

## Math1024 Answer to Homework 5

### EXERCISE 3.6.2 (4)

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1}{x^3 + 1} dx &= \int \left[ 1 + \frac{3x}{x^2 - x + 1} \right] dx \\ &= x + \frac{3}{2} \int \frac{2x - 1 + 1}{x^2 - x + 1} dx \\ &= x + \frac{3}{2} \int \frac{2x - 1}{x^2 - x + 1} dx + \frac{3}{2} \int \frac{1}{x^2 - x + 1} dx \\ &= x + \frac{3}{2} \log |x^2 - x + 1| + \sqrt{3} \arctan \frac{2x - 1}{\sqrt{3}} + C\end{aligned}$$

### EXERCISE 3.6.2 (10)

$$\int \frac{x^2 dx}{(x^2 + 4x + 6)^2} = \int \frac{dx}{x^2 + 4x + 6} - \int \frac{(4x + 6) dx}{(x^2 + 4x + 6)^2}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{(4x + 6) dx}{(x^2 + 4x + 6)^2} &= \int \frac{2(x^2 + 4x + 6)' - 2}{(x^2 + 4x + 6)^2} dx \\ &= -\frac{2}{x^2 + 4x + 6} - \int \frac{2}{(x^2 + 4x + 6)^2} dx\end{aligned}$$

Here you can follow Example 3.5.14. But I don't recommend to remember the formula. The key is to reduce  $\int \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 4x + 6)^2}$  to  $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 + 4x + 6}$  by integration by part.

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{dx}{x^2 + 4x + 6} &= \frac{x}{x^2 + 4x + 6} + \int \frac{x(2x + 4)}{(x^2 + 4x + 6)^2} dx \\ &= \frac{x}{x^2 + 4x + 6} + \int \frac{2}{x^2 + 4x + 6} dx - \int \frac{2(2x + 4) + 4}{(x^2 + 4x + 6)^2} dx \\ &= \frac{x}{x^2 + 4x + 6} + \int \frac{2}{x^2 + 4x + 6} dx + \frac{2}{x^2 + 4x + 6} - \int \frac{4}{(x^2 + 4x + 6)^2} dx\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x^2 dx}{(x^2 + 4x + 6)^2} &= \frac{x - 2}{2(x^2 + 4x + 6)} + \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dx}{x^2 + 4x + 6} \\ &= \frac{x - 2}{2(x^2 + 4x + 6)} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \arctan \frac{x + 2}{\sqrt{2}} + C.\end{aligned}$$

EXERCISE 3.6.3 (6)

Let  $t = \sqrt[4]{\frac{a-x}{x}}$ . Then  $x = \frac{a}{t^4+1}$ ,  $dx = -\frac{4at^3 dt}{(t^4+1)^2}$ , and for  $x > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt[4]{x^3(a-x)}} &= \int \frac{-4at^3 dt}{\frac{a}{t^4+1}} = -4 \int \frac{t^2 dt}{t^4+1} = \sqrt{2} \int \left( \frac{1}{t^2 + \sqrt{2}t + 1} - \frac{1}{t^2 - \sqrt{2}t + 1} \right) dt \\ &= \sqrt{2} \int \frac{dt}{\left(t + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}} - \sqrt{2} \int \frac{dt}{\left(t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 2 \arctan(\sqrt{2}t + 1) - 2 \arctan(\sqrt{2}t - 1) + C \\ &= 2 \arctan \left( \sqrt[4]{4\frac{a-x}{x}} + 1 \right) - 2 \arctan \left( \sqrt[4]{4\frac{a-x}{x}} - 1 \right) + C. \end{aligned}$$

EXERCISE 3.6.3 (11)

Using the same change of variable as in Example 3.5.23, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{2\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+1} + 1} &= \int \frac{\frac{y}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{y^4}\right) dy}{y - \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{2} \left(y + \frac{1}{y}\right) + 1} = \int \frac{(y^4 - 1)dy}{y^2(3y - 1)(y + 1)} \\ &= \int \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{2y^2 - 3y + 3}{y^2(3y - 1)}\right) dy = \int \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2y + 1}{y^2} - \frac{20}{3(3y - 1)}\right) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{3}y + 2 \log y - \frac{1}{y} - \frac{20}{9} \log |3y - 1| + C \\ &= \frac{2}{3}(2\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x+1}) + 2 \log(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+1}) - \frac{20}{9} \log \left| \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+1} - \frac{1}{3} \right| + C. \end{aligned}$$

EXERCISE 3.6.7 (1)

Let  $t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$ . Then  $\cos x = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}$ ,  $dx = \frac{2dt}{1+t^2}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1-r^2}{1-2r \cos x + r^2} dx &= \int \frac{1-r^2}{1-2r \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2} + r^2} \frac{2dt}{1+t^2} = \int \frac{2(1-r^2)dt}{(1+r)^2 dt^2 + (1-r)^2} \\ &= 2 \arctan \frac{1+r}{1-r} t + C = 2 \arctan \left( \frac{1+r}{1-r} \tan \frac{x}{2} \right) + C \end{aligned}$$

EXERCISE 3.6.7 (5)

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \frac{dx}{\sin x + \tan x} &= \int \frac{dx}{\sin x \left(1 + \frac{1}{\cos x}\right)} = \int \frac{-d \cos x}{(1 - \cos^2 x) \left(1 + \frac{1}{\cos x}\right)} \\
&= \int \frac{tdt}{(t^2 - 1)(t + 1)} = \int \left( \frac{1}{4(t - 1)} - \frac{1}{4(t + 1)} + \frac{1}{2(t + 1)^2} \right) dt \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \log \left| \frac{t - 1}{t + 1} \right| - \frac{1}{2(t + 1)} + C = \frac{1}{4} \log \frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x} - \frac{1}{2(1 + \cos x)} + C.
\end{aligned}$$

EXERCISE 3.7.1 (2)

The integral is improper at  $0^+$  and  $1^-$ . For  $p \neq 1$  and  $0 < \epsilon < b < 1$ , we have

$$\int_{\epsilon}^b \frac{dx}{x(-\log x)^p} = - \int_{\epsilon}^b \frac{d(-\log x)}{(-\log x)^p} = - \int_{-\log \epsilon}^{-\log b} \frac{dy}{y^p} = \frac{1}{p - 1} \left( \frac{1}{(-\log b)^{p-1}} - \frac{1}{(-\log \epsilon)^{p-1}} \right).$$

Since  $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} -\log \epsilon = +\infty$  and  $\lim_{b \rightarrow 1^-} -\log b = 0^+$ , the limit of right always diverges. So the improper integral diverges.

For  $p = 1$ , we have

$$\int_{\epsilon}^b \frac{dx}{x(-\log x)^p} = - \int_{-\log \epsilon}^{-\log b} \frac{dy}{y} = -\log(-\log b) + \log(-\log \epsilon).$$

The improper integral also diverges.

EXERCISE 3.7.1 (4)

The integral is improper at  $-\infty$ . For any  $b > 0$ , we have

$$\int_{-b}^0 a^x dx = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - a^{-b}}{\log a} & \text{if } a \neq 1 \\ b & \text{if } a = 1 \end{cases}.$$

The limit as  $b \rightarrow +\infty$  exists if and only if  $a > 1$ . Thus the improper integral converges if and only if  $a > 1$ , and  $\int_{-\infty}^0 a^x dx = \frac{1}{\log a}$ .

EXERCISE 3.7.1 (8)

The integral is improper at  $\frac{\pi}{2}^-$ . We have

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \tan x dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \int_0^a \tan x dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} -\log \cos a = -\infty.$$

The improper integral diverges.

EXERCISE 3.7.2 (8)

The integral is improper at  $9^-$ . We have  $\int_1^{9-\epsilon} \frac{dx}{\sqrt[3]{x-9}} = \frac{3}{2} \left( \epsilon^{\frac{2}{3}} - 8^{\frac{2}{3}} \right)$ . As  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ , the integral converges to  $\int_1^9 \frac{dx}{\sqrt[3]{x-9}} = -6$ .

EXERCISE 3.7.2 (16,17)

The integrals are improper at  $+\infty$ . By  $|e^{-ax} \cos bx| \leq e^{-ax}$ ,  $|e^{-ax} \sin bx| \leq e^{-ax}$ , the convergence of  $\int_0^{+\infty} e^{-ax} dx$  and the comparison test, we see that both integrals converge. Then we may apply the integration by parts to the improper integrals. Let

$$I = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-ax} \cos bxdx, \quad J = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-ax} \sin bxdx.$$

We have

$$I = -a^{-1} \int_0^{+\infty} \cos bxd e^{-ax} = -a^{-1} e^{-ax} \cos bx \Big|_0^{+\infty} - a^{-1} b \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-ax} \sin bxdx = a^{-1} - a^{-1} b J,$$

$$J = -a^{-1} \int_0^{+\infty} \sin bxd e^{-ax} = -a^{-1} e^{-ax} \sin bx \Big|_0^{+\infty} + a^{-1} b \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-ax} \cos bxdx = a^{-1} b I.$$

Solving the system, we get  $I = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}$ ,  $J = \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2}$ .

EXERCISE 3.7.5

$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t)dt$  is increasing on  $[a, +\infty)$ . Recall that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x)$  exists  $\Leftrightarrow F(x)$  is bounded on  $[a, +\infty)$ .

It is similar for the case of the integral  $\int_a^x f(t)dt$  is improper at  $a^+$ . Here consider  $F(x) = \int_x^b f(t)dt$ , which is a decreasing function.

EXERCISE 3.7.6

By  $|f(x)g(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2}(f(x)^2 + g(x)^2)$  and  $(f(x) + g(x))^2 \leq 2(f(x)^2 + g(x)^2)$  and the comparison test, if  $\int_a^{+\infty} f(x)^2 dx$  and  $\int_a^{+\infty} g(x)^2 dx$  converge, then  $\int_a^{+\infty} f(x)g(x) dx$  and  $\int_a^{+\infty} (f(x) + g(x))^2 dx$  converge.

EXERCISE 3.7.7 (1)

The integral  $\int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{x^p(\log x)^q}$  is improper at  $+\infty$ .

For  $p < 1$ , the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^p(\log x)^q}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(\log x)^q}{x^{1-p}} = 0$  implies  $\frac{1}{x^p(\log x)^q} \geq \frac{1}{x} > 0$

for big  $x$ . By the divergence of  $\int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{x}$ , the integral diverges.

For  $p = 1$ , take  $y = \log x$ . We have  $\int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{x(\log x)^q} = \int_{\log 2}^{+\infty} \frac{dy}{y^q}$ , which converges if and only if  $q > 1$ .

For  $p > 1$ , pick  $r$  satisfying  $p > r > 1$ . Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^r}{x^p(\log x)^q} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(\log x)^{-q}}{x^{p-r}} = 0$  implies  $0 < \frac{1}{x^p(\log x)^q} \leq \frac{1}{x^r}$  for big  $x$ . By the convergence of  $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{x^r}$ , the integral converges.

In conclusion, the integral converges if and only if  $p > 1$ , or  $p = 1$  and  $q > 1$ .

EXERCISE 3.7.7 (8)

The integral  $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x^p(1-x^q)^r}$ ,  $q > 0$  is improper at 0 if  $p > 0$  and 1 if  $r > 0$ .

Then from the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^t}{x^p(1-x^q)^r} = 0$  when  $p < t$ , we have that  $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x^p(1-x^q)^r}$  converges when  $p < 1$  due to the convergence of  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^t} dx$ ,  $t < 1$ . While  $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x^p(1-x^q)^r}$  diverges when  $p \geq 1$ .

As for  $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1-x^q)^r} \stackrel{y=1-x^q}{=} \frac{1}{q} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-y)^{\frac{1}{q}-1}}{y^r} dy = \frac{1}{q} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{(1-y)^{\frac{1}{q}-1}}{y^r} dy + \frac{1}{q} \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \frac{(1-y)^{\frac{1}{q}-1}}{y^r} dy$  converges if  $r < 1$  and  $\frac{1}{q} - 1 > -1$ , which is  $r < 1$  and  $q > 0$ .

EXERCISE 3.7.7 (11)

The integral  $\int_1^{+\infty} x^p \log(1+x^q) dx$  is improper at  $+\infty$ .

If  $q > 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^p \log(1+x^q)}{x^p \log x} = q$ . Therefore  $\int_1^{+\infty} x^p \log(1+x^q) dx$  converges if and only if  $\int_1^{+\infty} x^p \log x dx$  converges. The condition is  $p < -1$ .

If  $q = 0$ , then  $\int_1^{+\infty} x^p \log(1+x^q) dx = (\log 2) \int_1^{+\infty} x^p dx$  converges if and only if  $p < -1$ .

If  $q < 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^p \log(1+x^q)}{x^{p+q}} = 1$ . Therefore  $\int_1^{+\infty} x^p \log(1+x^q) dx$  converges if and only if  $\int_1^{+\infty} x^{p+q} dx$  converges. The condition is  $p+q < -1$ .

We conclude that  $\int_1^{+\infty} x^p \log(1+x^q) dx$  converges if and only if  $q \geq 0$  and  $p < -1$ , or  $q < 0$  and  $p+q < -1$ .

EXERCISE 3.7.8 (2)

The integral is improper at  $1^-$ . We have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^5 - 2x^2 + 1}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}}} = 1.$$

By the convergence of  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}} dx$  and the comparison test, the integral converges.

EXERCISE 3.7.8 (4)

The integral is improper at  $1^-$ . We have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{\frac{x \sin x}{\sqrt{x^5 - 2x^2 + 1}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}}} = \sin 1.$$

By the convergence of  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}} dx$  and the comparison test, the integral converges.

EXERCISE 3.7.9 (2)

The integral is improper at  $1^-$ ,  $1^+$ ,  $3^-$ ,  $3^+$ . We have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{|x-1|}}{\sqrt{|x^2-4x+3|}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{|x-3|}}{\sqrt{|x^2-4x+3|}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

Since  $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x-1}}$  and  $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x-3}}$  converges, by the comparison test,  $\int_0^{10} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{|x^2-4x+3|}}$  converges.

EXERCISE 3.7.9 (4)

The integral may be improper at  $0^+$  and  $1^-$ .

We have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x}[(1-x)^p |\log x|^q] = 0$ . By the comparison test and the convergence of  $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}}$ ,  $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-x)^p |\log x|^q dx$  always converges.

We also have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(1-x)^p |\log x|^q}{(1-x)^{p+q}} = 1$ . So  $\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (1-x)^p |\log x|^q dx$  converges if and only if  $\int_0^1 (1-x)^{p+q} dx$  converges. This means  $p+q > -1$ .

In conclusion,  $\int_0^1 (1-x)^p |\log x|^q dx$  converges if and only if  $p+q > -1$ .

EXERCISE 3.7.10 (2)

The integral  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dx}{x^p \sin^q x}$  is improper at  $0^+$ .

As  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^{p+q}}{x^p \sin^q x} = 1$ , by the comparison test, the integral converges if and only if  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dx}{x^{p+q}}$  converges, which means  $p+q < 1$ .

EXERCISE 3.7.10 (6)

As  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{dx}{|\sin x - \cos x|^p} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{dx}{|\sqrt{2} \sin(x - \frac{\pi}{4})|^p}$ , thus might be improper at  $\frac{\pi}{4}^-$ . From  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}^-} \frac{(x - \frac{\pi}{4})^p}{\sin^p(x - \frac{\pi}{4})} = 1$ , the integral converges if and only if  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{dx}{(x - \frac{\pi}{4})^p}$  converges, which means  $p < 1$ .

EXERCISE 3.7.10 (12)

As  $e^{-\sqrt{x}} \cos bx^2 \leq e^{-\sqrt{x}}$ , and from the convergence of  $\int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\sqrt{x}} dx = 2 \int_0^{+\infty} ye^{-y} dy$ , we can get  $\int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\sqrt{x}} \cos bx^2 dx$  converges.

EXERCISE 3.7.11

The integral is improper at  $+\infty$ . For big  $x$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} - \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{x} \left[ \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - 1 \right] = -\frac{1}{2x^2} + o\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right),$$

and

$$\frac{a}{x+1} - \frac{a}{x} = -\frac{a}{x(x+1)}.$$

Since  $\int_1^{+\infty} \left[-\frac{1}{2x^2} + o\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)\right] dx$  and  $\int_1^{+\infty} -\frac{a}{x(x+1)} dx$  are integrable, the convergence of  $\int_1^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} + \frac{a}{x+1}\right) dx$  is the same as the convergence of  $\int_1^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{a}{x}\right) dx = \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1+a}{x} dx$ . This happens only when  $a = -1$ .

EXERCISE 3.7.12 (2)

The integral may be improper at  $0^+$  and  $+\infty$ .

Suppose  $q \neq 0$ . Then the change of variable  $y = x^q$  gives us

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\cos x^q}{x^p} dx = \text{sign}(q) \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\cos y}{y^{\frac{p}{q}}} d(y^{\frac{1}{q}}) = \frac{1}{|q|} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\cos y}{y^{\frac{p}{q} - \frac{1}{q} + 1}} dy.$$

The right side converges near  $0^+$  if and only if  $\frac{p}{q} - \frac{1}{q} + 1 < 1$ , and converges near  $+\infty$  if and only if  $\frac{p}{q} - \frac{1}{q} + 1 > 0$  by the Dirichlet Test. Therefore  $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\sin x^q}{x^p} dx$  converges if and only if  $-1 < \frac{p}{q} - \frac{1}{q} < 0$ .

The argument for the absolute value integration is similar. We have

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{|\cos x^q|}{x^p} dx = \text{sign}(q) \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{|\cos y|}{y^{\frac{p}{q}}} d(y^{\frac{1}{q}}) = \frac{1}{|q|} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{|\cos y|}{y^{\frac{p}{q} - \frac{1}{q} + 1}} dy.$$

The right side converges near  $0^+$  if and only if  $\frac{p}{q} - \frac{1}{q} + 1 < 1$ , and converges near  $+\infty$  if and only if  $\frac{p}{q} - \frac{1}{q} > 0$ , which means the integral can not absolutely converge.

Therefore for  $q \neq 0$ ,  $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\cos x^q}{x^p} dx$  conditionally converges for  $-1 < \frac{p}{q} - \frac{1}{q} < 0$ , and diverges otherwise.

For  $q = 0$ ,  $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\cos x^q}{x^p} dx = (\cos 1) \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$  always diverges.

EXERCISE 3.7.12 (8)

The integral is improper at  $+\infty$ . Since  $|\sin x| \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  on  $[k\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, k\pi + \frac{3\pi}{4}]$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{\sin^3 x}{x} \right| \geq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{x} \geq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}(k+1)\pi}, \text{ for } x \in [k\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, k\pi + \frac{3\pi}{4}].$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{n\pi} \left| \frac{\sin^3 x}{x} \right| dx &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \int_{k\pi}^{(k+1)\pi} \left| \frac{\sin^3 x}{x} \right| dx \geq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \int_{k\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}}^{k\pi + \frac{3\pi}{4}} \left| \frac{\sin^3 x}{x} \right| dx \\ &\geq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}(k+1)\pi} \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since the right side diverges to  $+\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we see that  $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\sin^3 x}{x} dx$  diverges.

EXERCISE 3.7.14 (1)

The integral is improper at  $0^+$ . By  $y = \log x$ , we have  $\int_0^1 (\log x)^n dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 y^n e^y dy$ , which is improper at  $-\infty$ . By integration by parts,

$$I_n = \int_{-\infty}^0 y^n e^y dy = \int_{-\infty}^0 y^n de^y = y^n e^y \Big|_{-\infty}^0 - n \int_{-\infty}^0 y^{n-1} e^y dy = y^n e^y \Big|_{-\infty}^0 - n I_{n-1}.$$

Note that since

$$y^n e^y \Big|_{-\infty}^0 = 0^n e^0 - \lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} b^n e^b = 0$$

converges, we see that  $I_n$  converges if and only if  $I_{n-1}$  converges, and we have

$$I_n = -n I_{n-1}.$$

On the other hand, the improper integral

$$I_0 = \int_{-\infty}^0 e^y dy = e^0 - \lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} e^b = 1$$

converges. By induction,  $I_n$  also converges, and

$$I_n = (-n)(-(n-1))(-(n-2)) \cdots (-1) I_0 = (-1)^n n!.$$