

Extending the idea of definite integral

1. (a) Evaluate $\int_1^b \frac{1}{x^2} dx$ for $b > 1$.
(b) Sketch a plot illustrating an area interpretation of your result from (a).
(c) Evaluate the limit of your result from (a) as $b \rightarrow \infty$.
(d) Sketch a plot illustrating an area interpretation of your result in (c).

2. (a) Evaluate $\int_1^b \frac{1}{x} dx$ for $b > 1$.
(b) Sketch a plot illustrating an area interpretation of your result from (a).
(c) Evaluate the limit of your result from (a) as $b \rightarrow \infty$.
(d) Sketch a plot illustrating an area interpretation of your result in (c).

3. (a) Set up an inequality comparing x^2 and $x^2 + 1$ for $x > 1$.
(b) Set up an inequality comparing $\frac{1}{x^2}$ and $\frac{1}{x^2 + 1}$ for $x > 1$.
(c) Set up an inequality comparing $\int_1^b \frac{1}{x^2} dx$ and $\int_1^b \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} dx$.
(d) Use your inequality from (c) and your result from Problem 1(c) to reach a conclusion about $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} dx$. (Note: This conclusion will be in the form of an upper bound on the value of the limit rather than the exact value of the limit.)
(e) Sketch a plot illustrating an area interpretation of your result in (d).

4. (a) Set up an inequality comparing x and \sqrt{x} for $x > 1$.
(b) Set up an inequality comparing $\frac{1}{x}$ and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ for $x > 1$.
(c) Set up an inequality comparing $\int_1^b \frac{1}{x} dx$ and $\int_1^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$.
(d) Use your inequality from (c) and your result from Problem 2(c) to reach a conclusion about $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$.
(e) Sketch a plot illustrating an area interpretation of your result in (d).