

7/8 Improper integrals.

Def 1.67 $f: (a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, integrable on $(c, b]$ $\forall c \in (a, b]$.

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b f(x) dx \equiv \lim_{c \downarrow a} \int_c^b f(x) dx$$

in the case the above limit exists.

$f: [a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, integrable on $[a, c)$ $\forall c \in [a, b)$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b f(x) dx \equiv \lim_{c \uparrow b} \int_a^c f(x) dx$$

in the case the above limit exists.

Def 1.69 $f: [a, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, integrable on $[a, b]$, $\forall b > a$.

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

in the case the above integral exists.

Example 1.68, 70 $p > 0$, $p \neq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^r \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{1-p} \frac{1}{x^{p-1}} \right]_1^r \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{p-1} \left(\frac{1}{r^{p-1}} - 1 \right) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p-1} & p > 1 \\ \infty & p \leq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^r \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$p \neq 1 \quad = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} [\log x]_1^r = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \log r = \infty$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^p} dx = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_r^1 \frac{1}{x^p} dx$$

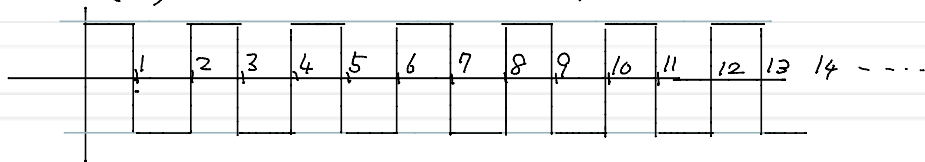
$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{p-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{r^{p-1}} \right) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-p}, & p < 1 \\ \infty & p > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} [\log x]_r^1$$

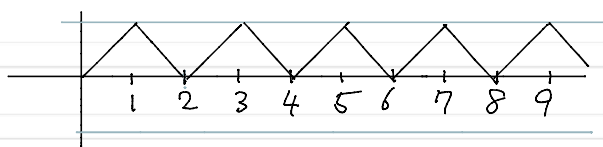
$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} (-\log r) = \infty$$

Example 1.71 $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = (-1)^n \quad x \in [n, n+1], \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$



$$\int_0^a f(x) dx = \begin{cases} a-n & x \in [n, n+1] \quad n: \text{even} \\ 1-(a-n) & x \in [n, n+1] \quad n: \text{odd} \end{cases}$$



$F(a) = \int_0^a f(x) dx$ does not converge as $a \rightarrow \infty$.

Example 1.72 $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous. $0 < c < 1$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-c}} f(x) dx = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^{c-\varepsilon} \frac{1}{\sqrt{c-x}} f(x) dx + \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{c+\varepsilon}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-c}} f(x) dx$$

(These limits exist and we can define the above integral.)

$$\begin{cases} f(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{c-x}} : \text{continuous on } [0, c-\varepsilon] \quad (\forall \varepsilon > 0) \\ \hspace{15em} \text{(small enough)} \\ f(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-c}} : \text{continuous on } [c+\varepsilon, 1] \quad (\forall \varepsilon > 0) \end{cases}$$

Consider a simple case that f is continuous on $[0, 1]$

Then $\frac{f(x)}{\sqrt{x}}$ is integrable on $(0, 1]$.



$$P(x) \equiv \int_x^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} f(t) dt$$

$$M = \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |f(x)|$$

(In general a continuous function on $[0, 1]$ is bounded $< \infty$)

For any $\varepsilon > 0$, set $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon^2}{4M^2}$,

$x_1, x_2 \in (0, \delta)$ (Without loss of generality, $x_1 \leq x_2$)

$$\Rightarrow |P(x_2) - P(x_1)| = \left| \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} f(t) dt \right|$$

$$\leq \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} |f(t)| dt$$

$$\leq \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{M}{\sqrt{t}} dt = 2M(\sqrt{x_2} - \sqrt{x_1})$$

$$\leq 2M\sqrt{x_2} < 2M\sqrt{\delta} = 2M\sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon^2}{4M^2}}$$

$$= \varepsilon$$

Therefore $P(x) \rightarrow \exists \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} f(t) dt$.

Returning to the setting of the example,
we can prove the integrabilities of
the functions:

$$f(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{c-x}} : \text{ on } [a, c)$$

$$f(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-c}} : \text{ on } (c, b]$$

similarly with the above arguments.