

SHOW YOUR WORK

Consider the improper integrals below. Write down whether you think the integral **converges** or **diverges** in the box (1 point). By selecting an appropriate integral (1 point), prove your selected choice is correct by using the comparison theorem (3 points).

(a) (5 points) $\mathcal{J} = \int_1^{\infty} e^{t^2+t+1} dt$ DIVERGES

We need to show $\mathcal{J} >$ a divergent integral.
 We know $\int_1^{\infty} e^t dt$ diverges

$$\int_1^{\infty} e^t dt = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b e^t dt = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (e^b - e^1) = \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} t &> 1 \\ t^2 &> t \\ t^2 + t &> t \\ t^2 + t + 1 &> t \\ e^{t^2+t+1} &> e^t \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} e^{t^2+t+1} dt > \int_1^{\infty} e^t dt$$

Since $\int_1^{\infty} e^t dt$ diverges by comparison to $\int_1^{\infty} e^t dt$ so \mathcal{J} diverges.

(b) (5 points) $\mathcal{K} = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^4+1}} ds$ CONVERGES

As $s \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{s^4+1}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^4}} = \frac{1}{s^2}$ which we know $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{s^2} ds$ CONVERGES.
 We need to show $\mathcal{K} <$ a convergent integral.

$$\begin{aligned} s &> 1 \\ s^2 &> 1 \\ s^4 &> s^2 \\ s^4 + 1 &> s^4 \\ \frac{1}{s^4+1} &< \frac{1}{s^4} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^4+1}} &< \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^4}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^4+1}} < \frac{1}{s^2}$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^4+1}} ds < \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{s^2} ds$$

We know $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{s^2} ds$ CONVERGES by comparison theorem since $p=2 > 1$.
 So, by comparison $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{s^4+1}} ds$ converges too.