

Proposition: Let $f \in \mathcal{B}[a, b]$ & $P, \tilde{P} \in \mathcal{P}[a, b]$. If $\tilde{P} \supset P$, then

$$L(f, P) \leq L(f, \tilde{P}) \leq U(f, \tilde{P}) \leq U(f, P).$$

↑
getting more closely
closed!!

Proof: " $L(f, \tilde{P}) \leq U(f, \tilde{P})$ " is known.

\therefore Enough to prove " $L(f, P) \leq L(f, \tilde{P})$ " & " $U(f, \tilde{P}) \leq U(f, P)$ ".

We only prove the 1st one (as the 2nd one ~~will~~ be similar).

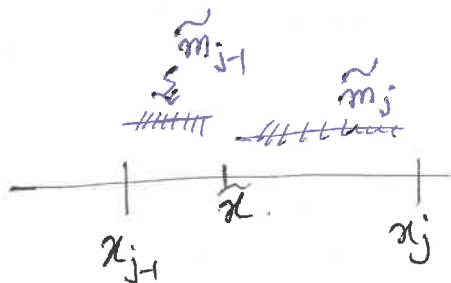
First, assume that $\tilde{P} := P \cup \{\tilde{x}\}$,

~~where~~ where $\tilde{x} \in [a, b] \setminus P$. [$\therefore \tilde{x}$ a new node.]

Set $P: a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{n-1} < x_n = b$.

Then $\exists j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ s.t.

$$x_{j-1} < \tilde{x} < x_j. \quad \leftarrow [\because x \in [a, b] \setminus \{a, b\}]$$

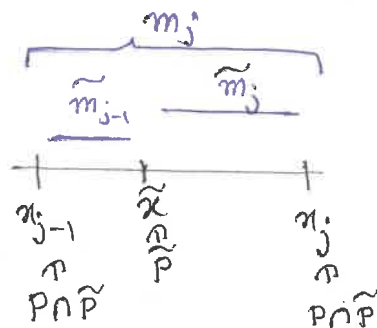


Set: $\tilde{m}_{j-1} := \inf \{f(x) : x \in [x_{j-1}, \tilde{x}]\}$

& $\tilde{m}_j := \inf \{f(x) : x \in [\tilde{x}, x_j]\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L(f, \tilde{P}) - L(f, P) &= \tilde{m}_{j-1}(\tilde{x} - x_{j-1}) + \tilde{m}_j(x_j - \tilde{x}) \\ &\quad - m_j(x_j - x_{j-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Now



$$\Rightarrow m_j \leq \tilde{m}_{j-1}, \tilde{m}_j$$

\therefore inf over ~~sub~~ "Smaller" subsets.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow L(f, \tilde{P}) - L(f, P) &= \tilde{m}_{j-1}(\tilde{x} - x_{j-1}) + \tilde{m}_j(x_j - \tilde{x}) \\ &\quad - m_j(\tilde{x} - x_{j-1}) - m_j(x_j - \tilde{x}). \\ &[\because x_j - x_{j-1} = (x_j - \tilde{x}) + (\tilde{x} - x_{j-1})] \\ &= \underbrace{(\tilde{m}_{j-1} - m_j)}_{\geq 0}(\tilde{x} - x_{j-1}) + \underbrace{(\tilde{m}_j - m_j)}_{\geq 0}(x_j - \tilde{x}). \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow L(f, \tilde{P}) \geq L(f, P).$$

The general case: by induction.

The upper sum case: Similar \forall HW.

\square

Cor: Let $f \in \mathcal{B}[a, b]$ & $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}[a, b]$. Then

$$L(f, P) \leq U(f, Q).$$

Proof: Let $\tilde{P} := P \cup Q \Rightarrow \tilde{P} \supset P, Q$.

$$\therefore L(f, \tilde{P}) \leq L(f, P) \leq U(f, \tilde{P}) \leq U(f, Q)$$

where $X = P \otimes Q$.

In particular: $L(f, P) \leq U(f, Q)$.

\square

By applying the above prop. for $(\tilde{P}, P \otimes \tilde{P}, Q)$.

Cor: If $f \in \mathcal{B}[a, b]$, then

$$\underline{\int_a^b f} \leq \overline{\int_a^b f}.$$

Proof: We know: $L(f, P_1) \leq U(f, P_2) \quad \forall P_1, P_2 \in \mathcal{P}[a, b]$.

\therefore For a fixed $P_2 \in \mathcal{P}[a, b]$,

$$\underline{\int_a^b f} = \sup_{P_1 \in \mathcal{P}[a, b]} L(f, P_1) \leq U(f, P_2).$$

\therefore Taking inf on all over $P_2 \Rightarrow \underline{\int_a^b f} \leq \inf_{P_2} U(f, P_2) = \overline{\int_a^b f}.$

□

Notation: $\mathcal{R}[a, b] = \{ f \in \mathcal{B}[a, b] : f \text{ is Riemann integrable.} \}.$

Fact: Suppose $f \in \mathcal{B}[a, b]$. Then

$$f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b] \iff \underline{\int_a^b f} \geq \overline{\int_a^b f}.$$

Q: $\mathcal{B}[a, b] = \mathcal{R}[a, b] ?$

Ans: No!

eg: Consider the Dirichlet $f_D: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by:

$$f_D(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q}^c \cap [0, 1] \end{cases}$$

Clearly, $f_D \in \mathcal{B}[0, 1]$.

Suppose $P: 0 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = 1$ be a partition of $[0, 1]$.

Recall: $I_j := [x_{j-1}, x_j]$.

$$\Rightarrow I_j \cap \mathbb{Q} \neq \emptyset \quad \& \quad I_j \cap \mathbb{Q}^c \neq \emptyset, \quad \forall j=1, \dots, n.$$

$$\Rightarrow m_j = 0 \quad \& \quad M_j = 1 \quad \forall j=1, \dots, n.$$

$$\therefore L(f, P) = 0 \quad \& \quad U(f, P) = 1. \quad [\text{By the def'n's. of } L \& U].$$

$$\forall P \in \mathcal{P}[0,1].$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 f = 0 \quad \neq \quad 1 = \overline{\int_0^1 f}.$$

$$\Rightarrow f \notin \mathcal{R}[0,1].$$

□

eg: ($\mathcal{R}[a,b] \neq \emptyset$):

Fix $c \in \mathbb{R}$ & define $f(x) = c \quad \forall x \in [a,b]$.

$$\text{Then, } \forall P \in \mathcal{P}[a,b], \quad L(f, P) = c \times (b-a) = U(f, P).$$

↑ why? check.

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b f = c \times (b-a) = \overline{\int_a^b f}$$

$$\Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{R}[a,b] \quad \& \quad \int_a^b f = c(b-a).$$

□

eg: $\exists f$ s.t. $|f| \in \mathcal{R}[a,b]$ but $f \notin \mathcal{R}[a,b]$.

$$\text{Consider } f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in [0,1] \cap \mathbb{Q} \\ -1 & \text{if } x \in [0,1] \cap \mathbb{Q}^c \end{cases}.$$

Clearly, $f \in \mathcal{B}[0,1]$. Here $|f| \equiv 1 \Rightarrow |f| \in \mathcal{R}[0,1]$.

But $f \notin \mathcal{R}[0,1]$, \leftarrow HW.

□