

# IMPROPER INTEGRALS, (CONT'D):

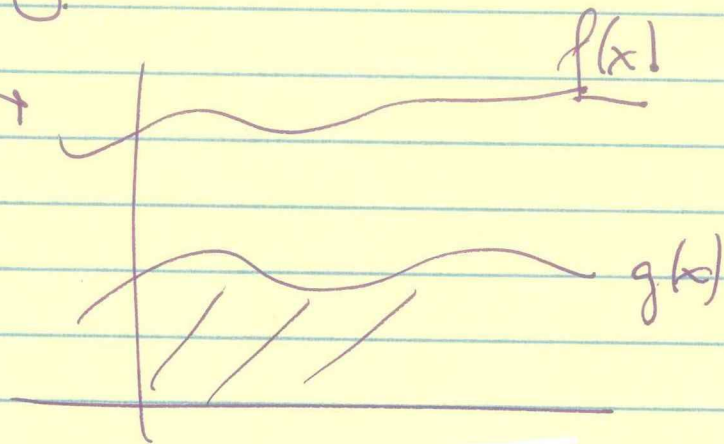
## COMPARISON TEST:

Let  $f(x), g(x) \geq 0$ .

Let  $f(x) > g(x)$   $\rightarrow$

① If  $\int_a^\infty g(x) dx$  is divergent,

then  $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$  is divergent.



② If  $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$  converges,  $\int_a^\infty g(x) dx$  is convergent.

Ex 1  
Determine  $\int_1^\infty e^{-x} dx$  is divergent or convergent.

$$\int_1^\infty e^{-x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t e^{-x} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ e^{-x} \right]_1^t$$
$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ e^{-t} - e^{-1} \right] = \frac{1}{e}$$

$\therefore$  this integral is convergent

Ex 2 Is  $\int_1^a e^{-x^2} dx$  convergent?

We'll use comparison theorem.

Observe:  $\frac{1}{e^x} > \frac{1}{e^{x^2}} \Rightarrow e^{-x} > e^{-x^2}$

so; by comparison theorem; since  $\int_1^a e^{-x} dx$  is convergent,  $\int_1^a e^{-x^2} dx$  is also convergent.

Ex 3  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1-x} dx$ . Improper int bec this is not defined at 1. Convergent or Divergent?

Fact: (from last time)  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx$  is Divergent.  
 $x-1 < x$

Since  $\frac{1}{x} < \frac{1}{x-1}$ ,  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x-1} dx$  is also divergent by Comparison Thm.



IMPORTANT FAMILY:  $y = \frac{1}{x^p}, p > 0$

When  $p=1$ ;  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx$  is divergent.

When  $p \neq 1$ :  $p > 1 \Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^p} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{x^p} dx$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{x^{-p+1}}{-p+1} \right]_1^t$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{x^{1-p}}{1-p} - \frac{x^0}{1-p} \right] = \frac{1}{p-1}$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

$\therefore$  this integral is convergent.

If  $p < 1$ ; then  $x^p < x \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^p} > \frac{1}{x}$ .

Since  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x} < \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^p}$

Ex

$$I = \int_e^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^p} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_e^t \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^p}$$

let  $u = \ln x$   
 $\rightarrow du = \frac{1}{x} dx$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{dx}{x(\ln x)^p} = \int \frac{du}{u^p} = \begin{cases} \ln|u|, & \text{if } p=1 \\ \frac{u^{-p+1}}{-p+1}, & \text{if } p \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

So,  $I = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \begin{cases} \ln|\ln t| - 0, & \text{if } p=1 \\ \frac{(\ln t)^{1-p}}{1-p} - \frac{(\ln e)^{1-p}}{1-p}, & \text{if } p \neq 1 \end{cases}$

when  $t \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\ln t \rightarrow \infty$

$$= \begin{cases} \infty, & \text{if } p=1 \\ \frac{1}{p-1}, & \text{if } p > 1 \\ \infty, & \text{if } p < 1 \end{cases}$$

So,  $I$  is ~~divergent~~ divergent if  $p \in (-\infty, 1]$   
 $I$  is ~~convergent~~ convergent if  $p \in (1, \infty)$



Ex:

$$\int_2^{\infty} \frac{x^2+1}{x^5+x+2} dx$$

Idea: Difference btw degrees is 3.

So, compare it with  $\frac{1}{x^3}$ .

$$x^5+x+2 > x^5 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^5} > \frac{1}{x^5+x+2} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Also; } x^2+1 < x^2+x^2 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1) \& (2): } \frac{x^2+1}{x^5+x+2} < \frac{2x^2}{x^5} = \frac{2}{x^3}$$

We know that  $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^3} dx$  is convergent  
( $p=3 > 1$ )

$$\text{and, } \int_2^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{x^5+x+2} dx < \frac{2}{x^3}$$

$\Rightarrow \int_2^{\infty} \frac{x^2+1}{x^5+x+2} dx$  is also convergent

Ex

$$I = \int_7^{\infty} \frac{x^2+1}{x^3+\sqrt{x}-2} dx$$

Idea: Try to  
compare it with  $\frac{1}{x}$ .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x^2+1 > x^2 \\ x^3+\sqrt{x}-2 < x^3+x^3 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{x^2+1}{x^3+\sqrt{x}-2} > \frac{x^2}{2x^3} = \frac{1}{2x}$$

Since  $\int \frac{1}{x}$  is divergent,  $I$  is also divergent.

Ex

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{x^2+1}{e^{x^2}} dx$$

FACT:  $e^{ax} > x^N$   
for  $x$  large and  
any  $a, N$  positive.

$$\Rightarrow e^{x^2} > x^{100} \text{ for } x \text{ large}$$

Thus,  $\frac{x^2+1}{e^{x^2}} < \frac{2x^2}{x^{100}} = \frac{2}{x^{98}}$ ,  $p=98 > 1$

$$\Rightarrow \int_1^{\infty} \frac{x^2+1}{e^{x^2}} dx \text{ is CONVERGENT}$$



(EX)

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x^3}} dx$$

FACT:  $\ln x < x^{1/N}$

$$\frac{\ln x}{x^{3/2}} < \frac{x^{1/4}}{x^{3/2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^{5/4}} \text{ is convergent}$$

(bc:  $p = 5/4 > 1$ )

→  $I$  is convergent.

(EX)

$$\int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sqrt{x}} dx \leq \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$$

is this convergent?

$$\int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^{\pi} x^{-1/2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left( 2 \cdot x^{1/2} \Big|_t^{\pi} \right)$$

↑  
not defined at 0

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (2\sqrt{\pi} - 2\sqrt{t})$$
$$= 2\sqrt{\pi}$$

⇒  $I$  is convergent by comparison theorem.