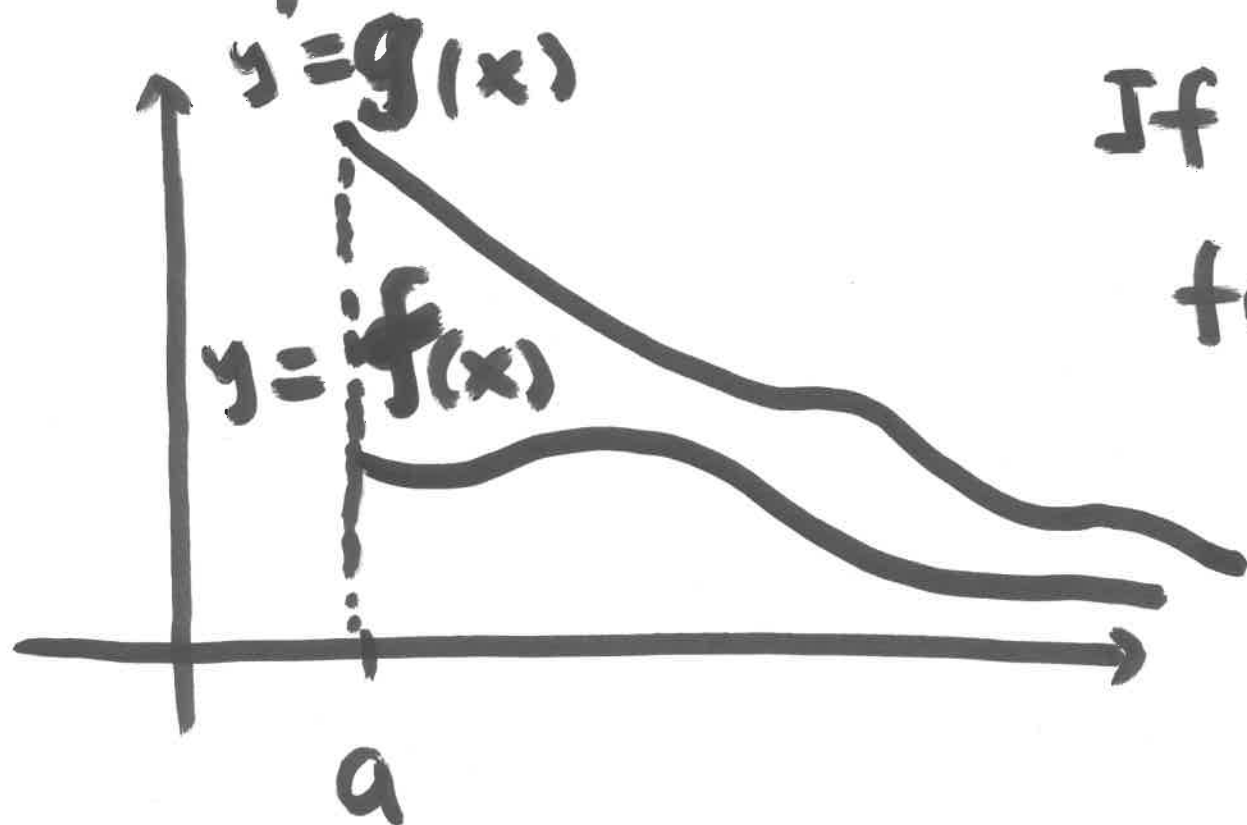


# Comparison theorem



If  $0 \leq f(x) \leq g(x)$   
for  $x \geq a$

$$\cdot \int_a^{\infty} g(x) dx \text{ conv} \Rightarrow \int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx \text{ conv}$$

$$\cdot \int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx \text{ div} \Rightarrow \int_a^{\infty} g(x) dx \text{ div}$$

- Guess  $\text{con} \vee \text{div}$
- Find the function to compare. (easier function)
- Adjust non-problematic endpoint.

ex 1

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$$

want

$$e^{-x^2} \leq e^{-x}$$



$$-x^2 \leq -x$$



$$x^2 - x \geq 0$$



$$x(x-1) \geq 0$$

true for  
 $x \geq 1$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx \quad \checkmark$$

$$+ \int_1^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$$

$$0 \leq e^{-x^2} \leq e^{-x} \quad \text{for } x \geq 1$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x} \Big|_1^{\infty}$$

$$= -(0 - e^{-1}) = e^{-1} \quad \text{conv.}$$

By comparison,  $\int_1^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$  conv.

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$$

conv.

ex 2  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^{4/5}} dx$

Guess : div

Want:  $\frac{1}{1+x^{4/5}} \approx \frac{1}{2x^{4/5}}$

$$2x^{4/5} \geq 1+x^{4/5}$$

$$x^{4/5} \geq 1$$

true for  
 $x \geq 1$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x^{4/5}} dx + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^{4/5}} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{1+x^{4/5}} \geq \frac{1}{2x^{4/5}} \geq 0$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{2x^{4/5}} dx \text{ div}$$

By comparison.  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^{4/5}} dx \text{ div}$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^{4/5}} dx \text{ [div.]}$$

ex 3  $\int_0^3 \frac{1}{x^2-1} dx$

$$= \int_0^{\boxed{1}} \frac{1}{x^2-1} dx + \int_{\boxed{1}}^3 \frac{1}{x^2-1} dx$$

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

$$= \int \left( \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1} \right) dx$$



$$1 = A(x-1) + B(x+1)$$

$$x=1 \Rightarrow 1 = B \cdot (1+1) \quad B = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x=-1 \Rightarrow 1 = A(-1-1) \quad A = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2-1} dx = \int \left( \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{x+1} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{x-1} \right) dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \ln|x+1| + \frac{1}{2} \ln|x-1| + C$$

$$\lim_{c \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^c \frac{1}{x^2-1} dx$$

$$= \lim_{c \rightarrow 1^-} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \ln|x+1| + \frac{1}{2} \ln|x-1| \right) \Big|_0^c$$

$$= \lim_{c \rightarrow 1^-} \left( \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} \ln(c+1)}_{\rightarrow -\infty} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \ln(1-c)}_{\rightarrow -\infty} \right)$$

$$= -\infty \Rightarrow \text{div.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^3 \frac{1}{x^2-1} dx \quad \boxed{\text{div.}}$$

ex 4

$$\int_{\boxed{1}}^{\boxed{\infty}} \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx$$

$$= \int_{\boxed{1}}^{\boxed{2}} \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx + \int_{\boxed{2}}^{\boxed{\infty}} \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du = 2\sqrt{u} + C$$

$$u = \ln x$$

$$du = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$= 2\sqrt{\ln x} + C$$

$$\textcircled{1} \lim_{c \rightarrow 1^+} \int_c^2 \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx$$

$$= \lim_{c \rightarrow 1^+} 2\sqrt{\ln x} \Big|_c^2$$

$$= \lim_{c \rightarrow 1^+} (2\sqrt{\ln 2} - 2\sqrt{\ln c})$$

$$= 2\sqrt{\ln 2} \Rightarrow \int_{\boxed{1}}^2 \text{Conv.}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^c \frac{1}{x \sqrt{\ln x}} dx$$

$$= \lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} 2 \sqrt{\ln x} \Big|_2^c$$

$$= \lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} \left( \underbrace{2 \sqrt{\ln c}}_{\rightarrow \infty} - 2 \sqrt{\ln 2} \right)$$

$$= \infty \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \sqrt{\ln x}} dx \quad \text{div.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{x \sqrt{\ln x}} dx \quad \boxed{\text{div.}}$$