

Examples 1. The integral $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$ is improper, since 0 is only point of infinite discontinuity of the integrand. The integrand is bounded and integrable in $[0+\epsilon, 1]$ for all ϵ satisfying

$$0 < \epsilon < 1 \quad \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{0+\epsilon}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} [2\sqrt{x}]_{\epsilon}^1 = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} [2 - 2\sqrt{\epsilon}] = 2$$

So, the improper integral $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$ is convergent and $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = 2$

2. The integral $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx$ is improper, since 0 is only point of infinite discontinuity for the integrand. The integrand is bounded and integrable on $[0+\epsilon, 1]$ for all ϵ satisfying

$$0 < \epsilon < 1 \quad \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{0+\epsilon}^1 \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} [\ln x]_{\epsilon}^1 = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} (-\ln \epsilon) = \infty$$

So the improper integral $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx$ is divergent.

II. Convergence of the improper integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ when b is the only point of infinite discontinuity of f in $[a, b]$.

Let the right end point b of the closed and bounded interval $[a, b]$ be the only point of infinite discontinuity of a function f which is bounded and integrable on $[a, b-\epsilon]$ for every ϵ satisfying $0 < \epsilon < b-a$.

$$\text{let } \phi(\epsilon) = \int_a^{b-\epsilon} f(x) dx, \quad 0 < \epsilon < b-a$$

If $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \phi(\epsilon)$ exists (finitely) then the improper integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is said to be convergent. If the limit is l , we write $\int_a^b f(x) dx = l$.

If $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \phi(\epsilon)$ does not exist (finitely) then the improper integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is said to be divergent.

Example 1. The integral $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$ is improper, since 1 is only point of infinite discontinuity of the integrand.

The integrand is bounded and integrable on $[0, 1-\epsilon]$ for all ϵ satisfying $0 < \epsilon < 1$.

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_0^{1-\epsilon} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\sin^{-1} x \right]_0^{1-\epsilon} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} (\sin^{-1}(1-\epsilon)) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Therefore the ~~integral~~ improper integral $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$ is convergent and $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$

2. The integral $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1-x} dx$ is improper, since 1 is the only point of infinite discontinuity of the integrand.

The integrand is bounded and integrable on $[0, 1-\epsilon]$ for all ϵ satisfying $0 < \epsilon < 1$

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

Therefore the ~~improper~~ improper integral $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1-x} dx$ is divergent.

III convergence of the improper integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ when a and b are the only points of infinite discontinuity of f in $[a, b]$
 Let the end points a, b of the closed and bounded interval $[a, b]$ be the only points of infinite discontinuity of f a function f which is bounded and integrable on $[a+\epsilon, b-\epsilon']$ for every ϵ, ϵ' satisfying $0 < \epsilon < b-a, 0 < \epsilon' < b-a$

Let $c \in (a, b)$ i.e., $a < c < b$

If the improper integrals $\int_a^c f(x) dx$ and $\int_c^b f(x) dx$ be both convergent according to the definition given above, then the improper integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is said to be convergent and we write

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx$$

Examples: 1. The integral $\int_0^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(2-x)}} dx$ is improper, since 0 and 2 are ^{only} points of infinite discontinuity of the integrand. The integrand is bounded and integrable on $[0+\epsilon, 2-\epsilon']$ for all ϵ, ϵ' satisfying $0 < \epsilon < 2$, $0 < \epsilon' < 2$

Let us examine $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\epsilon}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(2-x)}} dx$ and $\lim_{\epsilon' \rightarrow 0^+} \int_1^{2-\epsilon'} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(2-x)}} dx$

$$\text{Now } \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\epsilon}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(2-x)}} dx = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x-1}{x-2} \right) \right]_{\epsilon}^1 = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{\epsilon' \rightarrow 0^+} \int_1^{2-\epsilon'} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(2-x)}} dx = \lim_{\epsilon' \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x-1}{x-2} \right) \right]_1^{2-\epsilon'} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

So, $\int_0^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(2-x)}} dx$ is convergent and

$$\int_0^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(2-x)}} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} = \pi$$

IV Convergence of the improper integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ when there is only one point of discontinuity of the integrand at c , where $a < c < b$.

If the improper integrals $\int_a^c f(x) dx$ and $\int_c^b f(x) dx$ be both convergent according to the definition given above, then

The improper integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is said to be convergent and we write

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx$$

So, if both limits $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^{c-\epsilon} f(x) dx$ and $\lim_{\epsilon' \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{c+\epsilon'}^b f(x) dx$

exist then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^{c-\epsilon} f(x) dx + \lim_{\epsilon' \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{c+\epsilon'}^b f(x) dx$$

If the improper integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is convergent, its value is equal to the symmetric limit $\left[\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^{c-\epsilon} f(x) dx + \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{c+\epsilon}^b f(x) dx \right]$

It may happen that the improper integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is divergent but the limit $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left[\int_a^{c-\epsilon} f(x) dx + \int_{c+\epsilon}^b f(x) dx \right]$ exists,

then this symmetric limit is called the Cauchy principal value of the improper integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ and it is denoted by $P \int_a^b f(x) dx$

For example, let us consider the improper integral $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx$ where

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad x \neq 0$$

$$= 0, \quad x = 0$$

Hence $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{-1}^{0-\epsilon} f(x) dx + \lim_{\epsilon' \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{0+\epsilon'}^1 f(x) dx$

$$= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \log \epsilon + \lim_{\epsilon' \rightarrow 0^+} (-\log \epsilon')$$

as this limit does not exist if $\epsilon \rightarrow 0, \epsilon' \rightarrow 0$ independently

But $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\int_{-1}^{0-\epsilon} f(x) dx + \int_{0+\epsilon}^1 f(x) dx \right] = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} (\log \epsilon - \log \epsilon) = 0$

So, $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx$ is divergent but $P \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = 0$