

## Recall:

- **Definition:** We define an *improper integral* of the form  $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$  as follows:

$$\int_a^\infty f(x) dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

The integral on the right is a proper definite integral over a finite interval, and so the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus applies.

- **Definition:** We say an improper integral  $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$  *converges* if

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

exists and converges to a finite number. Otherwise, we say that the improper integral *diverges*.

- $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$  converges if  $p > 1$ , diverges if  $p \leq 1$ .

The same results are true for  $\int_a^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$  for any  $a > 0$ .

Leftover from Thursday:

2. Think about the results you saw yesterday, 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?

Determine whether the integral converges or diverges.

1.  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$

2.  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx$

3.  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^3} dx$

4.  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^p} dx$

Determine whether the integral converges or diverges.

1.  $\int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx$

2.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx$

3.  $\int_{-2}^{\infty} 2 \frac{1}{x^2} dx$

4.  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 + 5} dx$