

An improper integral (from the homework)

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$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x^2 + 4)(y^2 + 4)} dx dy &= \lim_{A, B \nearrow \infty} \int_{-B}^B \int_{-A}^A \frac{1}{(x^2 + 4)(y^2 + 4)} dx dy \\ &= \lim_{A, B \nearrow \infty} \int_{-B}^B \frac{1}{y^2 + 4} \int_{-A}^A \frac{1}{x^2 + 4} dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \lim_{A, B \nearrow \infty} \int_{-B}^B \frac{1}{y^2 + 4} \int_{-A}^A \frac{1}{(x/2)^2 + 1} dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{A, B \nearrow \infty} \int_{-B}^B \frac{1}{y^2 + 4} \int_{-A}^A \frac{1}{u^2 + 1} du dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{A, B \nearrow \infty} \int_{-B}^B \frac{1}{y^2 + 4} [\tan^{-1}(A) - \tan^{-1}(-A)] dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{A, B \nearrow \infty} \int_{-B}^B \frac{1}{y^2 + 4} [\tan^{-1}(A) + \tan^{-1}(A)] dy \\ &= \lim_{A, B \nearrow \infty} \tan^{-1}(A) \int_{-B}^B \frac{1}{y^2 + 4} dy \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \lim_{B \nearrow \infty} \int_{-B}^B \frac{1}{y^2 + 4} dy \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{4}.\end{aligned}$$