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1. Explain why the following integrals are improper. Decide (with justification) whether divergent or convergent. If convergent, evaluate:

$$(a) \int_0^2 \frac{1 + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} dx, \quad (b) \int_4^\infty \sin(x) dx.$$

Solution: (a) The integral is improper because the integrand has a vertical asymptote (blows up) at $x = 0$. We back off from $x = 0$ and try to evaluate the resulting integral, and then (if we can evaluate), take a limit:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{A \rightarrow 0^+} \int_A^2 \frac{1 + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} dx &= \lim_{A \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\int_A^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx + \int_A^2 1 dx \right] = \\ &= \lim_{A \rightarrow 0^+} [2\sqrt{x} \Big|_A^2 + x \Big|_A^2] = \lim_{A \rightarrow 0^+} [2\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{A} + 2 - A] = 2\sqrt{2} + 2. \end{aligned}$$

Converges, to the value calculated.

(b) The integral is improper because the interval of integration is infinite. We calculate:

$$= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \int_4^T \sin(x) dx = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} [-\cos(T) + \cos(4)].$$

This limit does not exist, since $\cos(T)$ keeps oscillating between -1 and $+1$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$. Divergent

2. Use comparison to decide whether or not the integral converges:

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{\cos^2(x)}{x^2} dx.$$

Solution: We know that $0 \leq \cos^2(x) \leq +1$. Dividing these inequalities by x^2 (which is positive on the domain of integration) we get

$$0 \leq \frac{\cos^2(x)}{x^2} \leq \frac{1}{x^2}.$$

The integral of the largest function, $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^2} dx$ converges (can show directly or quote the p-integrals theorem on p. 381). Therefore our integral converges.

3. Use the trapezoidal rule with $n=3$ to approximate the integral:

$$\int_1^4 \frac{1}{x+1} dx.$$

Calculate the integral exactly, and compare your results.

Solution: The exact value is

$$\ln(x+1) \Big|_1^4 = \ln(5) - \ln(2) = \ln(2.5) = 0.9162907319$$

The Trapezoidal Rule for this function with $n = 3$, and $a = 1$, $b = 4$ is

$$\frac{b-a}{n} \left[\frac{1}{2}f(1) + f(2) + f(3) + \frac{1}{2}f(4) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{5} = 0.9333333333$$