

MATH 1101Y 2009 Quiz 14 (a)

Determine whether each integral is convergent or divergent. Evaluate those that are convergent.

1. $\int_1^{\infty} e^{-3x} dx$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^{\infty} e^{-3x} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b e^{-3x} dx \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{-3} e^{-3x} \Big|_1^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{-3} (e^{-3b} - e^{-3}) \\ &= e^{-3}. \end{aligned}$$

The integral is convergent.

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2. $\int_2^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} dx$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_2^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^b \frac{\ln x}{x} dx \text{ (Let } u = \ln x. \text{ } du = \frac{1}{x} dx.) \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\ln 2}^{\ln b} u du = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{u^2}{2} \right]_{\ln 2}^{\ln b} \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(\ln b)^2}{2} - \frac{(\ln 2)^2}{2} \right) = \infty \end{aligned}$$

The integral is divergent.

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