

1. Evaluate the following integral or show that it diverges.

$$\int_{x=-1}^{x=1} \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x=-1}^{x=1} \frac{1}{x^2} dx &= \int_{x=-1}^{x=0} \frac{1}{x^2} dx + \int_{x=0}^{x=1} \frac{1}{x^2} dx \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\int_{x=-1}^{x=t} \frac{1}{x^2} dx \right) + \lim_{w \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\int_{x=w}^{x=1} \frac{1}{x^2} dx \right) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \left(\left. -\frac{1}{x} \right|_{x=-1}^{x=t} \right) + \lim_{w \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\left. -\frac{1}{x} \right|_{x=w}^{x=1} \right) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \left(-\frac{1}{t} - 1 \right) + \lim_{w \rightarrow 0^+} \left(-1 + \frac{1}{w} \right) \end{aligned}$$

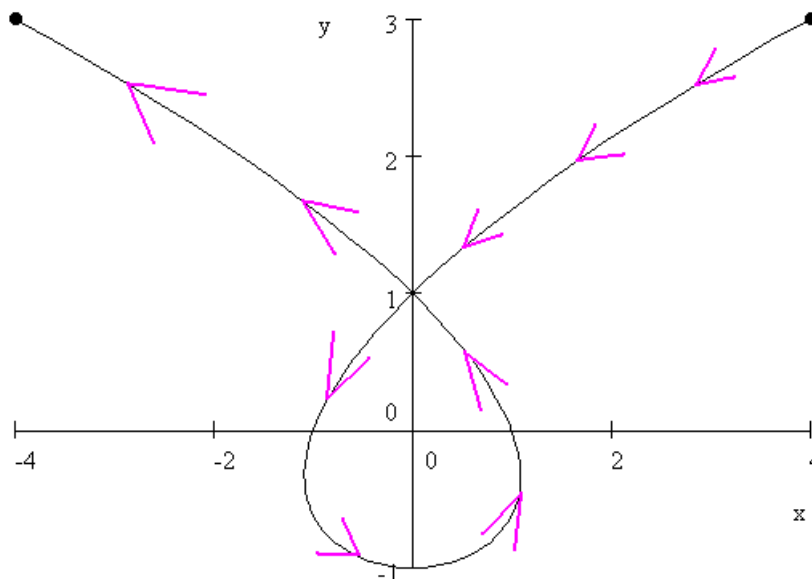
Since at least one of these limits (both of them actually) does not exist, the integral diverges.

2. Consider the curve defined by the following parametric equations.

$$x = 2t - t^3, y = t^2 - 1, -2 \leq t \leq 2$$

- (a) Make a careful sketch of this curve (on the xy -axes), by plotting points. Indicate with arrows the direction traced out on the curve as t increases.

t	x	y
-2	4	3
-1	-1	0
0	0	-1
1	1	0
2	-4	3



(b) Find the equation of the line tangent to this curve at the point where $t = 1$.

When $t = 1$, the point on the graph is $(1, 0)$.

Now we need the slope there :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{2t}{2 - 3t^2}$$

$$m = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=1} = \frac{2}{-1} = -2$$

So the tangent line is :

$$y - 0 = (-2)(x - 1)$$

$$y = -2x + 2$$