

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

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{t^2 - \ln(t)}{t^4 + 8t + 10} dt.$$

Circle one:

Converges

Diverges

Solution: The numerator is dominated by t^2 , and the denominator is dominated by t^4 , so the integrand has the same behavior (for large t) as $\frac{t^2}{t^4} = \frac{1}{t^2}$, whose integral on the interval $[1, \infty)$ converges. Therefore we expect that this improper integral converges. To show this, first note that since $\ln(t) \geq 0$ for $t \geq 1$, we have

$$t^2 - \ln(t) \leq t^2.$$

Also, since $8t + 10 \geq 0$ for $t \geq 1$, we have

$$t^4 + 8t + 10 \geq t^4.$$

Therefore

$$\frac{t^2 - \ln(t)}{t^4 + 8t + 10} \leq \frac{t^2}{t^4} = \frac{1}{t^2}.$$

Now, $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{t^2} dt$ converges by the p -test with $p = 2$. Hence, by the comparison test, our integral converges as well.

8. [5 points] Fully evaluate the following integral:

$$\int x \ln x dx$$

You do not need to simplify your answer.

Solution: This integral can be done via integration by parts in two ways.

Method 1. Let $u = x$, $dv = \ln(x) dx$, so $du = dx$, $v = x \ln(x) - x$. Then integration by parts gives

$$\int x \ln(x) dx = - \int x \ln(x) dx + \int x dx + x(x \ln(x) - x).$$

Adding $\int x \ln(x) dx$ to both sides and performing the antidifferentiation on the right-hand side gives

$$2 \int x \ln(x) dx = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 + x^2 \ln(x) + C.$$

We then solve to get

$$\int x \ln(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}x^2 \ln(x) - \frac{1}{4}x^2 + C.$$

Method 2. Let $u = \ln(x)$, $dv = x dx$. Then $du = \frac{1}{x} dx$ and $v = \frac{x^2}{2}$. Integration by parts gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \ln(x) dx &= - \int \frac{x^2}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx + \ln(x) \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} \\ &= - \int \frac{1}{2}x dx + \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x) \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} \ln(x) - \frac{x^2}{4} + C. \end{aligned}$$