

Homework 7

6.6.8. The integrand is continuous on the interval $(\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$ but it diverges to infinity at $x = \frac{1}{2}$. Hence, we must break the integral into two pieces, say at $x = 1$. By definition

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{1/2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x-1}} dx &= \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x-1}} dx + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x-1}} dx \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow (1/2)^+} \int_a^1 (2x-1)^{-1/2} dx + \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b (2x-1)^{-1/2} dx.\end{aligned}$$

The improper integral diverges if either of these limits do not exist. We evaluate the second limit using the substitution $u = 2x - 1$ so $du = 2 dx$ and the limits of integration become 1 and $2b - 1$, respectively. Then, the second limit is

$$\begin{aligned}&= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \int_1^{2b-1} u^{-1/2} du = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} [2u^{1/2}]_1^{2b-1} \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} [2(2b-1)^{1/2} - 2] = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (2b-1)^{1/2} - 1 = \infty\end{aligned}$$

so the improper integral diverges.

6.6.12. The integrand is continuous on the interval $(-\infty, 0]$. By definition,

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^0 \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx$$

and using the substitution $u = x^2 + 1$ so $du = 2x dx$, this becomes

$$\begin{aligned}&= \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{2} \int_{a^2+1}^1 \frac{1}{u} du = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{2} [\ln |u|]_{a^2+1}^1 \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{2} (0 - \ln(a^2+1)) = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} -\frac{1}{2} \ln(a^2+1) = -\infty\end{aligned}$$

so the improper integral diverges.

6.6.18. The integrand is continuous on the interval $[0, 2]$ except at $x = 1$ where it tends to infinity. Hence, we must break the integral into two pieces at $x = 1$. By definition

$$\int_0^2 \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} dx + \int_1^2 \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{b \rightarrow 1^-} \int_0^b (x-1)^{-2} dx + \lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} \int_a^2 (x-1)^{-2} dx \\
&= \lim_{b \rightarrow 1^-} [-(x-1)^{-1}]_0^b + \lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} [-(x-1)^{-1}]_a^2 \\
&= \lim_{b \rightarrow 1^-} \left[-\frac{1}{b-1} - 1 \right] + \lim_{a \rightarrow 1^+} \left[-1 + \frac{1}{a-1} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Since these limits diverge, the improper integral diverges.

6.6.24. The integrand is continuous on the interval $(0, 1]$ so by definition

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^1 \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} [\ln|x|]_a^1 \\
&= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} (0 - \ln a) = \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

so the improper integral diverges.

9.1.4. (a) The sample space S is set of all possible outcomes of the experiment. In this case, S consists of the $3^3 = 27$ possible ordered lists of I 's, O 's, and U 's. Explicitly,

$$\begin{aligned}
S = \{ &III, IIO, IIU, IOI, IOO, IOU, IUI, IUO, IUU, \\
&OII, OIO, OIU, OOI, OOO, OOU, OUI, OUO, OUU, \\
&UII, UIO, UIU, UOI, UOO, UOU, UUI, UUU, UUU \}.
\end{aligned}$$

(b) The event that at least two people are in favor consists of the subset of S with two or three I 's. This is

$$A = \{III, IIO, IIU, IOI, IUI, OII, UII\}.$$

(c) The event that no more than one person is opposed consists of the subset of S with zero or one O 's. This is

$$\begin{aligned}
B = \{ &III, IIO, IIU, IOI, IOU, IUI, IUO, IUU, \\
&OII, OIU, OUI, OUU, UII, UIO, UIU, UOI, UOU, UUI, UUU, UUU \}.
\end{aligned}$$

9.1.22. We have

$$E(x) = 1\frac{4}{10} + 2\frac{2}{10} + 3\frac{2}{10} + 4\frac{1}{10} + 5\frac{1}{10} = \frac{23}{10} = 2.3$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= \left(1 - \frac{23}{10}\right)^2 \frac{4}{10} + \left(2 - \frac{23}{10}\right)^2 \frac{2}{10} + \left(3 - \frac{23}{10}\right)^2 \frac{2}{10} + \left(4 - \frac{23}{10}\right)^2 \frac{1}{10} + \left(5 - \frac{23}{10}\right)^2 \frac{1}{10} \\ &= \frac{181}{100} = 1.81 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{181}{100}} = 1.35.$$