

Chapter 02 : generalized integrals

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1) Definitions and Properties

Definition 01:

Consider the function $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

We say that the function f is locally integrable if it is integrable over any closed and bounded sub-interval of I .

- Examples :
- 1) Any continuous function on $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is locally integrable.
 - 2) The step functions are locally integrable.
 - 3) All monotonic functions are locally integrable.

Definition 02 :

Let $f : I = [a, b[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be locally integrable. Put : $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} F(x) = l$ (finite), We say the integral $\int_a^b f(t) dt$ is convergent.

The limit l is called a generalized (an improper) integral of f on $[a, b[$. And is denoted by : $\int_a^b f(t) dt = l$.

Otherwise : $(\lim_{x \rightarrow b} F(x) = \pm\infty)$, The integral $\int_a^b f(t) dt$ is said to diverge.

Examples :

$$1) \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(t+1)^2} dt ? \quad F(x) = \int_1^x \frac{1}{(t+1)^2} dt = \left[\frac{-1}{1+t} \right]_1^x = \frac{-1}{1+x} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x) = \frac{1}{2}. \text{ Then } \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(t+1)^2} dt \text{ converges and } \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(t+1)^2} dt = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$2) \int_0^{+\infty} t e^{-t} dt = ? \quad F(x) = \int_0^x t e^{-t} dt \quad \text{By parts : } \begin{cases} u = t \\ v' = e^{-t} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} u' = 1 \\ v = -e^{-t} \end{cases}$$

$$F(x) = [-t e^{-t} - e^{-t}]_0^x = 1 - x e^{-x} - e^{-x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x) = 1 \text{ Alors } \int_0^{+\infty} t e^{-t} dt \text{ converges, and } \int_0^{+\infty} t e^{-t} dt = 1.$$

$$3) \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{1-t} =? F(x) = \int_0^x \frac{dt}{1-t} = -\ln|1-x|$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} F(x) = +\infty \text{ Then } \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{1-t} \text{ is divergent.}$$

Remark : In the case $I =]a, b[$ we put : $F(x) = \int_x^b f(t)dt$

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x) = l$ (finite), then $\int_a^b f(t)dt$ is convergent.

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} F(x) = \pm\infty$ or the limit don't exists, then we say $\int_a^b f(t)dt$ diverges.

Examples :

$$1) \int_0^1 \ln(t) dt =? F(x) = \int_x^1 \ln(t) dt \text{ By parts : } F(x) = -1 - x \ln(x) + x$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} F(x) = -1 \text{ Then } \int_0^1 \ln(t) dt \text{ is convergent, and } \int_0^1 \ln(t) dt = -1.$$

$$2) \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{dt}{t^2 + 2t + 2} =? F(x) = \int_x^0 \frac{dt}{t^2 + 2t + 2} = \int_x^0 \frac{dt}{(t+1)^2 + 1} = (\arctan(t+1))_x^0$$

$$F(x) = \arctan(1) - \arctan(x+1) = \frac{\pi}{4} - \arctan(x+1)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{4} \text{ Then } \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{dt}{t^2 + 2t + 2} \text{ converges, and } \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{dt}{t^2 + 2t + 2} = \frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

Definition 03 : Consider the function $f :]a, b[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ locally integrable.

we say that integral $\int_a^b f(t)dt$ is convergent if, for any number $c \in]a, b[$

the improper integrals : $\int_a^c f(t)dt$ and $\int_c^b f(t)dt$ are both convergent.

And $\int_a^b f(t)dt = l_1 + l_2$ With : $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \int_x^c f(t)dt = l_1$ et $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} \int_c^x f(t)dt = l_2$

Examples :

1) $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{1+t^2} = \int_{-\infty}^c \frac{dt}{1+t^2} + \int_c^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{1+t^2}$ (We take $c = 0$)

$$\int_{-\infty}^c \frac{dt}{1+t^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \int_x^0 \frac{dt}{1+t^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} -\arctan(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\int_c^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{1+t^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^x \frac{dt}{1+t^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \arctan(x) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{1+t^2} = \pi \left(\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{1+t^2} \text{ converges} \right)$$

2) $\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{dt}{t(t-1)} = \int_{-\infty}^c \frac{dt}{t(t-1)} + \int_c^0 \frac{dt}{t(t-1)}$ (We take $c = -2$)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-2} \frac{dt}{t(t-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \int_x^{-2} \frac{dt}{t(t-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left[-\int_x^{-2} \frac{dt}{t} + \int_x^{-2} \frac{dt}{t-1} \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left(\ln(2) + \ln \left| \frac{x-1}{x} \right| \right) = \ln(2)$$

$$\int_{-2}^0 \frac{dt}{t(t-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \int_{-2}^x \frac{dt}{t(t-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[-\int_{-2}^x \frac{dt}{t} + \int_{-2}^x \frac{dt}{t-1} \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(-\ln \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) + \ln \left| \frac{x}{x+1} \right| \right) = -\infty$$

$\int_{-2}^0 \frac{dt}{t(t-1)}$ is divergent, Then so is $\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{dt}{t(t-1)}$.

Remarks : 1) The nature of the integral of f on $]a \ b[$ does not depend on choice of the real c .

2) Attention : $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t)dt \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{-x}^x f(t)dt$

Example : $\int_{-x}^x t dt = \left[\frac{1}{2} t^2 \right]_{-x}^x = 0$ but $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} t dt$ is divergent .

Properties : Let $f, g : [a, b[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ et $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Then :

$$1) \text{ If } \begin{cases} \int_a^b f(t) dt \text{ converges} \\ \int_a^b g(t) dt \text{ converges} \end{cases} \text{ Then } \begin{cases} \int_a^b (f(t) + g(t)) dt \text{ converges} \\ \int_a^b \alpha f(t) dt \text{ converges} \end{cases}$$

$$2) \text{ If } \int_a^b f(t) dt \text{ diverges (or } \int_a^b g(t) dt \text{ diverges) Then } \begin{cases} \int_a^b (f(t) + g(t)) dt \text{ diverges} \\ \int_a^b \alpha f(t) dt \text{ diverges} \end{cases}$$

$$3) \text{ If } \begin{cases} \int_a^b f(t) dt \text{ diverges} \\ \int_a^b g(t) dt \text{ diverges} \end{cases} \text{ We can't conclude .}$$

Example :

Let : $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t}$ and $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t+1}$ are both divergent .

$$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t} + \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \ln x(x+1) = +\infty \text{ Then : } \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t} + \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t+1} \text{ diverges .}$$

$$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t} - \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \ln(2) + \ln \frac{x}{x+1} = \ln(2) \text{ Then : } \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t} - \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t+1} \text{ converges .}$$

Riemann's integrals : $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^\alpha}$, $\int_0^1 \frac{dt}{t^\alpha}$, and $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^\alpha}$

We have : $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^\alpha} = \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{t^\alpha} + \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^\alpha}$

$$\text{For } \alpha = 1 : \begin{cases} \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{t} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \int_x^1 \frac{dt}{t} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [-\ln|x|] = +\infty \\ \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \int_1^x \frac{dt}{t} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} [\ln|x|] = +\infty \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } \alpha < 1 : \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{t^\alpha} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \int_x^1 \frac{dt}{t^\alpha} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \int_x^1 t^{-\alpha} dt = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1-\alpha} [1 - x^{1-\alpha}] = \frac{1}{1-\alpha}$$

$$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^\alpha} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \int_1^x \frac{dt}{t^\alpha} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \int_1^x t^{-\alpha} dt = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{1-\alpha} [x^{1-\alpha} - 1] = +\infty$$

$$\text{For } \alpha > 1 : \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{t^\alpha} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \int_x^1 \frac{dt}{t^\alpha} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \int_x^1 t^{-\alpha} dt = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1-\alpha} [1 - x^{1-\alpha}] = +\infty$$

$$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^\alpha} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \int_1^x \frac{dt}{t^\alpha} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \int_1^x t^{-\alpha} dt = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{1-\alpha} [x^{1-\alpha} - 1] = \frac{1}{\alpha-1}$$

Conclusion :

$$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^\alpha} \begin{cases} \text{converges} & \text{if } \alpha > 1 \\ \text{diverges} & \text{if } \alpha \leq 1 \end{cases} , \quad \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{t^\alpha} \begin{cases} \text{converges} & \text{if } \alpha < 1 \\ \text{diverges} & \text{if } \alpha \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^\alpha}$ is divergent .

Integral of Bertrand : $\int_a^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t \ln^\beta(t)}$, $a > 1$

$$F(x) = \int_a^x \frac{dt}{t \ln^\beta(t)} \quad \text{By change of variable : } u = \ln(t)$$

For $\beta = 1$ $F(x) = \ln(\ln(x)) - \ln(\ln(a))$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} (\ln(\ln(x)) - \ln(\ln(a))) = +\infty$.

For $\beta \neq 1$ $F(x) = \frac{1}{1-\beta} [(\ln(t))^{1-\beta}]_a^x = \frac{1}{1-\beta} ((\ln(x))^{1-\beta} - (\ln(a))^{1-\beta})$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x) = \begin{cases} +\infty & \beta < 1 \\ \frac{(\ln(a))^{1-\beta}}{\beta - 1} & \beta > 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{Then : } \int_a^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t \ln^\beta(t)} \text{ is } \begin{cases} \text{Convergent if } \beta > 1 \\ \text{Divergent if } \beta \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

2) Convergence of integrals of positive functions :

Let $f, g : [a, b[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ ($f, g \geq 0$) Locally integrals

Theorem (01) : (Test of comparison)

$$\text{If } f(t) \leq g(t) \text{ on } [a, b[\text{ Then } \begin{cases} \int_a^b g(t) dt \text{ converges} \Rightarrow \int_a^b f(t) dt \text{ converges} \\ \int_a^b f(t) dt \text{ diverges} \Rightarrow \int_a^b g(t) dt \text{ diverges} \end{cases}$$

Examples : 1) $\int_1^{+\infty} e^{-t^2} dt$

We have on $[1, +\infty[: e^{-t^2} \leq e^{-t}$ et $\int_1^{+\infty} e^{-t} dt = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} (e^{-1} - e^{-x}) = e^{-1}$

$\int_1^{+\infty} e^{-t} dt$ Converges Then $\int_1^{+\infty} e^{-t^2} dt$ is convergent.

$$2) \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{\sin^2(t)}{t^2} dt \quad \text{On a pour } t \in [1, +\infty[\quad \frac{\sin^2(t)}{t^2} \leq \frac{1}{t^2}$$

$$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2} \text{ Integral of Riemann converges } (\alpha > 1) \text{ Then } \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{\sin^2(t)}{t^2} dt \text{ converges.}$$

Theorem (02) : (Test of equivalence)

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 1$ We say that functions f and g are equivalent.

The integrals $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ and $\int_a^b g(x)dx$ have the same nature.

Examples : 1) $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{t+1}{t(t^2+1)} dt \quad f(t) = \frac{t+1}{t(t^2+1)}$

We have $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f(x)}{\frac{1}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{t+1}{t(t^2+1)} t^2 = 1$ Then f and $g(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ are equivalent in

the neighborhood of $(+\infty)$.

We know that $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{t^2} dt$ of Riemann converges $(\alpha > 1)$ Then $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{t+1}{t(t^2+1)} dt$ is convergent.

2) $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{\sin(t)} dt$ We have $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{t}{\sin(t)} = 1$ Then $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{\sin(t)} dt$ and $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{t} dt$ are the same nature.

$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{t} dt$ Of Riemann diverges $(\alpha = 1)$ Then $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{\sin(t)} dt$ is divergent.

Remark : To find the equivalence of functions use limited developments .

Examples : 1) $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\ln(1-t^2)}{t^2} dt$

We have in the neighborhood of zero: $\ln(1-t^2) = -t^2 - \frac{1}{2}t^4 - \frac{1}{3}t^6 + o(t^6)$

$$\frac{\ln(1-t^2)}{t^2} = -1 - \frac{1}{2}t^2 - \frac{1}{3}t^4 + o(t^4)$$

Then $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\ln(1-t^2)}{t^2} dt$ is convergent, as sum of convergent integrals.

2) $\int_0^1 \frac{dt}{e^t - \cos(t)}$

In the neighborhood of zero: $e^t = 1 + t + o(t)$ and $\cos(t) = 1 + o(t)$

$e^t - \cos(t) = t + o(t)$ (Means $e^t - \cos(t) \sim t$)

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{t} dt \text{ Diverges, so is } \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{e^t - \cos(t)}.$$

Theorem (04) : (Test of Abel)

Consider f, g two functions locally integrables on $[a, b[$.

$$\text{If } \begin{cases} f \text{ is monotonic and } \lim_{x \rightarrow b} f(x) = 0 \\ \text{There exists } M > 0 \text{ such that } \forall x \in [a, b[: \left| \int_a^x g(t) dt \right| \leq M \end{cases}$$

Then : $\int_a^b f(t)g(t)dt$ is convergent.

Examples : 1) $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{\sin(t)}{t} dt$

Put : $f(t) = \frac{1}{t}$ Decreasing on $[1, +\infty[$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(t) = 0$

We have $\left| \int_1^x \sin(t) dt \right| = |\cos(1) - \cos(x)| \leq |\cos(1)| + |\cos(x)| \leq 2$

$\left| \int_1^{+\infty} \sin(t) dt \right| \leq 2$, Then the integral $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{\sin(t)}{t} dt$ is convergent.

Theorem (03) : (Test of Cauchy)

Let f be a function locally integrable on $[a, b[$.

$\int_a^b f(t) dt$ converges if and only if :

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists c \in [a, b[, \forall x, x' \in [a, b[: \left(x > c \text{ and } x' > c \Rightarrow \left| \int_x^{x'} f(t) dt \right| < \varepsilon \right)$

3) Absolute convergence and semi convergence :

Let f be a function locally integrable on $[a, b[$.

Definition (01) :

We say that $\int_a^b f(t) dt$ is absolutely convergent iff $\int_a^b |f(t)| dt$ is convergent.

Definition (02) :

We say that $\int_a^b f(t) dt$ is semi convergent if $\int_a^b f(t) dt$ converges and $\int_a^b |f(t)| dt$ is not convergent.

Theorem : $\int_a^b |f(t)| dt$ converges $\Rightarrow \int_a^b f(t) dt$ converges

Example : 1) $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{\cos(t)}{t^2} dt$ We have : $\left| \frac{\cos(t)}{t^2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{t^2}$

$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2}$ is convergent (Riemann) and $\int_1^{+\infty} \left| \frac{\cos(t)}{t^2} \right| dt$ is absolutely Convergent.

Then $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{\cos(t)}{t^2} dt$ is convergent.

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