

Section 7.8

Improper Integrals

Ex: Evaluate the integral: $\int_0^2 \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} dx =$

$$\text{Let } u = x-1 \quad \begin{cases} x=2 \Rightarrow u=1 \\ x=0 \Rightarrow u=-1 \end{cases}$$

$$du = dx$$

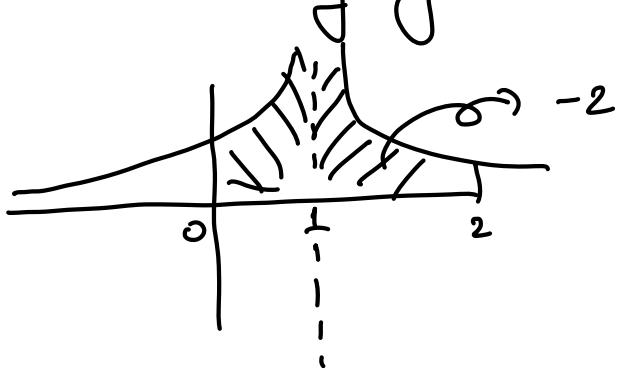
$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{u^2} du = \int_{-1}^1 \bar{u}^2 du = \frac{\bar{u}^{-1}}{-1} \Big|_{-1}^1 \leftarrow$$

$$= - \left[1 - (-1) \right] = -2.$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

Let's check the graph:

$$y = f(x) = \frac{1}{(x-1)^2}$$



Type 1: Improper Integrals (Infinite Limits of Integration)

1. If f is continuous on the interval $[a, \infty]$

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



2. If f is continuous on the interval $(-\infty, b]$

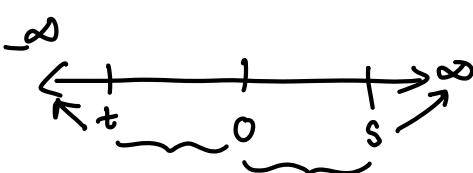
$$\int_{-\infty}^b f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^b f(x) dx$$



3. If f is continuous on the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$

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

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^0 f(x) dx + \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^s f(x) dx$$



Ex: Evaluating the following improper integrals:

$$a) \int_0^\infty \frac{x}{(4x^2+1)^{5/2}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{x}{(4x^2+1)^{5/2}} dx \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{let } u = 4x^2 + 1 \\ du = 8x dx \\ \frac{du}{8} = x dx \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Diagram: A horizontal line segment from } 0 \text{ to } t \rightarrow \infty. \\ & = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{\frac{du}{8}}{u^{5/2}} = \frac{1}{8} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{u(t)} u^{-5/2} du \\ & = \frac{1}{8} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u^{-3/2} \Big|_0^{u(t)} = -\frac{1}{12} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (4x^2+1)^{-3/2} \Big|_0^t \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{12} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{(4t^2+1)^{3/2}} - 1 \right] = -\frac{1}{12}(-1) = \frac{1}{12}$$

"Convergent"

$$b) \int_1^\infty \frac{x^2}{\sqrt[3]{7x^3+1}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{x^2}{\sqrt[3]{7x^3+1}} dx \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{let } u = \sqrt[3]{7x^3+1} \\ u^3 = 7x^3 + 1 \\ 3u^2 du = 21x^2 dx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{7} u^2 du = x^2 dx \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{\frac{1}{7} u^2 du}{u} = \frac{1}{7} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t u du = \frac{1}{7} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u^2}{2} \Big|_1^t$$

$$= \frac{1}{14} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[3]{7t^3+1} \right)^2 \Big|_1^t$$

$$= \frac{1}{14} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[(7t^3+1)^{2/3} - 4 \right] = \infty$$

"Divergent"

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx = \tan^{-1} x + C \\ & \int \frac{1}{x^2+a^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{a} \right) + C \end{aligned}$$

c) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x}{x^4 + 9} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^0 \frac{x}{x^4 + 9} dx + \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^s \frac{x}{x^4 + 9} dx$

$$\begin{cases} u = x^2 \Rightarrow x^4 = u^2 \\ du = 2x dx \\ \frac{du}{2} = x dx \end{cases}$$

$\leftarrow \begin{array}{c} t \\ -\infty \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \infty \end{array} \begin{array}{c} s \\ \infty \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \infty \\ \infty \end{array}\right]$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int \frac{\frac{du}{2}}{u^2 + 9} + \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \int \frac{\frac{du}{2}}{u^2 + 9} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int \frac{du}{u^2 + 9} + \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \int \frac{du}{u^2 + 9} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{u}{3}\right) + \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{u}{3}\right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^2}{3}\right) \Big|_t^0 + \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^2}{3}\right) \Big|_0^s \right] = \frac{1}{6} \left[(0 - \frac{\pi}{2}) + (\frac{\pi}{2} - 0) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \left(0 - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t^2}{3}\right) \right) + \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{s^2}{3}\right) - 0 \right) \right] = 0 \text{ "convergent"}$$

d) $\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{x}{e^{1+3x^2}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^0 \frac{x}{e^{1+3x^2}} dx$

$$\begin{cases} u = 1+3x^2 \\ du = 6x dx \\ \frac{du}{6} = x dx \end{cases}$$

$$\int e^{Kx} dx \text{ " } e^{\frac{Kx}{K}}$$

$$\leftarrow \begin{array}{c} t \\ -\infty \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \infty \end{array}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int \frac{\frac{du}{6}}{e^u} = \frac{1}{6} \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int e^{-u} du = \frac{1}{6} \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^{-u}}{-1}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{6}(1+3t^2)} = -\frac{1}{6} \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \left[\frac{1}{e^{\frac{1}{6}(1+3t^2)}} - \frac{1}{e^{\frac{1}{6}}} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \left[\frac{1}{e^{\frac{1}{6}(1+3t^2)}} - \frac{1}{e^{\frac{1}{6}}} \right] = -\frac{1}{6e} \text{ "convergent"}$$

P-Test Theorem: For what values of p is the integral $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$ convergent?

Case 1 if $p=1$ $\Rightarrow \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \ln|x| \Big|_1^t$
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\ln|t| - \ln|1|] = \infty$: divergent

Case 2: if $p \neq 1$ $\cdot \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{-p+1}}{-p+1} \Big|_1^t$
 $= \frac{1}{1-p} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (t^{-p+1} - 1) = \frac{1}{1-p} [\infty - 1]$

For convergence $\Rightarrow -p+1 < 0 \Rightarrow p > 1$

P-Test: $\int_a^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$ is convergent if $p > 1$
divergent if $p \leq 1$

Ex: Test for convergence / divergence:

a) $\int_1^\infty \frac{\sqrt{x^5}}{x^3} dx = \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$

$\int_1^\infty \frac{x^{5/2}}{x^3} dx = \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^{3-5/2}} dx$

$= \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} dx$

$\Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \Rightarrow \text{Divergent}$

b) $\int_1^\infty \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{x^7}} dx = \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$

$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^{7/3-1}} dx$

$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^{4/3}} dx$

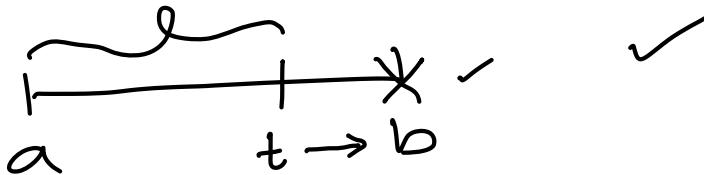
$\Rightarrow p = \frac{4}{3} > 1 \Rightarrow \text{Convergent}$,

Type 2:**Discontinuous Integrands**

1. If f is continuous on the interval $[a, b]$ and approaches infinity at b .

$f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = b$. (or. $f(b) = \text{undefined}$).

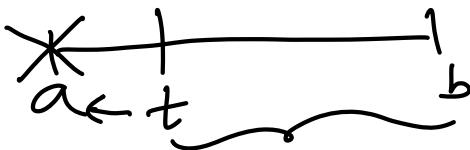
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow b^-} \int_a^t f(x) dx.$$



2. If f is continuous on the interval $(a, b]$ and approaches infinity at a .

$f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = a$ (or $f(a) = \text{undefined}$)

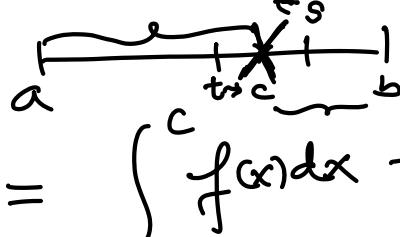
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow a^+} \int_t^b f(x) dx$$



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If f is continuous on the interval $[a, b]$, except for some c in (a, b) .

$f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = c$ (or $f(c) = \text{undefined}$)



$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow c^-} \int_a^t f(x) dx + \lim_{s \rightarrow c^+} \int_s^b f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Ex: Evaluate the following improper integrals

a) $\int_0^2 \frac{x^2}{\sqrt[3]{x^3 - 8}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 2^-} \int_0^t \frac{x^2}{\sqrt[3]{x^3 - 8}} dx$

t
0
 x^2

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = \sqrt[3]{x^3 - 8} \\ u^3 = x^3 - 8 \\ 3u^2 du = 3x^2 dx \\ u^2 du = x^2 dx \end{array} \right.$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 2^-} \int \frac{u^2 du}{u} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{1}{2} u^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow 2^-} \left(\sqrt[3]{x^3 - 8} \right)^2 \Big|_0^t = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow 2^-} \left[\sqrt[3]{t^3 - 8} \right]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (-4) = \boxed{-2} \quad \text{"Convergent"} \end{aligned}$$

b) $\int_{2/3}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3x-2}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{2}{3}^+} \int_t^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3x-2}} dx$

$\frac{2}{3} \leftarrow t \quad 1$

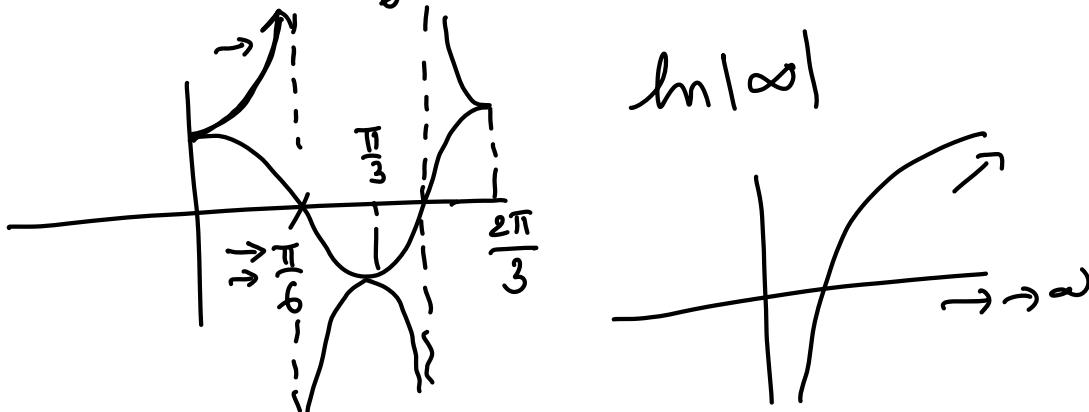
$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Let } u = \sqrt[3]{3x-2} \\ u^3 = 3x-2 \\ 3u^2 du = 3dx \\ u^2 du = dx \end{array} \right.$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{2}{3}^+} \int \frac{1}{u} \cdot u^2 du \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{2}{3}^+} \frac{u^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{2}{3}^+} \left(\sqrt[3]{3x-2} \right)^2 \Big|_t^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{2}{3}^+} \left[1 - \left(\sqrt[3]{3t-2} \right)^2 \right] = \frac{1}{2}(1) = \frac{1}{2} \\ &\quad \text{"Convergent"} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int \tan x dx = \ln |\sec x| + C$$

c) $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \tan(3x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}^-} \int_0^t \tan(3x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}^-} \frac{\ln |\sec(3t)|}{3} \Big|_0^t$

$= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}^-} \left[\ln |\sec(3t)| - \underbrace{\ln 1}_0 \right] = \infty$ "divergent"



d) $\int_3^6 \frac{x}{x^2 - 25} dx$

Ex: Test for convergence / divergence.

a) $\int_2^\infty \frac{\sqrt[3]{x^8}}{x^4} dx = \int_2^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$

 $= \int_2^\infty \frac{x^{8/3}}{x^4} dx = \int_2^\infty \frac{1}{x^{4 - 8/3}} dx = \int_2^\infty \frac{1}{x^{4/3}} dx$

$p = \frac{4}{3} > 1 \Rightarrow$ By P-Test it's convergent..

Comparison test for improper integrals: (C.T.T. : Comparison test Theorem)

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

- a) If $\int_a^X f(x)dx$ is convergent, then $\int_a^X g(x)dx$ is convergent.

$$\int_a^X f(x)dx \geq \int_a^X g(x)dx$$

$\int_a^X (bigger) dx$ is convergent \Rightarrow $\int_a^X (smaller) dx$ is also convergent.

To prove $\int_a^X f(x)dx$ to be convergent
 → Construct a "bigger"

- b) If $\int_a^X g(x)dx$ is divergent, then $\int_a^X f(x)dx$ is divergent.

$$\int_a^X f(x)dx \geq \int_a^X g(x)dx$$

If $\int_a^X (smaller) dx$ is divergent \Rightarrow $\int_a^X (bigger) dx$ is also divergent.

To prove $\int_a^X f(x)dx$ to be divergent
 = Construct "smaller"

Ex: Test for convergence / divergence:

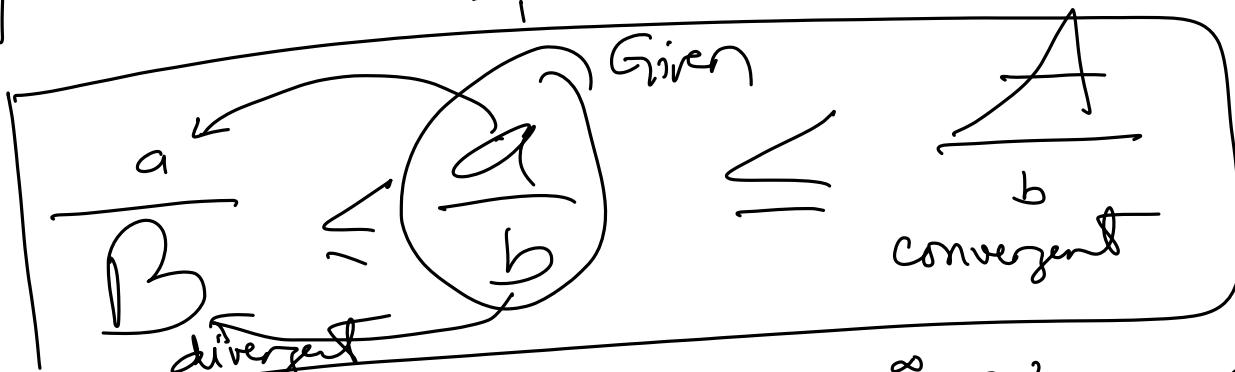
a) $\int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$

$$\textcircled{X} \quad \int_1^{\infty} \frac{7x^2 + 5x + 2}{4x^7 + 3x^2 + 1} dx \leq \int_1^{\infty} \frac{7x^2 + 5x^2 + 2x^2}{x^7} dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{14x^2}{x^7} dx = 14 \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^5} dx$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p=5 > 1 \\ \text{is convergent} \\ \text{by P-Test.} \end{array} \right.$

Dominant terms: $\frac{x^2}{x^7} = \frac{1}{x^5} > 1$

By C.T.T. $\Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ is also convergent.



$$\textcircled{X} \quad \int_2^{\infty} \frac{4x^3 + 3x^3 + 2x^3}{\sqrt[3]{x^9 + x^8 + x}} dx \leq \int_2^{\infty} \frac{4x^3 + 3x^3 + 2x^3}{\sqrt{x^9}} dx = \int_2^{\infty} \frac{9x^3}{\sqrt{x^9}} dx = 9 \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^{9/2-3}} dx$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} p=\frac{2}{2}=1 \\ \text{is convergent} \\ \text{by P-Test.} \end{array} \right.$

Dominant terms: $\frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^9}} = \frac{1}{x^{9/2-3}} = \frac{1}{x^{3/2}} > 1$

$$= 9 \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^{3/2}} dx$$

By C.T.T. $\int_2^{\infty} f(x) dx$ is also convergent

$$\textcircled{X} \quad \int_5^{\infty} \frac{dx^2 + 7x + 3}{5\sqrt[3]{8x^8 + 5x^4 + 7}} dx \geq \int_5^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{5\sqrt[3]{8x^8 + 5x^8 + 7x^8}} dx = \int_5^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{5\sqrt[3]{20x^8}} dx$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{20}} \int_5^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{x^{8/3-2}} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{20}} \int_5^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^{8/3-2}} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{20}} \int_5^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^{2/3}} dx \\ p=\frac{2}{3} < 1 \Rightarrow \text{divergent by P-Test.} \end{array} \right.$

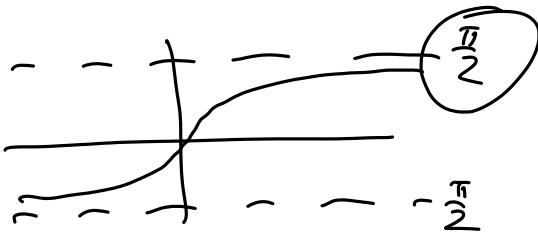
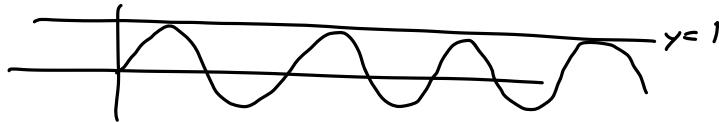
Dominant terms: $\frac{x^2}{5\sqrt[3]{x^8}} = \frac{1}{x^{8/3-2}} = \frac{1}{x^{2/3}} < 1$

\therefore by C.T.T. $\Rightarrow \int_5^{\infty} f(x) dx$ is also divergent.

$$d) \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1+e^{-x}}{x} dx \geq \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p=1 \text{ is divergent} \\ \text{by P-test.} \end{array} \right.$$

Dominant term: $\frac{1}{x} \rightarrow p=1 \Rightarrow \text{div.} \Rightarrow \text{construct "smaller"}$

$\therefore \text{by C.T.T. } \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx \text{ is also divergent.}$



$$e) \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\sin(5x-3) + 4 \tan^{-1}(3x)}{x^3 + 3x + 4} dx \leq \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\pi + 2\pi}{x^3} dx = 3\pi \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^3} dx \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p=3 > 1 \text{ is convergent} \\ \text{by P-test.} \end{array} \right.$$

Dominant terms: $\frac{1+4 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}}{x^3} = \frac{1+2\pi}{x^3} \leftarrow p=3 > 1 \Rightarrow \text{Convergent} \Rightarrow \text{Construct "bigger"}$

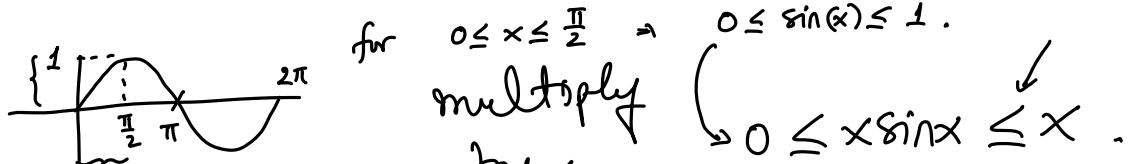
$\therefore \text{By C.T.T. } \Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx \text{ is also convergent.}$

f) $\int_1^\infty \frac{e^{x^2+x+1}}{1} dx \geq \int_1^\infty e^x dx = e \int_1^\infty 1 dx = e \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^0} dx \Rightarrow p=0 < 1 \Rightarrow$ divergent by P-test.

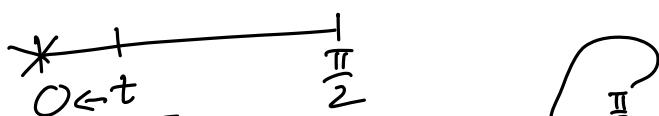
\therefore by C.T.T. $\int_1^\infty e^{x^2+x+1} dx$ is also divergent.

P-test $\int_a^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$

(*) $\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{x \sin(x)} dx$

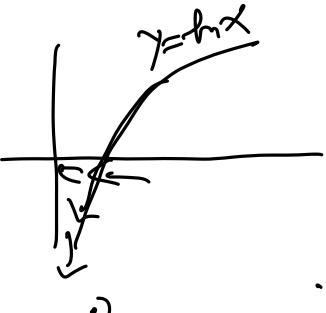


$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{x \sin(x)} dx \geq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{x} dx$. \leftarrow Is this P-test?
NOT.



$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \ln|x| \Big|_t^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\ln \frac{\pi}{2} - \ln |t| \right] = \infty \Rightarrow \text{divergent}$$

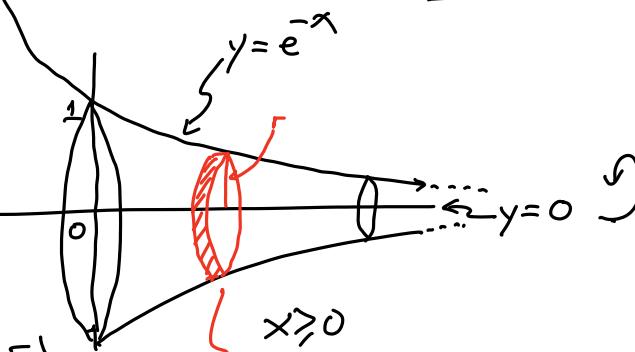


\therefore by C.T.T. $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{x \sin(x)} dx$ is also divergent.

$$\boxed{\int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{x \sin(x)} dx}$$

Ex: Find the volume of the following:

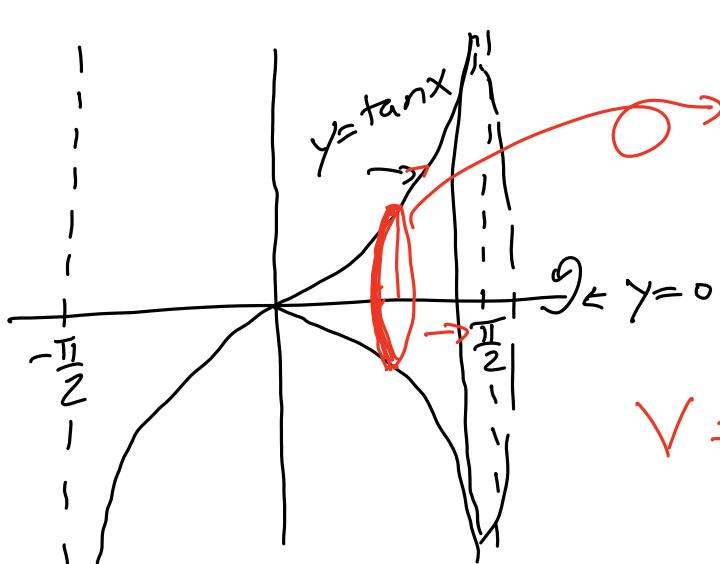
- a) The region bounded by $y = e^{-x}$; $y = 0$; for $x \geq 0$ is rotated about the x-axis.



Try: $\int_0^{\infty} x^5 \cos(2x) dx$

$$\Rightarrow V = \int_0^{\infty} \pi (\tilde{e}^{-x})^2 dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \pi e^{-2x} dx = \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} \right]_0^t = -\frac{\pi}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (e^{-2t} - e^0) = \frac{\pi}{2} \hookrightarrow \text{Convergent}$$

- b) The region bounded by $y = \tan(x)$; $y = 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ is rotated about the x-axis.



$$\begin{aligned} V &= \pi \cdot r^2 \cdot dx \rightarrow y_{\text{top}} = \tan x \\ &\quad \text{where } r \text{ is } y_{\text{bot}} = 0. = \tan x. \\ V &= \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\tan x)^2 dx \\ &= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \int_0^t (\sec^2 x - 1) dx \\ &= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \left[\tan x - x \right]_0^t \\ &= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} [\tan t - t] = \infty \leftarrow \text{divergent} \end{aligned}$$

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