

5. [14 points]

a. [7 points] Determine whether the following improper integral is convergent or divergent.

Fully justify your answer including using **proper notation** and **showing mechanics** of any tests you use. You do not need to compute the value of the integral if it is convergent.

Circle your final answer choice.

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{4 + \sin(x)}{x^3 + 2} dx$$

Circle one:

 Convergent **Divergent**

Solution: Note that 4 is larger than $\sin(x)$ for all x , and also x^3 dominates 2 for large x . Our intuition tells us that, for sufficiently large x ,

$$\frac{4 + \sin(x)}{x^3 + 2} \approx \frac{4}{x^3}.$$

Since $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{4}{x^3} dx$ converges, we expect the original improper integral to converge. We now need to make this reasoning rigorous.

Note that $-1 \leq \sin(x) \leq 1$ and $x^3 + 2 \geq x^3$ for all $x \geq 1$. This shows that

$$0 \leq \frac{4 + \sin(x)}{x^3 + 2} \leq \frac{4 + 1}{x^3 + 2} \leq \frac{4 + 1}{x^3} = \frac{5}{x^3} \quad \text{for all } x \geq 1.$$

By the ***p*-test** ($p = 3$), the integral $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{5}{x^3} dx$ is **convergent**.

Therefore, by the **comparison test**, the integral $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{4 + \sin(x)}{x^3 + 2} dx$ is **convergent**.

b. [7 points] Let $0 < p < 1$ be a real number, and consider the improper integral

$$\int_1^3 \frac{1}{t(\ln(t))^p} dt.$$

The integral above converges; to show this, **compute** its value. Your answer may involve p . Be sure to show your full computation, and be sure to use **proper notation**.

Remember: $0 < p < 1$.

Solution: To evaluate this integral, we use proper notation and the substitution $w = \ln(t)$, so that $dw = \frac{1}{t} dt$, and so

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^3 \frac{1}{t(\ln(t))^p} dt &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} \int_a^3 \frac{1}{t(\ln(t))^p} dt = \lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} \int_{\ln(a)}^{\ln(3)} \frac{1}{w^p} dw \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} \left(\frac{w^{1-p}}{1-p} \Big|_{\ln(a)}^{\ln(3)} \right) \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} \left(\frac{\ln(3)^{1-p}}{1-p} - \frac{\ln(a)^{1-p}}{1-p} \right) = \frac{\ln(3)^{1-p}}{1-p}. \end{aligned}$$

(Note that $\ln(1)^{1-p} = 0$, as opposed to being undefined, since $0 < p < 1$ means that $1 - p > 0$.)

Answer: $\int_1^3 \frac{1}{t(\ln(t))^p} dt = \frac{\ln(3)^{1-p}}{1-p}$