

Improper Integrals: Infinite Integrands

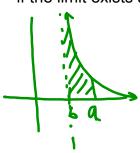
Look at $\int_{-1}^{2} \frac{1}{x^4} dx$. Can we just do the integral? there is a vertical asymptote for $y = \frac{1}{x^4}$ at x = 0.

Definition

Let f(x) be continuous on [a,b) and

$$\lim_{x \to b^{-}} |f(x)| = \infty \Rightarrow \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \lim_{t \to b^{-}} \int_{a}^{t} f(x) dx$$

if the limit exists and is finite, otherwise it diverges.



(there is
a vertical
asymptote
at x=b)

EX 1
$$\int_{1}^{3} \frac{dx}{(x-1)^{4/3}} = \lim_{b \to 1^{+}} \int_{b}^{3} \frac{dx}{(x-1)^{4/3}}$$

$$= \lim_{b \to 1^{+}} \frac{-3}{3|x-1|} \Big|_{b}^{3}$$

EX 2
$$\int_{0}^{9} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{9-x}} = \lim_{b \to 9} \int_{0}^{b} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{9+x}}$$
 $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9-x}}$
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 $y = \lim_$

VA, so the integral is Phite.)

Definition

If f is continuous on [a,b] except at x=c where a < b < c

and
$$\lim_{x\to c} |f(x)| = \infty$$

 $\lim_{x \to \infty} |f(x)| = \infty$ (there's a VA at x = c)

then
$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \int_a^c f(x)dx + \int_c^b f(x)dx$$

if both integrals converge. Otherwise it diverges.

EX 4
$$\int_{-5}^{0} \frac{1}{(x+3)^{2}} dx = \int_{-5}^{3} \frac{1}{(x+3)^{2}} dx + \int_{3}^{0} \frac{1}{(x+3)^{2}} dx$$

$$y = \frac{1}{(x+3)^{2}}$$

There is a

$$VA \text{ at } x = -3$$

$$= \lim_{b \to -3^{-}} \frac{\left(\frac{(x+3)^{-1}}{x+3}\right)^{2}}{\left(\frac{(x+3)^{-1}}{x+3}\right)^{2}} dx$$

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EX 5
$$\int_{-3}^{1} \frac{5}{(x+2)^{3/5}} dx = \lim_{A \to -2^{-}} \int_{-3}^{4} \frac{5}{(x+2)^{3/5}} dx + \lim_{B \to -2^{+}} \int_{-3}^{1} \frac{5}{(x+2)^{3/5}} dx$$

$$VA : x = -2$$

$$= \lim_{A \to -2^{-}} \left(\frac{5}{2} \frac{(x+2)^{3/5}}{2} \right)^{1/5}$$

$$= \lim_{A \to -2^{-}} \frac{25}{2} \frac{(x+2)^{3/5}}{(x+2)^{3/5}} \Big|_{-3}^{1}$$

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$$= -\frac{75}{2} (1) + 25 (3^{3/5})$$

$$= \frac{-25}{2} (1-3^{3/5})$$

Conclusion

· always be aware to check, VA in any definite integral