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$$1. \int_{-\infty}^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-w}} dw$$

- First solve the improper integral, $\int (2-w)^{-1/2} dw$.

$$u = 2 - w$$

$$du = -dw$$

$$-du = dw$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int (2-w)^{-1/2} dw &= -\int u^{-1/2} du = -\frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} = -2u^{1/2} \\ &= -2(2-w)^{1/2} = -2\sqrt{2-w} + C \end{aligned}$$

- $\int_{-\infty}^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-w}} dw = \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \int_t^{-1} (2-w)^{-1/2} dw$
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \left[-2\sqrt{2-w} \right]_t^{-1}$
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \left[\left(-2\sqrt{2-(-1)} \right) - \left(-2\sqrt{2-t} \right) \right]$
 $= -2\sqrt{3} + \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} 2\sqrt{2-t} = \infty.$ The integral is divergent.

$$2. \int_6^8 \frac{4}{(x-6)^3} dx$$

- First solve the improper integral, $\int \frac{4}{(x-6)^3} dx$.

$$u = x - 6$$

$$du = dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{4}{(x-6)^3} dx &= \int 4u^{-3} du \\ &= \frac{4u^{-2}}{-2} = -\frac{2}{(x-6)^2} + C \end{aligned}$$

- $\int_6^8 \frac{4}{(x-6)^3} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 6^+} \int_t^8 \frac{4}{(x-6)^3} dx$
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow 6^+} \left[-\frac{2}{(x-6)^2} \right]_t^8$
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow 6^+} \left[\left(-\frac{2}{(8-6)^2} \right) - \left(-\frac{2}{(t-6)^2} \right) \right]$
 $= -\frac{1}{2} + \lim_{t \rightarrow 6^+} \frac{2}{(t-6)^2} = \infty.$ The integral is divergent.

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- First solve the improper integral, $\int \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x^2+2x}} dx$.

$$u = x^2 + 2x$$

$$du = (2x + 2) dx$$

$$du = 2(x + 1) dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} du = (x + 1) dx$$

$$\int \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x^2+2x}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du = \frac{1}{2} \int u^{-1/2} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} \right) + C = (x^2 + 2x)^{1/2} + C = \sqrt{x^2 + 2x} + C$$

- $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x^2+2x}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x^2+2x}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sqrt{x^2+2x} \right]_1^t$
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sqrt{t^2+2t} \right] - \left[\sqrt{(1)^2+2(1)} \right] = \infty$

The integral is divergent.

$$2. \int_2^3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{3-x}} dx$$

- First solve the improper integral, $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{3-x}} dx$.

$$u = 3 - x$$

$$du = -dx$$

$$-du = dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{3-x}} dx = - \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du = - \int u^{-1/2} du$$

$$= - \frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} + C = -2\sqrt{3-x} + C$$

- $\int_2^3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{3-x}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 3^-} \int_2^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{3-x}} dx$
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow 3^-} \left[-2\sqrt{3-x} \right]_2^t = \lim_{t \rightarrow 3^-} \left[(-2\sqrt{3-t}) - (-2\sqrt{3-2}) \right]$
 $= -2\sqrt{3-3} + 2\sqrt{1} = 2$

The integral is convergent. Its value is 2.