

1. For each integral, explain why $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is improper, and determine whether the integral converges or diverges.

a. $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^3} dx$

c. $\int_1^\infty 1 + \frac{1}{x^2} dx$

b. $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} dx$

d. $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$ where $p > 1$

2. Think about the above results and the big picture of what's going on.

- (a) Is it *necessary* that $f(x)$ converge to 0 as $x \rightarrow \infty$ in order for $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ to converge to a finite number?

- (b) If $f(x)$ does converge to 0 as $x \rightarrow \infty$, *must* $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ automatically converge to a finite number? That is, is $f(x) \rightarrow 0$ a *sufficient* condition for $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$ to converge to a finite number?