
 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)。

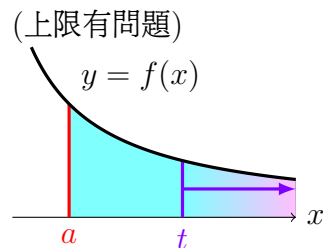
## 0.1 Infinite interval

**Definition:** 有三種

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

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

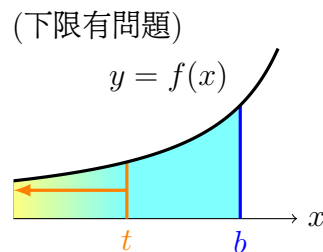
provided this limit exists (as a finite number).



- (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).

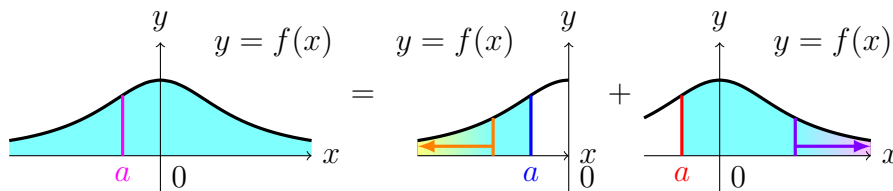


The improper integrals 瑕積分  $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$  and  $\int_{-\infty}^b f(x) dx$  are called **convergent** 收斂 if the corresponding limit exists 極限存在, and **divergent** 發散 if the limit does not exist 極限不存在。

- (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)



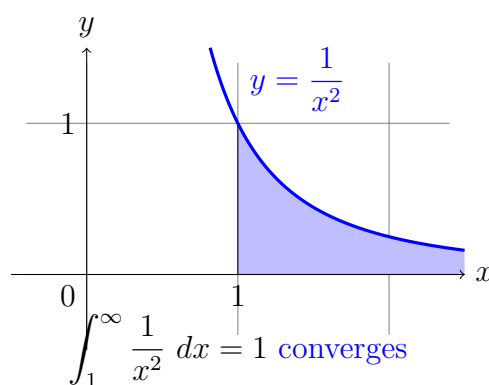
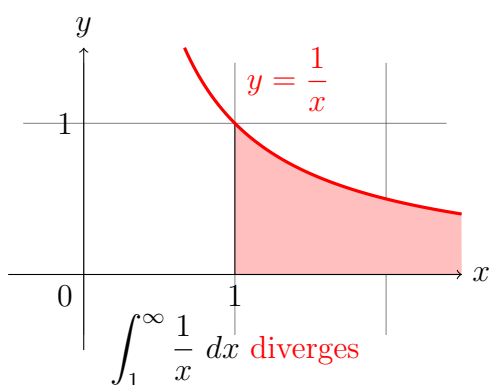
**Attention:**  $(-\infty, \infty)$  要切! 不管切哪, 會收斂 (極限都存在), 切哪都收斂。

**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。)

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

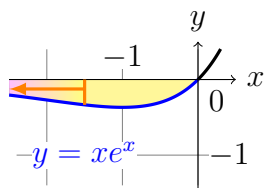
**Example 0.4**  $\int_{-\infty}^0 x e^x dx$ .

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

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

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

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



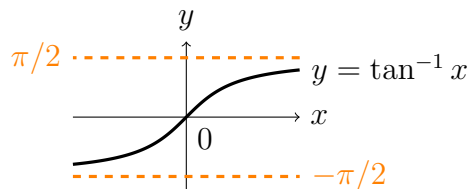
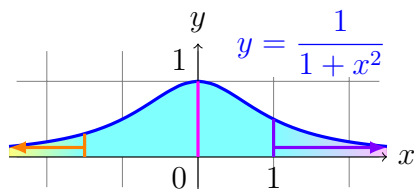
**Example 0.5**  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$ .

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

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

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

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



**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  $\infty$  當成數字:

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

!:  $\infty$  是符號, 不能用 TFTC;

!!:  $\tan^{-1} \infty$  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。)

!: 對稱性只對真積分保證成立, 對瑕積分不一定。

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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 TFTC (閉區間連續函數)。

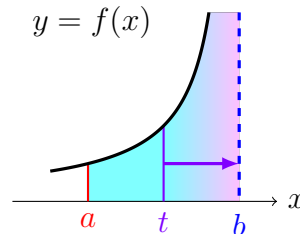
## 0.2 discontinuous integrand

**Definition:**

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

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

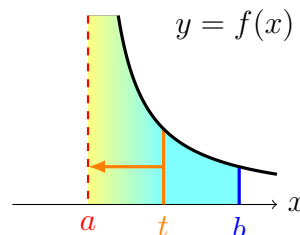
if this limit exists (as a finite number).



- (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).



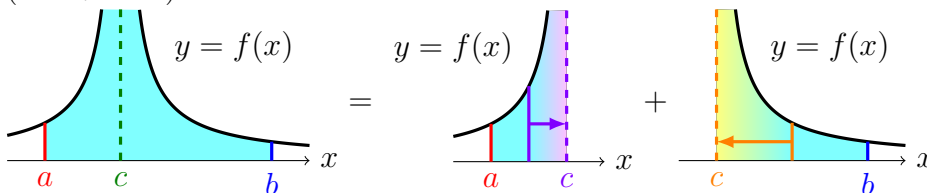
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**convergent** 收斂 if the corresponding limit exists 極限存在, and **divergent** 發散 if the limit does not exist 極限不存在。

- (c) If  $f$  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)



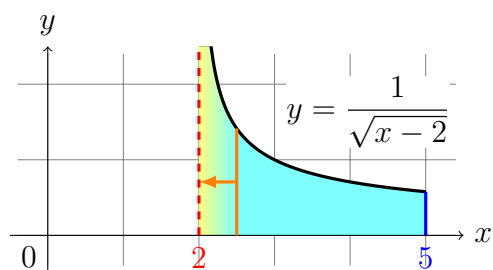
**Attention:** 要檢查是不是瑕積分, 要切在 (有問題) 不連續點。

**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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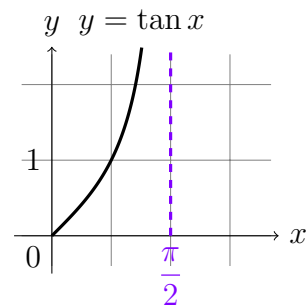
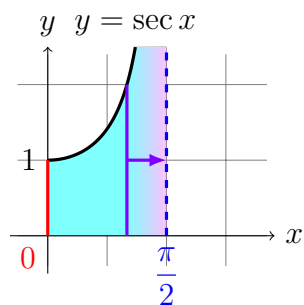


**Example 0.7**  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sec x \, dx?$

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

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

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

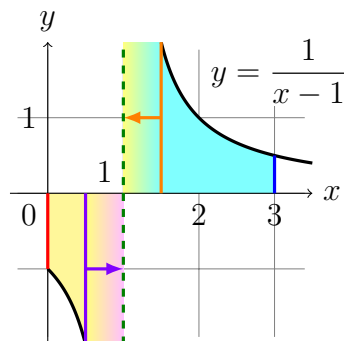
$\because \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{x-1} = -\infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{x-1} = \infty$ , improper.

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

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

[Or] (右)  $\int_1^3 \frac{1}{x-1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} \int_t^3 \frac{1}{x-1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} [\ln|x-1|]_t^3$   
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} (\ln 2 - \ln|t-1|) = \infty$ , **diverges**; (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,  $\because \infty - \infty \neq 0$ , 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。

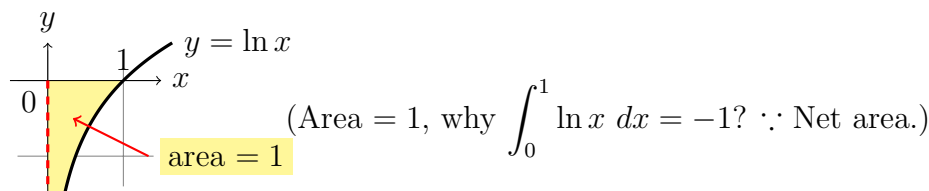
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**Example 0.9** Evaluate  $\int_0^1 \ln x \, dx$ .

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

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

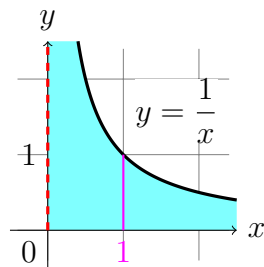


如果一邊是無限區間一邊是無限值域呢？一樣切開分兩塊。

**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*.

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



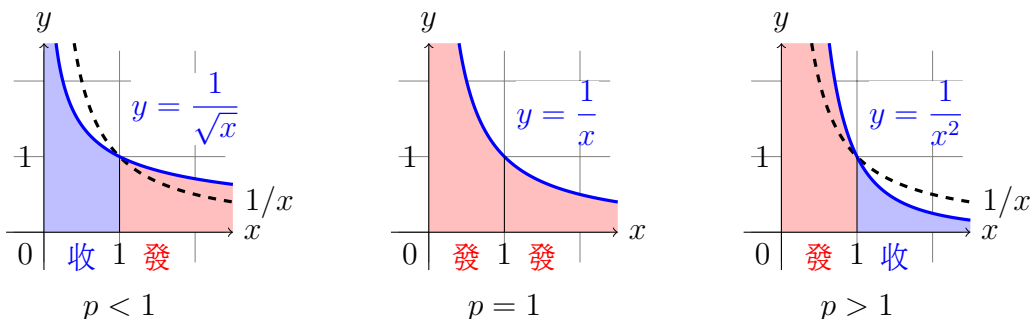
哪邊有問題，哪邊取極限；  
兩邊有問題，就要切中間；  
如果會收斂，切哪都收斂；  
一邊若發散，整個都發散。

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

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^p} dx \text{ is } \begin{cases} \text{convergent} \left( = \frac{1}{1-p} \right) \text{ for } p < 1, \\ \text{divergent} \text{ for } p \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

(注意與  $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$  積分範圍 ( $0 \rightarrow a, a \rightarrow \infty$ ) 與 收發範圍 ( $p \gtrless 1$ ) 的差異。)

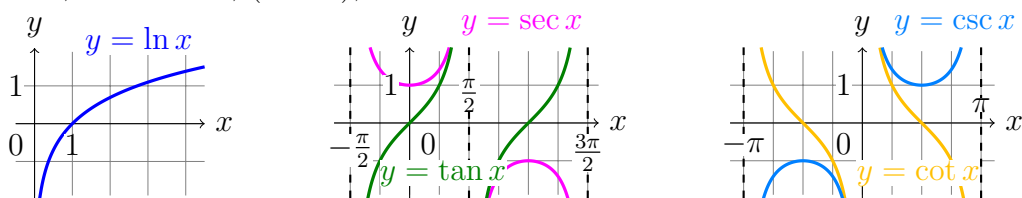
**Fact:** (Example 4 & Exercise 7.8.57)  $\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$  **diverges** for all  $p$ .



**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。

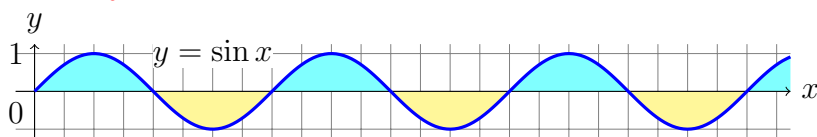
**Question:** 什麼函數會有無限值域?

**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, Ex:  $\int_0^\infty \sin x dx$  (**diverges**)

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \sin x dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [-\cos x]_0^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \cos t), \text{ does not exist.}$$



### 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

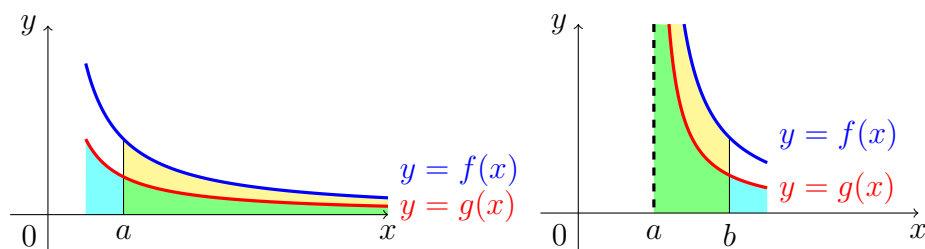
Suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous functions with  $f(x) \geq g(x) \geq 0$  for  $x \geq a$ .

(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**.

(面積) **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)。



(因為畫越遠面積越大，極限只有**存在**( $L$ )或是**發散**至**無限**( $\infty$ )。)

**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。

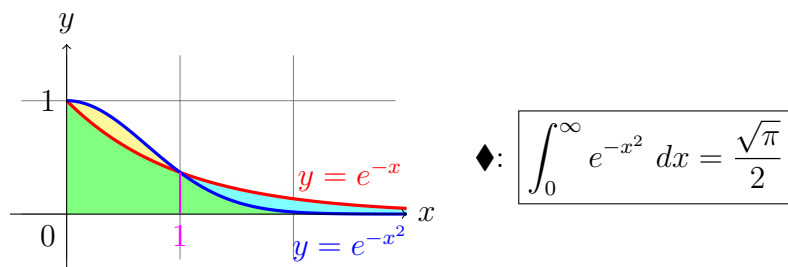
**Timing:** 問收斂發散，積不出來。

**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 the 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 the Comparison Theorem,  $\int_1^\infty \frac{1+e^{-x}}{x} dx$  is divergent. (小發就大發。) ■

