

## TOPICS

- Business: Course Goals
- A Few Indeterminate Forms
- More Improperness

## Business:

- HW Set #1 is due Tuesday ... *at the start of lecture ...*  
Section 9.1: Problems 3, 8, 13, 23  
Section 9.2: Problems 2, 15, 30, 43
- Quiz #1 will be in lecture tomorrow.  
Problems from sections 9.1 and 9.2  
Problems linked to the first course goal  
Closed book, closed notes, no calculator.
- First Computer Lab Today

## Some Terminology

- What is a proper integral?
- What is a *improper* integral?
- What is an *indeterminate form*?  
..... anything you want?

## EXAMPLE: From Friday

Evaluate

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

**PICTURE:**

Area under  $xe^{-2x}$ ,  $x \geq 0$

**SOME DETAILS:**

**Step #1:** Truncate the domain of integration:

$$\int_0^{\infty} xe^{-2x} dx = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^N xe^{-2x} dx$$

**MORE DETAILS:**

**Step #2:** Evaluate the (now proper) integral:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^N x e^{-2x} dx &= x \frac{-1}{2} e^{-2x} \Big|_0^N - \int_0^N \frac{-1}{2} e^{-2x} dx \\
 &= \frac{-N}{2} e^{-2N} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^N e^{-2x} dx \\
 &= \frac{-N}{2} e^{-2N} + \frac{-1}{4} e^{-2x} \Big|_0^N
 \end{aligned}$$

**FINAL DETAILS:**

**Step #3:** Compute a Limit:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-2x} dx &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^N x e^{-2x} dx \\
 &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{N}{2} e^{-2N} - \frac{1}{4} e^{-2N} + \frac{1}{4} \right) \\
 &=
 \end{aligned}$$

**DETAILS IN THE LIMIT**

- $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} e^{-2N} = 0$
- $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} Ne^{-2N} = \infty \times 0 = \text{what?}$

**What is an INDETERMINATE FORM?**

- “0/0” = what?
- “ $\infty/\infty$ ” = what?
- “ $0 \cdot \infty$ ” = what?
- “ $0^0$ ” = what?

$$0/0 = x \quad \text{means} \quad x \cdot 0 = 0$$

## L'Hopital's Rule

If you have nice functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  with

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$$

then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{g(x)}{f(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{g'(x)}{f'(x)}$$

if the latter limit exists.

Note: It is still true if you get  $\frac{\pm\infty}{\pm\infty}$

## A FEW EXAMPLES:

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x e^{-2x} = ???$

- $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\theta} = ???$

## Variations on L'Hopital's Rule

Example:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^{1/x} =$$

## ONE MORE EXAMPLE:

Evaluate the following limit:

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(3\theta)\sqrt{1 + \cos(\theta)}}{\theta\sqrt{1 + 5\theta^4}}$$

**BACK TO IMPROPER INTEGRALS**

Deal with two problems:

- Infinite limits of integration
- Infinite function values

**ONE EXAMPLE:**

Compute the following integral:

$$\int_{-1}^2 x^{-3} dx$$

So Easy!

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-1}^2 x^{-3} dx &= \left. \frac{1}{-2} x^{-2} \right|_{-1}^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(2)^{-2} + \frac{1}{2}(-1)^{-2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{3}{8}\end{aligned}$$



## REMINDERS:

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