
PROBLEM SET

Practice Problems for Exam #2

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ANSWERS

Problem 1.

A.

$$\int x\sqrt{2x+1} dx.$$

Answer:

Make the change of variables $u = 2x + 1$, so $dx = (1/2)du$ and $x = (u - 1)/2$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\int x\sqrt{2x+1} dx &= \int \frac{u-1}{2} \sqrt{u} \frac{1}{2} du \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int (u-1)u^{1/2} du \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int [u^{3/2} - u^{1/2}] du \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{2}{5} u^{5/2} - \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \right] + C \\ &= \frac{1}{10} u^{5/2} - \frac{1}{6} u^{3/2} + C \\ &= \frac{1}{10} (2x+1)^{5/2} - \frac{1}{6} (2x+1)^{3/2} + C.\end{aligned}$$

B.

$$\int x \cos(2x) dx.$$

Answer:

Use the integration by parts formula

$$(1.1) \quad \boxed{\int uv' dx = uv - \int u'v dx}$$

with $u = x$ and $v' = \cos(2x)$. Then $u' = 1$ and

$$v = \int \cos 2x dx = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x).$$

Applying the integration by parts formula we get

$$\begin{aligned}\int x \cos(2x) dx &= \frac{1}{2} x \sin(2x) - \int (1) \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x \sin(2x) - \frac{1}{2} \int \sin(2x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x \sin(2x) - \frac{1}{2} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) \right] + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x \sin(2x) + \frac{1}{4} \cos(2x) + C.\end{aligned}$$

C.

$$\int [\ln(x)]^2 dx.$$

Answer:

Use integration by parts with

$$u = [\ln(x)]^2, \quad v' = 1$$

so

$$u' = \frac{2 \ln(x)}{x}, \quad v = x.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int [\ln(x)]^2 dx &= x[\ln(x)]^2 - \int \frac{2 \ln(x)}{x} x dx \\ &= x[\ln(x)]^2 - 2 \int \ln(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

To do the integral $\int \ln(x) dx$ one would use integration by parts again. We did this problem in class, so I'll just use the result

$$\int \ln(x) dx = x \ln(x) - x + C.$$

Plugging this into the previous formula, we get

$$\int [\ln(x)]^2 dx = x[\ln(x)]^2 - 2x \ln(x) - 2x + C.$$

D.

$$\int x^6 \ln(x) dx$$

Answer:

Use integration by parts with $u = \ln(x)$ and $v' = x^6$, so $u' = 1/x$ and $v = x^7/7$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^6 \ln(x) dx &= \frac{1}{7} x^7 \ln(x) - \int \frac{1}{x} \frac{1}{7} x^7 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{7} x^7 \ln(x) - \frac{1}{7} \int x^6 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{7} x^7 \ln(x) - \frac{1}{49} x^7 + C. \end{aligned}$$

E.

$$\int \sin^2(x) \cos^5(x) dx.$$

Answer:

Since the power of cosine is odd, borrow a cosine and write the integral as

$$\int \sin^2(x) \cos^4(x) \cos(x) d(x).$$

In this integral make the change of variables, $u = \sin(x)$, so $du = \cos(x) dx$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin^2(x) \cos^4(x) \cos(x) d(x) &= \int (1 - \cos^2(x)) \cos^4(x) \cos(x) dx \\ &= \int (1 - u^2)u^4 du \\ &= \int [u^4 - u^6] du \\ &= \frac{1}{5}u^5 - \frac{1}{7}u^7 + C \\ &= \frac{1}{5}\sin^5(x) - \frac{1}{7}\sin^7(x) + C. \end{aligned}$$

F.

$$\int \tan^3(x) \sec^3(x) dx.$$

Answer:

Borrow a secant and a tangent, and write the integral as

$$\int \tan^3(x) \sec^3(x) dx = \int \tan^2(x) \sec^2(x) \sec(x) \tan(x) dx = \int (\sec^2(x)-1) \sec^2(x) \sec(x) \tan(x) dx.$$

Make the change of variables $u = \sec(x)$ so $du = \sec(x) \tan(x) d(x)$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int (\sec^2(x) - 1) \sec^2(x) \sec(x) \tan(x) dx &= \int (u^2 - 1)u^2 du \\ &= \int (u^4 - u^2) du \\ &= \frac{1}{5}u^5 - \frac{1}{3}u^3 + C \\ &= \frac{1}{5}\sec^5(x) - \frac{1}{3}\sec^3(x) + C. \end{aligned}$$

G.

$$\int \tan^2(x) \sec^3(x) dx.$$

Answer:

Write the integral as

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^2(x) \sec^3(x) dx &= \int (\sec^2 - 1) \sec^3(x) dx \\ (1.2) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= \int [\sec^5 x - \sec^3(x)] dx \end{aligned}$$

Now use formula (5) from the reduction formula's sheet, which reads

$$(1.3) \quad \int \sec^n(x) dx = \frac{1}{n-1} \sec^{n-2}(x) \tan(x) + \frac{n-2}{n-1} \int \sec^{n-2}(x) dx.$$

Applying this formula with $n = 5$ gives

$$(1.4) \quad \int \sec^5(x) dx = \frac{1}{4} \sec^3(x) \tan(x) + \frac{3}{4} \int \sec^3(x) dx.$$

Plugging this into (1.2) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^2(x) \sec^3(x) dx &= \int \sec^5(x) dx - \int \sec^3(x) dx \\ (1.5) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= \frac{1}{4} \sec^3(x) \tan(x) - \frac{1}{4} \int \sec^3(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Applying (1.3) with $n = 3$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sec^3(x) dx &= \frac{1}{2} \sec x \tan(x) + \frac{1}{2} \int \sec(x) dx \\ (1.6) \qquad \qquad &= \frac{1}{2} \sec(x) \tan(x) + \frac{1}{2} \ln|\sec(x) + \tan(x)| + C \end{aligned}$$

Plugging this into (1.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan^2(x) \sec^3(x) dx &= \frac{1}{4} \sec^3(x) \tan(x) - \frac{1}{4} \int \sec^3(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \sec^3(x) \tan(x) - \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sec(x) \tan(x) + \frac{1}{2} \ln|\sec(x) + \tan(x)| \right] + C \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \sec^3(x) \tan(x) - \frac{1}{8} \sec(x) \tan(x) - \frac{1}{8} \ln|\sec(x) + \tan(x)| + C. \end{aligned}$$

H.

$$\int \frac{1}{2x^2 + 4x + 10} dx$$

Answer:

Complete the square in the denominator. So, we write

$$2x^2 + 4x + 10 = 2(x^2 + 2x) + 10.$$

Taking half the coefficient of x in $x^2 + 2x$ we get 1, so we add and subtract 1^2 inside the parenthesis to get

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 + 4x + 10 &= 2(x^2 + 2x + 1 - 1) + 10 \\ &= 2[(x + 1)^2 - 1] + 10 \\ &= 2(x + 1)^2 - 2 + 10 \\ &= 2(x + 1)^2 + 8. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\int \frac{1}{2x^2 + 4x + 10} dx = \int \frac{dx}{2(x + 1)^2 + 8}.$$

In this integral make the change of variables $u = x + 1$, so $du = dx$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{2x^2 + 4x + 10} dx &= \int \frac{dx}{2(x + 1)^2 + 8} \\ &= \int \frac{du}{2u^2 + 8} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \int \frac{du}{u^2/4 + 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \int \frac{du}{(u/2)^2 + 1}, & w = u/2, \quad du = 2 dw \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \int \frac{2 dw}{w^2 + 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{dw}{w^2 + 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \tan^{-1}(w) + C \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \tan^{-1}(u/2) + C \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x + 1}{2}\right) + C. \end{aligned}$$

I.

$$\int \frac{1}{x\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx.$$

Answer:

Make the trig substitution $x = a \sin(\theta)$, so $dx = \cos(\theta) d\theta$ and

$$a^2 - x^2 = a^2 - a^2 \sin^2(\theta) = a^2(1 - \sin^2(\theta)) = a^2 \cos^2(\theta)$$

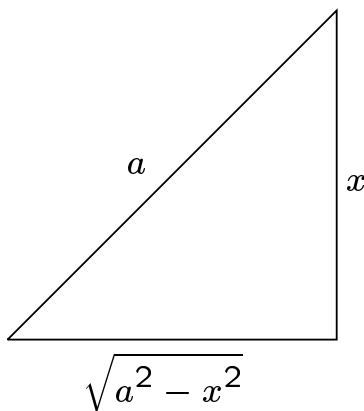
so

$$\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} = a \cos(\theta).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{x\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx &= \int \frac{1}{a \sin(\theta) a \cos(\theta)} a \cos(\theta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \int \frac{1}{\sin(\theta)} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \int \csc(\theta) d\theta \\ &= -\ln|\csc(\theta) + \cot(\theta)| + C. \end{aligned}$$

We have $\sin(\theta) = x/a$, so the reference triangle looks like this



Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \csc(\theta) &= \frac{1}{\sin(\theta)} = \frac{a}{x}, \\ \cot(\theta) &= \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}{x}. \end{aligned}$$

Plugging this in gives

$$\int \frac{1}{x\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = -\ln \left| \frac{a}{x} + \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}{x} \right| + C.$$

J.

$$\int \frac{dx}{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}}.$$

Answer:

Make the trig substitution $x = a \tan(\theta)$, so $dx = \sec^2(\theta) d\theta$ and

$$a^2 + x^2 = a^2 + a^2 \tan^2(\theta) = a^2(1 + \tan^2(\theta)) = a^2 \sec^2(\theta).$$

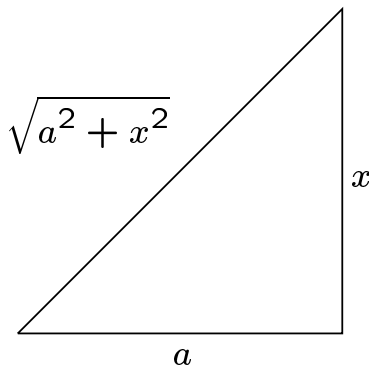
Thus, we have

$$(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2} = (a^2 \sec^2(\theta))^{3/2} = a^3 \sec^3(\theta)$$

We calculate that

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} &= \int \frac{a \sec^2(\theta) d\theta}{a^3 \sec^3(\theta)} \\ &= \frac{1}{a^2} \int \frac{d\theta}{\sec(\theta)} \\ &= \frac{1}{a^2} \int \cos(\theta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{a^2} \sin(\theta) + C. \end{aligned}$$

We have $\tan(\theta) = x/a$, so the reference triangle looks like this



Reading off $\sin(\theta)$ from the triangle we get

$$\int \frac{dx}{(a^2 + x^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{x}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} + C.$$

K.

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}{x} dx.$$

Answer:

For the case $x > 0$, make the trig substitution $x = a \sec(\theta)$, so $dx = a \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta) d\theta$ and

$$x^2 - a^2 = a^2 \sec^2(\theta) - a^2 = a^2(\sec^2(\theta) - 1) = a^2 \tan^2(\theta),$$

so

$$\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} = a \tan(\theta).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}{x} dx &= \int \frac{a \tan(\theta)}{a \sec(\theta)} a \sec(\theta) \tan(\theta) d\theta \\ &= a \int \tan^2(\theta) d\theta \\ &= a \int [\sec^2(\theta) - 1] d\theta \\ &= a \tan(\theta) - a\theta + C \\ &= a\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - a \sec^{-1}(x/a) + C. \end{aligned}$$

For the case $x < 0$, make the substitution $x = -u$, so $u > 0$, and $dx = -du$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}{x} dx &= \int \frac{\sqrt{(-u)^2 - a^2}}{-u} (-1) du \\ &= \int \frac{\sqrt{u^2 - a^2}}{u} du \\ &= a\sqrt{u^2 - a^2} - a \sec^{-1}(u/a) + C, && \text{(from above)} \\ &= a\sqrt{(-x)^2 - a^2} - a \sec^{-1}(-x/a) + C. \\ &= a\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - a \sec^{-1}(-x/a) + C. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}{x} dx = \begin{cases} a\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - a \sec^{-1}(x/a) + C, & x > 0 \\ a\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - a \sec^{-1}(-x/a) + C, & x < 0. \end{cases}$$

We can put these into one formula as

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}{x} dx = a\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - a \sec^{-1}\left(\frac{|x|}{a}\right) + C.$$

L.

$$\int \frac{2x^2 + x + 1}{x(x+1)^2} dx.$$

Answer:

Use Partial Fractions. The form of the partial fraction decomposition is

$$\frac{2x^2 + x + 1}{x(x+1)^2} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x+1} + \frac{C}{(x+1)^2}.$$

Clearing the denominators gives the equation

$$(1.7) \quad 2x^2 + x + 1 = A(x+1)^2 + Bx(x+1) + Cx.$$

Expanding the right-hand side gives

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 + x + 1 &= A(x+1)^2 + Bx(x+1) + Cx \\ &= Ax^2 + 2Ax + A + Bx^2 + Bx + C \\ &= (A+B)x^2 + (2A+B+C)x + A. \end{aligned}$$

Equating coefficients of powers of x gives the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= 2 \\ 2A + B + C &= 1 \\ A &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Setting $x = 0$ in (1.7) gives $A = 1$ (which we knew) and setting $x = -1$ in (1.7) gives $C = -2$. The first equation then shows $B = 1$. Thus, we have

$$\frac{2x^2 + x + 1}{x(x+1)^2} = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{2}{(x+1)^2}.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{2x^2 + x + 1}{x(x+1)^2} dx &= \int \left[\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{2}{(x+1)^2} \right] dx \\ &= \ln|x| + \ln|x+1| + \frac{2}{x+1} + C. \end{aligned}$$

M.

$$\int \frac{2x^2 + 2x + 1}{x(x^2 + 1)} dx$$

Answer:

The form of the partial fraction decomposition is

$$\frac{2x^2 + 2x + 1}{x(x^2 + 1)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 1}.$$

Clearing denominators

$$\begin{aligned}2x^2 + 2x + 1 &= A(x^2 + 1) + (Bx + C)x \\ &= Ax^2 + A + Bx^2 + Cx \\ &= (A + B)x^2 + Cx + A.\end{aligned}$$

Equating coefficients gives the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}A + B &= 2 \\ C &= 2 \\ A &= 1,\end{aligned}$$

so, clearly, $B = 1$.

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{2x^2 + 2x + 1}{x(x^2 + 1)} dx &= \int \left[\frac{1}{x} + \frac{x + 2}{x^2 + 1} \right] dx \\ &= \int \frac{dx}{x} + \int \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} dx + 2 \int \frac{dx}{x^2 + 1} \\ &= \ln|x| + \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) + 2 \tan^{-1}(x) + C,\end{aligned}$$

where the middle integral can be done with a simple substitution (or “guess and correct”).

Problem 2. In each part, give the *form* of the partial fraction decomposition.

This is a formula involving undetermined coefficients. **Do not find the coefficients!** (No calculation is required).

A.

$$\frac{x^3 + 2x + 1}{(x - 1)(x - 2)(x + 3)}$$

Answer:

$$\frac{x^3 + 2x + 1}{(x - 1)(x - 2)(x + 3)} = \boxed{\frac{A}{x - 1} + \frac{B}{x - 2} + \frac{C}{x + 3}}.$$

B.

$$\frac{1}{x(x^2 + 1)}$$

Answer:

$$\frac{1}{x(x^2 + 1)} = \boxed{\frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 1}}.$$

C.

$$\frac{x^4 + 1}{x(x^2 + 1)^2}$$

Answer:

$$\frac{x^4 + 1}{x(x^2 + 1)^2} = \boxed{\frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx + C}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{Dx + E}{(x^2 + 1)^2}}.$$

D.

$$\frac{x^3}{(x - 2)^2(x + 2)^2(x - 1)}$$

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x^3}{(x - 2)^2(x + 2)^2(x - 1)} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{A}{x - 2} + \frac{B}{(x - 2)^2} + \frac{C}{x + 2} + \frac{D}{(x + 2)^2} + \frac{E}{x - 1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3. In each part, solve the differential equation.

A.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{2}{x}y = x^2.$$

Answer:

This is a first order linear equation. Comparing with the standard form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$$

we see that $P(x) = -2/x$. We have

$$\int P(x) dx = -2 \ln(x) = \ln(1/x^2).$$

Thus, the integrating factor is

$$I(x) = e^{\int P(x) dx} = e^{\ln(1/x^2)} = \frac{1}{x^2}.$$

Multiplying the differential equation through by the integrating factor gives

$$\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{2}{x^3}y = 1.$$

This is the same as

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x^2} y \right) = 1.$$

(that's what the integrating factor does, and you can check it with the product rule). Integrating both sides gives

$$\frac{1}{x^2} y = x + C,$$

so the solution is

$$y = x^3 + Cx^2.$$

B.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 2e^x.$$

Answer:

The integrating factor is e^{4x} . The solution is $y = (2/5)e^x + Ce^{-4x}$.

C.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y(y-1).$$

Answer:

The variables separate as

$$\frac{dy}{y(y-1)} = dx$$

Integrating both sides we get

$$\int \frac{dy}{y(y-1)} = \int dx = x + C$$

To do the integral on the left, we use partial fractions. The form of the partial fraction decomposition is

$$\frac{1}{y(y-1)} = \frac{A}{y-1} + \frac{B}{y}.$$

Clearing the denominators gives

$$1 = Ay + B(y-1)$$

Setting $y = 0$ shows $B = -1$ and setting $y = 1$ shows $A = 1$. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dy}{y(y-1)} &= \int \left[\frac{1}{y-1} - \frac{1}{y} \right] dx \\ &= \ln|y-1| - \ln|y| && \text{(don't need } C \text{ here)} \\ &= \ln \left| \frac{y-1}{y} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\ln \left| \frac{y-1}{y} \right| = x + C$$

Taking the exponential of both sides gives

$$\left| \frac{y-1}{y} \right| = e^{x+C} = e^C e^x$$

and so

$$\frac{y-1}{y} = \pm e^C e^x.$$

Since C is arbitrary, e^C is an arbitrary positive number, so $\pm e^C$ is an arbitrary constant, call it C again, So we have

$$\frac{y-1}{y} = C e^x$$

Solving this for y gives

$$y = \frac{1}{1 - C e^x}.$$

Since $-C$ is an arbitrary constant, we could write this as

$$y = \frac{1}{1 + C e^x}$$

for an arbitrary constant C .

Problem 4. A tank contains 200 gallons of water. At the beginning of the problem there are 100 pounds of salt dissolved in the tank. Salt water enters the tank at a rate of 5 gallons per minute. Each gallon of incoming salt water contains 1 pound dissolved salt. The mixture in the tank is kept prosaically uniform by stirring, and 5 gallons of salt water is drained from the tank per minute. Find the amount (number of pounds) of salt in the tank as a function of time. How long will it be until there are 175 pounds of salt in the tank?

Answer:

Let $y = y(t)$ be the number of pounds of salt in the tank. Thus, $y(0) = 100$. There are 5 pounds of salt entering the tank per minute.

The concentration of salt in the tank is $y/200$. Five gallons of this mixture leaves the tank per minute so, salt is leaving the tank at a rate of $5(y/200) = y/40$ pounds per minute. Thus, we have

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 5 - \frac{1}{40}y.$$

This differential equation can be solved by separation of variables or as a first order linear equation. If we take the latter approach, we rewrite the equation as

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{1}{40}y = 5.$$

The integrating factor is $e^{t/40}$ and the solution is

$$y = 200 + Ce^{-t/40}.$$

Setting $t = 0$ in this equation and using $y(0) = 100$ we have

$$100 = 200 + C,$$

so $C = -100$. Thus, the amount of salt in the tank is given as a function of time by

$$y = 200 - 100e^{-t/40}.$$

To find the time at which there are 175 pounds of salt in the tank, set $y = 175$ in the last equation, which gives

$$175 = 200 - 100e^{-t/40},$$

which simplifies to

$$1/4 = e^{-t/40}.$$

Taking log of both sides gives

$$\ln(1/4) = -t/40,$$

and so

$$t = -40 \ln(1/4) \approx 55.45$$

minutes.

Problem 5. In each part, determine if the improper integral converges or diverges. If it converges, find the value.

A.

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} dx$$

Answer:

First, we figure out the indefinite integral

$$(5.1) \quad \int e^{-2x} dx = -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2x} + C.$$

The integral in the problem is improper because the upper limit is infinity so, by definition,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b e^{-2x} dx \\
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} \right]_0^b, && \text{(by (5.1))} \\
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2b} + \frac{1}{2} e^{2(0)} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2b} \right] \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2}},
 \end{aligned}$$

since $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} e^{-2b} = 0$. Thus, this integral converges.

B.

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx$$

Answer:

Note the indefinite integral

$$(5.2) \quad \int \frac{1}{x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{x} + C.$$

The integral in the problem is improper because the integrand is undefined at 0, the lower endpoint of the interval of integration. Thus, by definition,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx \\
 &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \left[-\frac{1}{x} \right]_a^1 && \text{(by (5.2))} \\
 &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \left[-1 + \frac{1}{a} \right] \\
 &= \infty,
 \end{aligned}$$

since $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} 1/a = \infty$. Thus, this integral diverges.