

1.3 Answers

Further A-Level Pure Mathematics, Core 2

Improper Integrals

1.3.1 Solution to 1.1 Example (Teaching Video)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \int_1^e \frac{1}{x} dx &= \left[\ln x \right]_1^e \\ &= \ln e - \ln 1 \\ &= 1 - 0 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^1 \frac{1}{x} dx \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\ln x \right]_t^1 \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} [\ln 1 - \ln t] \\ &= (-1) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} [\ln t] \end{aligned}$$

Although $\ln 0$ is undefined, as $t \rightarrow 0$ from above, $\ln t \rightarrow -\infty$

$\therefore$ The integral does not converge; it's diverging.

[2 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad \int_e^\infty \frac{1}{x} dx &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_e^t \frac{1}{x} dx \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln x \right]_e^t \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\ln t - \ln e] \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [\ln t] - 1 \end{aligned}$$

As $t \rightarrow \infty$, $\ln t \rightarrow \infty$

$\therefore$ The integral does not converge; it's diverging.

[2 marks]

1.3.2 Solutions to 1.2 Exercise

Answer 1

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx &= \int_0^1 x^{-2} dx \\&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^1 x^{-2} dx \\&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left[-x^{-1} \right]_t^1 \\&= (-1) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\frac{1}{x} \right]_t^1 \\&= (-1) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{t} \right] \\&\text{As } t \rightarrow 0^+, \frac{1}{t} \rightarrow \infty\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$ The integral does not converge; it's diverging.

□

[4 marks]

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^2} dx &= \int_1^\infty x^{-2} dx \\&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t x^{-2} dx \\&= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-x^{-1} \right]_1^t \\&= (-1) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{x} \right]_1^t \\&= (-1) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{1} \right] \\&\text{As } t \rightarrow \infty, \frac{1}{t} \rightarrow 0 \\&= (-1) \times (-1) \\&= 1\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$ The integral does converge; it has a value of 1

□

[4 marks]

Answer 2**(i)**

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx &= \int_0^1 x^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^1 x^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left[2x^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_t^1 \\
&= 2 \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} [\sqrt{x}]_t^1 \\
&= 2 \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} [\sqrt{1} - \sqrt{t}]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{As } t &\rightarrow 0^+, \sqrt{t} \rightarrow 0 \\
&= 2 \times 1 \\
&= 2
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$ The integral does converge; it has a value of 2

□

[4 marks]**(ii)**

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

$$\text{As } t \rightarrow \infty, \sqrt{t} \rightarrow \infty$$

$\therefore$ The integral does not converge; it is divergent

□

[4 marks]

Answer 3**(i)**

$$y = \sqrt{1 + x^2}$$

$$y = (1 + x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}(1 + x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 2x$$

$$= \frac{x}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}}$$

[2 marks]**(ii)**

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{4x}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}} dx = 4 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}} dx$$

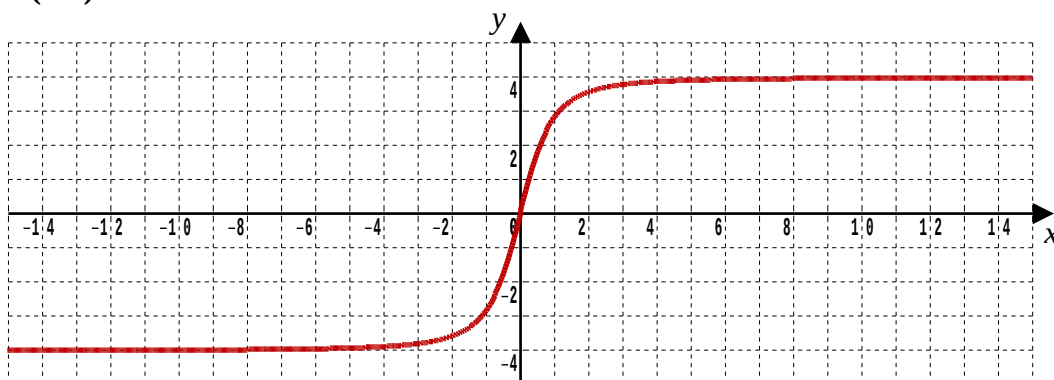
$$= 4 \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{x}{\sqrt{1 + x^2}} dx$$

$$= 4 \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sqrt{1 + x^2} \right]_0^t$$

$$= 4 \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sqrt{1 + t^2} - \sqrt{1} \right]$$

$$\text{As } t \rightarrow \infty, \sqrt{1 + t^2} \rightarrow \infty$$

$\therefore$ The integral does not converge; it is divergent. $\square$

[4 marks]**(iii)**

The horizontal asymptote of $y = 4$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$ implies that, as the area to be found extends rightward, it resembles a rectangle of fixed width 4 and length x . The area of such a rectangle will $\rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$

[2 marks]

Answer 4

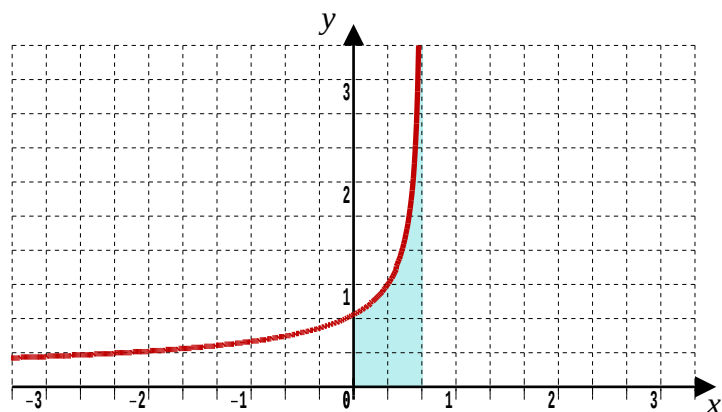
$$\begin{aligned}\int_5^{13} \frac{6x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 25}} dx &= 3 \int_5^{13} \frac{2x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 25}} dx \\&= 3 \lim_{t \rightarrow 5^+} \int_t^{13} (2x)(x^2 - 25)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx \\&= 3 \lim_{t \rightarrow 5^+} \left[2(x^2 - 25)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_t^{13} \\&= 6 \lim_{t \rightarrow 5^+} \left[\sqrt{13^2 - 25} - \sqrt{t^2 - 25} \right] \\&\text{As } t \rightarrow 5^+, \sqrt{t^2 - 25} \rightarrow 0 \\&= 6 \times 12 \\&= 72\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$ The integral is convergent; it has a value of 72

[6 marks]

Answer 5

(i)



[1 mark]

(ii) The right hand boundary is of infinite height.

[1 mark]

(iii)

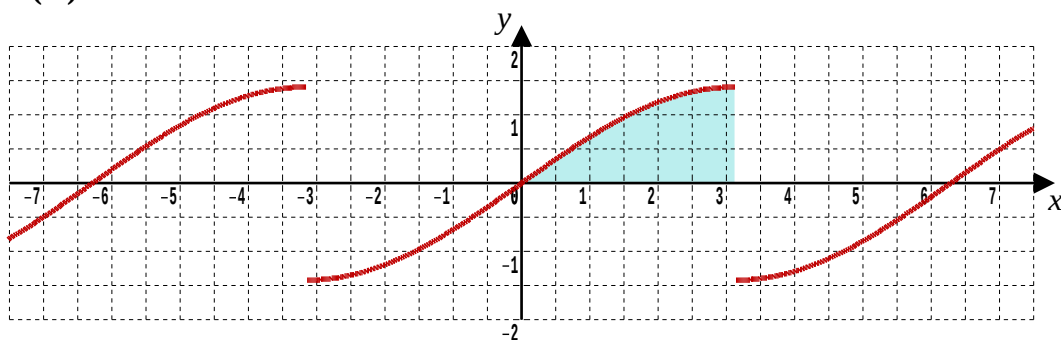
$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-3x}} dx &= -\frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{-3}{\sqrt{2-3x}} dx \\&= -\frac{1}{3} \lim_{t \rightarrow (\frac{2}{3})^-} \int_0^t (-3)(2-3x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx \\&= -\frac{1}{3} \lim_{t \rightarrow (\frac{2}{3})^-} \left[2(2-3x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_0^t \\&= -\frac{2}{3} \lim_{t \rightarrow (\frac{2}{3})^-} \left[\sqrt{2-3x} \right]_0^t \\&= -\frac{2}{3} \lim_{t \rightarrow (\frac{2}{3})^-} \left[\sqrt{2-3t} - \sqrt{2} \right] \\&\text{As } t \rightarrow \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^-, \sqrt{2-3t} \rightarrow 0 \\&= -\frac{2}{3} \times -\sqrt{2} \\&= \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$ The integral is convergent; it has a value of $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$

[6 marks]

Answer 6

(i)



[1 mark]

(ii) The function has a discontinuity at its boundary $x = \pi$ where it jumps between the value of $+\sqrt{2}$ to the value $-\sqrt{2}$

[1 mark]

(iii)

$$\int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{1 + \cos x}} dx = (-1) \lim_{t \rightarrow \pi^-} \int_0^t (-\sin x)(1 + \cos x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx$$

$$= (-1) \lim_{t \rightarrow \pi^-} \left[2(1 + \cos x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_0^t$$

$$= (-2) \lim_{t \rightarrow \pi^-} \left[\sqrt{1 + \cos x} \right]_0^t$$

$$= (-2) \lim_{t \rightarrow \pi^-} \left[\sqrt{1 + \cos t} - \sqrt{2} \right]$$

$$\text{As } t \rightarrow \pi^-, \sqrt{1 + \cos t} \rightarrow 0$$

$$= (-2) \times -\sqrt{2}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2}$$

$\therefore$ The integral is convergent; it has a value of $2\sqrt{2}$

[6 marks]

Answer 7

(i)



[1 mark]

(ii) The rightmost boundary is along an asymptote and so the area specified has infinite height

[1 mark]

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 \frac{3(x^2 + 1)}{\sqrt{4 - 3x - x^3}} dx &= (-1) \int_0^1 \frac{(-3x^2 - 3)}{\sqrt{4 - 3x - x^3}} dx \\
 &= (-1) \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^t (-3 - 3x^2)(4 - 3x - x^3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx \\
 &= (-1) \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \left[2(4 - 3x - x^3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_0^t \\
 &= (-2) \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} \left[\sqrt{4 - 3t - t^3} - \sqrt{4} \right] \\
 \text{As } t \rightarrow 1^-, \sqrt{4 - 3t - t^3} &\rightarrow 0 \\
 &= (-2) \times (-\sqrt{4}) \\
 &= 4
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$ The integral is convergent; it has a value of 4

[6 marks]

Answer 8

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{e^{-x} + 1} \right) dx &= \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{e^{-x} + 1}{e^{-x} + 1} - \frac{1}{e^{-x} + 1} \right) dx \\
&= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-x}}{e^{-x} + 1} dx \\
&= (-1) \int_0^{\infty} (-e^{-x})(e^{-x} + 1)^{-1} \\
&= (-1) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t (-e^{-x})(e^{-x} + 1)^{-1} dx \\
&= (-1) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln(e^{-x} + 1) \right]_0^t \\
&= (-1) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln(e^{-t} + 1) - \ln(e^0 + 1) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

As $t \rightarrow \infty$, $e^{-t} \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (-1) \left[\ln(1) - \ln(2) \right] \\
&= \ln(2)
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$ The integral is convergent; it has a value of $\ln 2$

[6 marks]