

Lecture 6

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1.

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1+x^3}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1+x^3}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3} \int_1^{1+t^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{2}{3} \sqrt{u} \right]_1^{1+t^3} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{1+t^3} - \frac{2}{3} = \infty$$

using $u = 1 + x^3$, $du = 3x^2 dx$.

2.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^2+x} dx &= \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x(x+1)} dx = \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} + \frac{-1}{x+1} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\ln|x| - \ln|x+1|]_1^t \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\ln|t| - \ln|t+1| + \ln 2] = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left| \frac{t}{t+1} \right| + \ln 2 = \ln 2 \end{aligned}$$

3.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^\infty x^3 e^{-x^4} dx &= \int_0^\infty x^3 e^{-x^4} dx + \int_{-\infty}^0 x^3 e^{-x^4} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{4} e^{-x^4} \right]_0^t + \lim_{s \rightarrow -\infty} \left[-\frac{1}{4} e^{-x^4} \right]_s^0 \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{4} e^{-t^4} + \frac{1}{4} \right] + \lim_{s \rightarrow -\infty} \left[-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} e^{-s^4} \right] = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

4.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-2}^3 \frac{1}{x^4} dx &= \int_{-2}^0 \frac{1}{x^4} dx + \int_0^3 \frac{1}{x^4} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \int_{-2}^t \frac{1}{x^4} dx + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \int_s^3 \frac{1}{x^4} dx \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \left[-\frac{1}{3} x^{-3} \right]_{-2}^t + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \left[-\frac{1}{3} x^{-3} \right]_s^3 \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \left[-\frac{1}{3} t^{-3} + \frac{1}{3} (-2)^{-3} \right] + \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \left[-\frac{1}{3} 3^{-3} + \frac{1}{3} s^{-3} \right] \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

notice the function we are integrating is not defined at $x = 0$.

5.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^3 \frac{dx}{x^2-6x+5} &= \int_0^3 \frac{dx}{(x-5)(x-1)} = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(x-5)(x-1)} + \int_1^3 \frac{dx}{(x-5)(x-1)} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^t \frac{dx}{(x-5)(x-1)} + \lim_{s \rightarrow 1^+} \int_s^3 \frac{dx}{(x-5)(x-1)} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^t \frac{1/4}{x-5} + \frac{-1/4}{x-1} dx + \lim_{s \rightarrow 1^+} \int_s^3 \frac{1/4}{x-5} + \frac{-1/4}{x-1} dx \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \left[\frac{1}{4} \ln|x-5| - \frac{1}{4} \ln|x-1| \right]_0^t + \lim_{s \rightarrow 1^+} \left[\frac{1}{4} \ln|x-5| - \frac{1}{4} \ln|x-1| \right]_s^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (\ln 4 - \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \ln|x-t| - \ln 5 + \ln 1 + \ln 5 - \ln 1 - \ln 4 + \lim_{s \rightarrow 1^+} \ln|s-1|) \\ &= \text{divergent} \end{aligned}$$