

— Exercises —

1. **Useful fact.** For which α does the following integral converge:

(a) $\int_0^1 t^\alpha dt$

(b) $\int_1^\infty t^\alpha dt$

2. **A difference between improper integrals and integrals on a compact set** Let f be the function defined on $[0, \infty[\times [0, \infty[$ by $f(x, t) = xe^{-xt}$. Show by direct computation that, for every $x \geq 0$, $G(x) = \int_0^\infty f(x, t) dt$ converges. Is the function G continuous on $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$?

3. **A not absolutely convergent integral.** Show that the integral $\int_\pi^\infty \frac{\sin(t)}{t} dt$ converges (*hint: use 13.2.7 or an integration by parts*) but $\int_\pi^\infty \left| \frac{\sin(t)}{t} \right| dt$ does not converge (*hint: for $t \in [k\pi, (k+1)\pi]$, $\frac{1}{t} \geq \frac{1}{(k+1)\pi}$*).

4. **The Gauss integral.** Show that $\int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-t^2} dt$ converges. *Hint: use that $t^2 e^{-t^2} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow +\infty} 0$.*

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5. **A difference between improper integrals and series of numbers.** Let f be a function defined, continuous and integrable on $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$. We assume that f is decreasing on $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$. Show that $f(t)$ tends to 0 when t tends to ∞ . Is it still true when f is not assumed to be decreasing?

6. **The Gamma function.** For every $x > 0$, we put $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$.

(a) Show that $\Gamma(x)$ converges for every $x > 0$. Is the integral convergent for $x = 0$?

(b) Prove that the resulting function Γ is continuous on $\mathbb{R}_{> 0}$.

(c) Prove that for every $x > 0$, we have $\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$. Using this fact, explain why $\Gamma(n+1) = n!$.

(d) Show that $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t^2} dt$. Assuming that $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}$, find a formula for $\Gamma(\frac{2n+1}{2})$ for every n .

7. **Another difference between improper integrals and integrals on a compact set.**

Let $(f_n)_n$ be a sequence of integrable functions $[0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ converging uniformly to f . Show that f need not be integrable on $[0, +\infty)$. Show that even when f is integrable, it may happen that the limit of integrals is not the integral of the limit.