

1. [10 pts] List the following 13 functions in increasing order of their growth rates as $n \rightarrow \infty$. In case of a tie, list the functions on the same line. For example, $3n^2$ and $5n^2$ have the same order of magnitude.

$$\sqrt[3]{n^6}, \quad n, \quad \frac{e^{2n}}{1234567}, \quad \ln \ln n, \quad e^n, \quad n \ln n, \quad \left(\frac{n^7 + 2020}{n^6 + 1}\right)^2$$

$$\ln \sqrt{n^2 + n + 1}, \quad n^5 + \ln n, \quad e^{\ln n}, \quad \sqrt{n}, \quad 2020 n$$

Solution: Note that:

- (1) $\sqrt[3]{n^6}$ is asymptotic to n^2 .
- (2) $\frac{e^{2n}}{1234567}$ is asymptotic to e^{2n}
- (3) $\left(\frac{n^7+2020}{n^6+1}\right)^2$ is asymptotic to n^2 .
- (4) $\ln \sqrt{n^2 + n + 1}$ is asymptotic to $\ln n$.
- (5) $n^5 + \ln n$ is asymptotic to n^5
- (6) n is equal to (and thus asymptotic) to $e^{\ln n} = n$
- (7) $2020 n$ is asymptotic to n

Hence, the line-up, in increasing order is:

$$\ln \ln n$$

$$\ln \sqrt{n^2 + n + 1}$$

$$\sqrt{n}$$

$$n, \text{ same growth rate as } e^{\ln n}$$

$$n \ln n$$

$$\sqrt[3]{n^6} \text{ same growth rate as } \left(\frac{n^7 + 2020}{n^6 + 1}\right)^2 \text{ or } n.$$

$$n^5 + \ln n$$

$$e^n$$

$$\frac{e^{2n}}{1234567}$$

2. [10 pts] Suppose b is a positive constant. Find the exact value of the convergent improper integral $\int_0^\infty e^{-bx} dx$

Solution: Evaluating the Riemann integral $\int_0^c e^{-bx} dx = -\frac{1}{b} (e^{-bc} - e^0) = \frac{1}{b} (1 - e^{-bc})$

Next, letting $c \rightarrow \infty$ and noting that $b > 0$, $\frac{1}{b} (1 - e^{-bc}) \rightarrow 0$

Hence $\int_0^\infty e^{-bx} dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_0^c e^{-bx} dx \right) = 1$.

3. [10 pts] Consider the improper integral given below. Determine whether it is convergent or divergent. If it is convergent, evaluate.

Note: Do not use a more general result from class to answer this question.

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

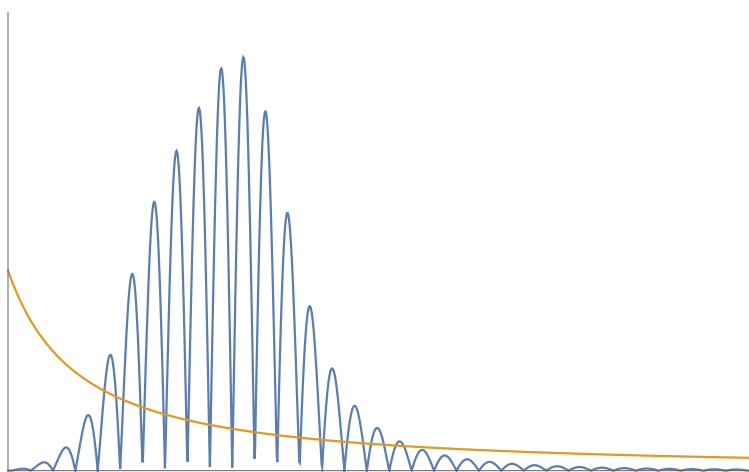
Solution: Note that the usual p-test does not apply here. Instead, we evaluate the integral.

$$\int_e^c \frac{1}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} dx = \int_e^c (\ln x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{x} dx = 2(\ln x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Big|_e^c = 2(\sqrt{\ln c} - \sqrt{\ln e}) = 2(\sqrt{\ln c} - 1) \rightarrow \infty$$

Thus, the improper integral diverges.

Extra Credit

Below are graphs of the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+0.9)^{0.9}}$ and a mystery function $g(x)$ satisfying $g(0) = 0$.



(a) [1 pt] On the graph, label which is $f(x)$ and which is $g(x)$. Explain your answer in the space below.

Answer: The function $y = \frac{1}{(x+0.9)^{0.9}}$ is a hyperbola that is decreasing.

Hence the oscillating function must be g .

(b) [3 pts] Based on the graph, determine if it is possible to tell whether the improper integral $\int_0^\infty g(x) dx$ converges or diverges. Justify your answer.

Answer: No, it is not possible to tell if the oscillating function converges or diverges.

Note that the given function, $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+0.9)^{0.9}}$ is just a horizontal translation of the more familiar curve

$h(x) = \frac{1}{x^{0.9}}$. By the p-test, $\int_0^\infty h(x)dx$ diverges, and so must $\int_0^\infty f(x)dx$.

Now, we cannot use the comparison test, since $g(x)$ lies below the graph of $f(x)$ for large x .