

# Improper Integrals

If

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{0}{0}$$

or

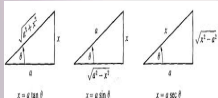
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

Then

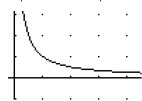
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

provided that the latter limit exists.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(x) + f'(x)(x-x_1) + \frac{f''(x_1)}{2!}(x-x_1)^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{f'''(x_1)}{3!}(x-x_1)^3 + \frac{f^{(4)}(x_1)}{4!}(x-x_1)^4 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(x_1)}{n!}(x-x_1)^n. \end{aligned}$$



$$\ln(x) = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt \Rightarrow \ln(2) = \int_1^2 \frac{1}{t} dt \approx 0.69315$$



$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

where it comes from:

The product rule for differentiation

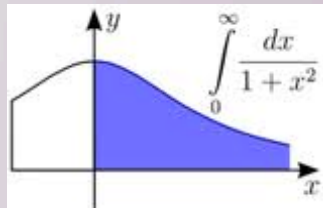
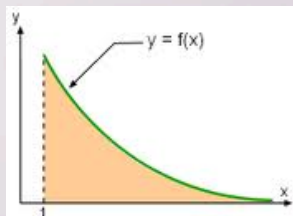
$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

put into reverse

$$\int \frac{d}{dx}(uv) = \int \left( u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx} \right)$$

and then rearranged

$$\int \frac{d}{dx}(uv) = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx}$$



Improper Integral It is like a definite integral except one or both

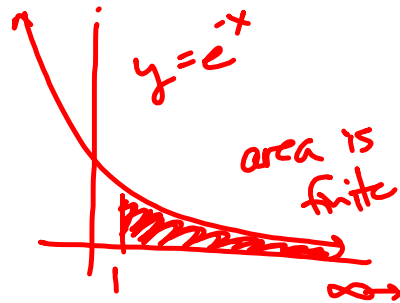
of the limits of integration are  $\pm\infty$ .

Definition  $\int_{-\infty}^b f(x)dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^b f(x)dx$

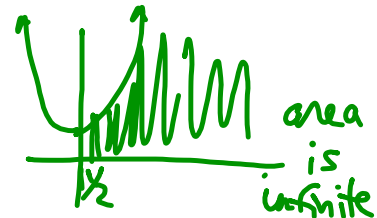
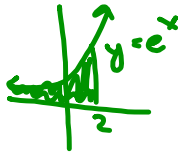
$$\int_a^{\infty} f(x)dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x)dx$$

converge if the limit exists and is finite.

diverge if the limit does not exist (or goes to  $\pm\infty$ ).



EX 1  $\int_{-\infty}^2 e^x dx$



$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} \int_b^2 e^x dx$$

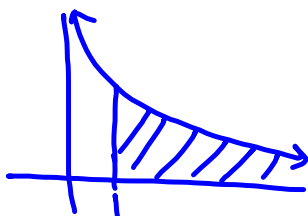
$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} (e^x \Big|_b^2)$$

$$= e^2 - \lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} e^b = e^2$$

(this integral converges)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{EX 2 } \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi x}} dx &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_1^{\infty} x^{-1/2} dx \\
 &= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_1^a x^{-1/2} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} (2x^{1/2} \Big|_1^a) \\
 &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left( \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{a} - \sqrt{1} \right) \rightarrow \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

diverges



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{EX 3 } \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x}{(1+x^2)^2} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{x}{(1+x^2)^2} dx \\
 \begin{array}{l} u = 1+x^2 \\ du = 2x dx \\ \frac{1}{2} du = x dx \\ x=1, u=1+1^2=2 \\ x \rightarrow \infty, u \rightarrow \infty \end{array} & \left| \begin{array}{l} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \int_2^b \frac{1}{u^2} du \\ = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} (-1u^{-1}) \Big|_2^b \\ = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{2u} \Big|_2^b \\ = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{-1}{2b} \right) - \left( \frac{-1}{2(2)} \right) \\ = \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \end{array} \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Definition** If  $\int_{-\infty}^0 f(x)dx$  and  $\int_0^{\infty} f(x)dx$  converge,

then  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx$  converges and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 f(x)dx + \int_0^{\infty} f(x)dx$$

otherwise,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx$  diverges.

EX 4  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$

case 1:  $p=1$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{x} dx \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln|x| \Big|_1^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (\ln b - \ln 1) \end{aligned}$$

diverges

case 2:  $p > 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{x^p} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{-p+1}}{-p+1} \Big|_1^b \\ &= \frac{1}{-p+1} \left( \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} b^{-p+1} - 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{-p+1} \left( \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{b^{p-1}} - 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{-1}{-p+1} = \frac{1}{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

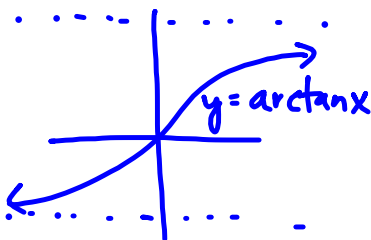
if  $p > 1$ ,  
then  
-  $p < -1$   
-  $-p+1 < 0$   
-  $p-1 > 0$

Case 3:  $p < 1$

$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{x^p} dx \rightarrow \text{diverges}$  (ex  $p = -1$   
 $\frac{1}{x^{-1}} = x$   
 $\int_1^{\infty} x dx \rightarrow \infty$ )

$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx \begin{cases} \text{converges if } p > 1 \\ \text{diverges if } p \leq 1 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{EX 5 } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2+16} &= \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{dx}{x^2+16} + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2+16} \\
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} \int_b^0 \frac{dx}{x^2+16} + \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^a \frac{dx}{x^2+16} \\
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} \left( \frac{1}{4} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \Big|_b^0 \right) + \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{4} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) \Big|_0^a \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \arctan(0) - \lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{4} \arctan\left(\frac{b}{4}\right) \\
 &\quad + \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4} \arctan\left(\frac{a}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{4} \arctan(0)
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{-\pi}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{\pi}{8} = \frac{\pi}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{EX 6 } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+16}} dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+16}} dx + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+16}} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x^2 + 16 \\ du &= 2x dx \\ \frac{1}{2} du &= x dx \\ \hline x \rightarrow -\infty, u &\rightarrow \infty \\ x \rightarrow \infty, u &\rightarrow \infty \\ x=0, u &= 0^2 + 16 = 16 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \int_b^{16} \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du + \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \int_{16}^a \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} \right) \Big|_b^{16} + \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} \right) \Big|_{16}^a$$

$$= \sqrt{16} - \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{b} + \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{a} - \sqrt{16}$$

diverges

## Improper Integrals

- if area under curve  $y=f(x)$  is infinite, then  $\int_a^{\infty} f(x)dx$  diverges.
- if  $y=f(x)$  curve approaches the x-axis "fast enough," then the area under curve is finite, i.e.  $\int_a^{\infty} f(x)dx < \infty$ .
- for  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx$ , if either piece  $\int_0^{\infty} f(x)dx$  or  $\int_{-\infty}^0 f(x)dx$  diverges, then the original integral diverges!