

3. Determine what makes the integrals below "improper". Then, determine how to rewrite the integrals using "proper" limit notation. Finally, find the area by evaluating the limit and the integral.

(a) $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^a \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{-1}{x} \right]_1^a$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{-1}{a} + 1 \right] = 1 \quad (\text{converge})$$

(b) $\int_2^6 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}} dx$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{a \rightarrow 2^+} \int_a^6 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow 2^+} \left[2\sqrt{x-2} \right]_a^6$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow 2^+} \left[2\sqrt{a-2} - 4 \right] = 4 \quad (\text{converge})$$

(c) $\int_{-\infty}^0 e^x dx$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^0 e^x dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} [e^0 - e^a]$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{e^{\infty}} = 1 \quad (\text{converge})$$

(d) $\int_0^2 \frac{1}{x^2 - 2x + 1} dx$ (hint: Break into two integrals)

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{a \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^a \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} dx + \lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} \int_a^2 \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} dx$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} \left[\frac{-1}{x-1} \right]_0^a + \lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} \left[\frac{-1}{x-1} \right]_a^2$$

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 1^-} \left[\frac{-1}{a-1} + 1 \right] + \lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} \left[-1 + \frac{1}{a-1} \right] = \infty \quad (\text{diverge})$$

Part III: Additional Practice:

(a) $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^a \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left[\tan^{-1} x \right]_0^a$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left[\tan^{-1} a - \tan^{-1} 0 \right] = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (\text{converge})$$

(b) $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{x}{e^x} dx$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^a \frac{x}{e^x} dx$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left[-xe^{-x} - e^{-x} \right]_1^a$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{-a}{e^a} - \frac{1}{e^a} \right] - \left[\frac{-1}{e} - \frac{1}{e} \right] = \frac{2}{e}$$

(c) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^x}{1+e^{2x}} dx$ (Challenging):

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^0 \frac{e^x}{1+(e^x)^2} dx + \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b \frac{e^x}{1+(e^x)^2} dx$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \tan^{-1}(e^x) \Big|_a^0 + \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}(e^x) \Big|_0^b$$

$$\rightarrow \tan^{-1}(1) - (\tan^{-1}(e^{-\infty})) + \tan^{-1}(\infty) - \tan^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (\text{converges})$$