

5. [14 points]

- a. [7 points] Determine whether the following improper integral converges or diverges. **Fully justify** your answer including using **proper notation** and showing mechanics of any tests you use.

$$\int_0^1 \frac{3}{x + x^{1/2}} dx$$

*Solution:* On the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , we have  $\frac{3}{x + x^{1/2}} \leq \frac{3}{x^{1/2}}$ , and  $\int_0^1 \frac{3}{x^{1/2}} dx$  converges by the  $p$ -test with  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ . Therefore, by the (Direct) Comparison Test,  $\int_0^1 \frac{3}{x + x^{1/2}} dx$  converges.

- b. [7 points] **Compute** the value of the following improper integral if it converges. If it does not converge, use a **direct computation** of the integral to show its divergence. Be sure to show your full computation, and be sure to use **proper notation**.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{2 + 2e^x}{(x + e^x)^{3/2}} dx$$

*Solution:*

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{2 + 2e^x}{(x + e^x)^{3/2}} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{2 + 2e^x}{(x + e^x)^{3/2}} dx.$$

Now, using the substitution  $w = x + e^x$ , we see

$$\int_1^b \frac{2 + 2e^x}{(x + e^x)^{3/2}} dx = \int_{1+e}^{b+e^b} \frac{2}{w^{3/2}} dw = -\frac{4}{w^{1/2}} \Big|_{1+e}^{b+e^b} = \frac{4}{(1+e)^{1/2}} - \frac{4}{(b+e^b)^{1/2}}.$$

Therefore

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{2 + 2e^x}{(x + e^x)^{3/2}} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{4}{(1+e)^{1/2}} - \frac{4}{(b+e^b)^{1/2}} \right) = \frac{4}{(1+e)^{1/2}}.$$