

4.31. There are two cases to consider: (1) $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$; and (2) $\alpha > 1$.

1. Suppose $\alpha \in [0, 1]$. By Taylor expansions there exists $c > 0$ such that $\exp(x/n) \leq 1 + c(x/n)$ for all $x \in [0, n]$. That is,

$$\sup_{n \geq 1} \frac{\exp(x/n) - 1}{x/n} \leq c \quad \forall x \in [0, n].$$

Also, for each x fixed,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\exp(x/n) - 1}{x/n} = 1.$$

Therefore, by the dominated convergence theorem, since $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \int_0^{n^\alpha} \frac{\exp(x/n) - 1}{x + x^3} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{1 + x^2} = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

2. Now suppose $\alpha > 1$, and observe that there exists $c > 0$ such that for all n large enough,

$$\int_0^{n^\alpha} \frac{\exp(x/n) - 1}{x + x^3} dx \geq \int_{n^{\alpha/2}}^{n^\alpha} \frac{\exp(n^{\alpha-1}) - 1}{2x^3} dx \geq cn^{-2\alpha} \exp(n^{\alpha-1})$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \int_0^{n^\alpha} \frac{\exp(x/n) - 1}{x + x^3} dx = \infty.$$