

Math 118B HW3 - Lebesgue Criterion of Riemann Integrability

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The goal of this Homework is to understand and prove the Lebesgue Criterion of Riemann Integrability.

Setup 1

Definition 1 A set $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ is said to be of measure zero if given $\epsilon > 0$ there is a countable collection of open intervals $\{I_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ which covers E , i.e. $E \subseteq \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+} I_j$ and such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |I_j| < \epsilon$$

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Question 1 Prove that every countable set of \mathbb{R} is a set of measure zero.

Pf:

Given $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ that is countable, then there exists a bijection $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, which generates an index for all element $a \in E$.

Then, given any $\epsilon > 0$, for all $a \in E$, let $j = f(a)$, consider the open interval $I_j = (a - \frac{\epsilon}{2^{j+2}}, a + \frac{\epsilon}{2^{j+2}})$: the collection $\{I_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ is countable, and $E \subseteq \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+} I_j$, since for all $a \in E$, let $j = f(a) \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, we have $f(a) \in I_j = (a - \frac{\epsilon}{2^{j+2}}, a + \frac{\epsilon}{2^{j+2}})$.

On the other hand, the following is true for the length of the countable set:

$$\forall j \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \quad |I_j| = \left| (a + \frac{\epsilon}{2^{j+2}}) - (a - \frac{\epsilon}{2^{j+2}}) \right| = \left| 2 \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2^{j+2}} \right| = \frac{\epsilon}{2^{j+1}}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |I_j| = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon}{2^{j+1}} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \epsilon$$

The above series is converging since it's a geometric series with radius $\frac{1}{2} < 1$. Hence, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there is a countable collection of open intervals covering E with the series of length bounded by ϵ , proving that E the countable set has measure 0.

Question 2 Prove that the countable union of sets of measure zero has measure zero.

Pf:

Let $\{E_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$ be a countable collection of sets, each with measure 0. Then, for any given $\epsilon > 0$, for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, since $\frac{\epsilon}{2^n} > 0$, there exists a countable collection of open interval $\{I_j^n\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$, with $E_n \subseteq \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+} I_j^n$, and $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |I_j^n| < \frac{\epsilon}{2^n}$.

Now, consider the collection $\mathcal{F} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \{I_j^n\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+}$, a countable union of "countable collection of open intervals", which is again countable. Which, since $E_n \subseteq \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+} I_j^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, then:

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} E_n \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \left(\bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+} I_j^n \right)$$

Which the left side is countable union of sets with measure 0, while the right side is the union of open intervals in family \mathcal{F} .

Then, to consider the length of \mathcal{F} , since it is countable, there exists a bijection $f : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ that generates the index. Which, for the first k elements in this index of \mathcal{F} , the elements are $\{I_{j_1}^{n_1}, \dots, I_{j_k}^{n_k}\}$. let $J = \max\{j_1, \dots, j_k\}$ and $N = \max\{n_1, \dots, n_k\}$, then these elements are in the collection $\bigcup_{n=1}^N \{I_j^n\}_{j=1}^J$. Which, the collection has the length being bounded:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \in \{1, \dots, N\}, \quad \sum_{j=1}^J |I_j^n| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |I_j^n| = \frac{\epsilon}{2^n} \\ \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\sum_{j=1}^J |I_j^n| \right) &\leq \sum_{j=1}^J |I_j^n| \leq \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\epsilon}{2^n} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon}{2^n} = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

The above two inequalities are true, since each partial sum is monotonically non-decreasing, and bounded above. Hence, the sum of length $s_k = \sum_{i=1}^k |I_{j_i}^{n_i}| \leq \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\sum_{j=1}^J |I_j^n| \right) \leq \epsilon$ for any positive integer k , while this partial sum of length s_k is also monotonically non-decreasing, hence the series of length converges, and the following is true:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} s_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |I_{j_k}^{n_k}| = \sup\{s_k\} \leq \epsilon$$

(Note: since ϵ is the upper bound of the partial sums, hence the above inequality is true). Then, since \mathcal{F} covers the $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} E_n$, and the series of \mathcal{F} elements' length satisfy $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |I_{j_k}^{n_k}| \leq \epsilon$, then we can conclude that $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} E_n$ has measure 0.

Question 3 Let E be the set of all $x \in [0, 1]$ whose decimal expansion contains only the digits 4 and 7. We have seen that E is uncountable. Prove that E is a set of measure zero.

Pf:

From the description, $E = \{x \in [0, 1] \mid x = 0.a_1a_2\dots a_n\dots, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, a_n \in \{4, 7\}\}$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $E_n = \{x \in [0, 1] \mid x = 0.a_1a_2\dots a_n\dots, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, a_i \in \{4, 7\}\}$ (set of reals in $[0, 1]$ with the first n decimals being 4 or 7).

Notice that for $n \geq 2$, there are $2^{(n-1)}$ distinct cases for $0.a_1a_2\dots a_{(n-1)}$ (first $(n-1)$ decimals) in E_n , then for each case, if $x \in E_n$ has this arrangement for the first $(n-1)$ decimals:

$$0.a_1a_2\dots a_{(n-1)}3 < x < 0.a_1a_2\dots a_{(n-1)}8$$

Hence, for each arrangement, they're contained in the open interval $(0.a_1a_2\dots a_{(n-1)}3, 0.a_1a_2\dots a_{(n-1)}8)$, which has length $(0.a_1a_2\dots a_{(n-1)}8 - 0.a_1a_2\dots a_{(n-1)}3) = \frac{8-3}{10^n} = \frac{5}{10^n}$.

All $2^{(n-1)}$ collection of these open intervals would cover E_n , since the first $(n-1)$ decimals for each $x \in E_n$ must be some arrangement of 4 and 7. Hence, E_n can be covered by unions of $2^{(n-1)}$ open intervals, each with length $\frac{5}{10^n}$, hence the total length of the open cover is $2^{(n-1)} \cdot 5 \cdot \frac{1}{10^n} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{10}\right)^{(n-1)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{(n-1)}$.

Now, since for each $x \in E$, the first n decimals are consist of 4 and 7, hence $x \in E_n$, or $E \subseteq E_n$. From the previous part, since for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the set E_n could be covered by a finite collection of open intervals with sum of length $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{(n-1)}$, so does the set E .

Then, because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{(n-1)} = 0$, then for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists n , with $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{(n-1)} < \epsilon$. Hence, choose the collection of open intervals for E_n (along with countable empty sets), E can be covered with the given collection of open intervals, with total length $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{(n-1)} < \epsilon$, showing that E in fact has measure 0.

Setup 2

Definition 2 Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded function, $(b - a) < \infty$. For $x \in [a, b]$ and $\eta > 0$ define

$$\Omega(f, x, \eta) = \sup\{|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| : x_1, x_2 \in (x - \eta, x + \eta) \cap [a, b]\}$$

and the oscillation of f at a point $x \in [a, b]$

$$\omega_f(x) = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \Omega(f, x, \eta) = \inf_{\eta > 0} \{\Omega(f, x, \eta)\}$$

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Question 4 Prove that $\omega_f(x)$ is defined for any $x \in [a, b]$.

Pf:

Given any $x \in [a, b]$, and $\eta_1, \eta_2 > 0$ with $\eta_1 > \eta_2$, since $(x - \eta_2, x + \eta_2) \subset (x - \eta_1, x + \eta_1)$, hence:

$$\{|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| : x_1, x_2 \in (x - \eta_2, x + \eta_2) \cap [a, b]\} \subseteq \{|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| : x_1, x_2 \in (x - \eta_1, x + \eta_1) \cap [a, b]\}$$

This implies $\Omega(f, x, \eta_2) \leq \Omega(f, x, \eta_1)$, since the supremum of the set on the right, is also an upper bound of the set on the left.

On the other hand, since the set $\{|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| : x_1, x_2 \in (x - \eta, x + \eta) \cap [a, b]\}$ for all $\eta > 0$ is a collection of distance in \mathbb{R} , hence 0 is always a lower bound of the set, showing that $0 \leq \Omega(f, x, \eta)$.

Now, since for all $\eta > 0$, the value $\Omega(f, x, \eta)$ is bounded below by 0 for all $\eta > 0$, this implies $\inf_{\eta > 0} \{\Omega(f, x, \eta)\}$ exists. Then, to prove that $\lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \Omega(f, x, \eta) = \inf_{\eta > 0} \{\Omega(f, x, \eta)\} = \omega$, for all $\epsilon > 0$, since $\omega + \epsilon$ is no longer a lower bound of the set, there exists $\eta > 0$, with $\omega \leq \Omega(f, x, \eta) < \omega + \epsilon$. Then, choose $\delta = \eta > 0$, for all $\mu' > 0$ with $\mu' < \mu = \delta$, from the previous section, $\omega \leq \Omega(f, x, \eta') \leq \Omega(f, x, \eta) < \omega + \epsilon$, hence:

$$|\omega - \Omega(f, x, \eta')| < \epsilon$$

This demonstrates that $\lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} \Omega(f, x, \eta) = \omega = \inf_{\eta > 0} \{\Omega(f, x, \eta)\}$, hence $\omega_f(x)$ is defined.

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Question 5 Prove that f is continuous at x_0 if and only if $\omega_f(x_0) = 0$.

Pf:

\implies : Suppose f is continuous at x_0 , for all $\epsilon > 0$ (since $\frac{\epsilon}{2} > 0$), there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|x - x_0| < \delta$ implies $|f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon$. Then, choose $\eta = \delta$, consider $\Omega(f, x_0, \delta) = \sup\{|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| : x_1, x_2 \in (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta) \cap [a, b]\}$:

For all $x_1, x_2 \in (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta) \cap [a, b]$, since $x_1, x_2 \in B_\delta(x_0)$, then by assumption $|f(x_1) - f(x_0)|, |f(x_2) - f(x_0)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. Hence, the following is true:

$$|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| = |(f(x_1) - f(x_0)) + (f(x_0) - f(x_2))| \leq |f(x_1) - f(x_0)| + |f(x_2) - f(x_0)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$$

Hence, ϵ is an upper bound of the set $\{|f(x_1) - f(x_2)| : x_1, x_2 \in (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta) \cap [a, b]\}$, showing that $\Omega(f, x_0, \delta) \leq \epsilon$.

Because the choice $\epsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, then with the corresponding $\delta > 0$, $\omega_f(x_0)\Omega(f, x_0, \delta) \leq \epsilon$. Then, $\omega_f(x_0) \leq \epsilon$ for all $\epsilon > 0$, showing that $\omega_f(x_0) \leq 0$; also, $\omega_f(x_0)$ is an infimum of all nonnegative numbers (in 4 we've proven $0 \leq \Omega(f, x, \eta)$ for all $\eta > 0$), hence $\omega_f(x_0) \geq 0$. The two statements imply $\omega_f(x_0) = 0$.

\Leftarrow : Suppose $\omega_f(x_0) = 0$. Then, by definition, for all $\epsilon > 0$, since $\epsilon = 0 + \epsilon$ is no longer a lower bound of the set $\{\Omega(f, x_0, \eta) \mid \eta > 0\}$, there exists $\delta = \eta > 0$, such that $0 \leq \Omega(f, x_0, \delta) < \epsilon$.

Hence, for all $x \in B_\delta(x_0) \cap [a, b]$, $|f(x) - f(x_0)| \leq \Omega(f, x_0, \delta) < \epsilon$, proving that f is continuous at x_0 .

The above two implications shows that f is continuous at x_0 if and only if $\omega_f(x_0) = 0$.

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Question 6 Prove that for any $\mu > 0$ the set $A_\mu = \{x \in [a, b] : \omega_f(x) \geq \mu\}$ is compact.

Pf:

Since $A_\mu \subseteq [a, b]$ while $[a, b]$ is compact, then to prove that A_μ is compact, it suffices to show that A_μ is closed, or $A'_\mu \subseteq A_\mu$.

For all $x_0 \in A'_\mu$, for every radius $r > 0$, there exists $x_1 \in B_r(x_0) \setminus \{x_0\} \cap A_\mu$. Hence, $\omega_f(x_1) \geq \mu$.

Now, take $\eta = r - |x_0 - x_1| > 0$, for all $x \in B_\eta(x_1)$, since $|x - x_1| < \eta = r - |x_0 - x_1|$, then:

$$|x - x_0| = |(x - x_1) + (x_1 - x_0)| \leq |x - x_1| + |x_1 - x_0| < (r - |x_0 - x_1|) + |x_1 - x_0| = r$$

This indicates that $x \in B_r(x_0)$, or $B_\eta(x_1) \subseteq B_r(x_0)$.

Hence, for all $x_c, x_d \in (B_\eta(x_1) \cap [a, b]) \subseteq (B_r(x_0) \cap [a, b])$, since the following is true:

$$|f(x_c) - f(x_d)| \leq \Omega(f, x_0, r) = \sup\{|f(x) - f(x')| : x, x' \in B_r(x_0) \cap [a, b]\}$$

Hence, $\Omega(f, x_0, r)$ is an upper bound of the set $\{|f(x) - f(x')| : x, x' \in B_\eta(x_1) \cap [a, b]\}$, which implies the following:

$$\Omega(f, x_0, r) \geq \Omega(f, x_1, \eta) = \sup\{|f(x) - f(x')| : x, x' \in B_\eta(x_1) \cap [a, b]\}$$

Thus, we can further conclude that $\Omega(f, x_0, r) \geq \Omega(f, x_1, \eta) \geq \omega_f(x_1) \geq \mu$.

Now, because for all $r > 0$, $\Omega(f, x_0, r) \geq \mu$, then μ is the lower bound of the set $\{\Omega(f, x_0, r) \mid r > 0\}$, showing that $\mu \leq \omega_f(x_0) = \inf\{\Omega(f, x_0, r) \mid r > 0\}$. Hence, $x_0 \in A_\mu$, showing that $A'_\mu \subseteq A_\mu$.

This proves that A_μ is closed, and since $A_mu \subseteq [a, b]$ a compact set, then A_μ is also compact.

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Question 7 Prove that the set of discontinuities of f can be written as

$$D_f = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+} A_{1/j} = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \left\{ x \in [a, b] : \omega_f(x) \geq \frac{1}{j} \right\}$$

Pf:

In **Question 5**, we've proven the equivalence of continuity at x_0 and $\omega_f(x_0) = 0$, hence $x \in [a, b]$ is a discontinuity of f iff $\omega_f(x) \neq 0$ (which actually is $\omega_f(x) > 0$). Hence, $D_f = \{x \in [a, b] \mid \omega_f(x) > 0\}$.

Now, for all $x \in D_f$, since $\omega_f(x) > 0$, by Archimedean's Property, there exists $j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, with $\omega_f(x) > \frac{1}{j} > 0$, this implies $x \in A_{1/j} = \left\{ x \in [a, b] : \omega_f(x) \geq \frac{1}{j} \right\}$, hence $x \in \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+} A_{1/j}$. This implies $D_f \subseteq \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+} A_{1/j}$.

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Question 8 Prove that if for some $\epsilon > 0$, $\omega_f(x) < \epsilon$ for any $x \in [a, b]$, then there exists $\eta > 0$ such that for all $x \in [a, b]$,

$$\Omega(f, x, \eta) < \epsilon$$

Pf:

Suppose there exists $\epsilon > 0$, with $\omega_f(x) < \epsilon$ for all $x \in [a, b]$, then since ϵ is not a lower bound of the set $\{\Omega(f, x, \eta) \mid \eta > 0\}$, then there exists $\eta_x > 0$, such that $\omega_f(x) \leq \Omega(f, x, \eta_x) < \epsilon$.

Now, consider the collection of open intervals $\mathcal{F} = \{(x - \eta_x/2, x + \eta_x/2) \mid x \in [a, b]\}$: Since $[a, b] \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{F}$, then \mathcal{F} is an open cover of $[a, b]$; hence, by the compactness of $[a, b]$, there exists $x_1, \dots, x_n \in [a, b]$, such that $[a, b] \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_{x_i}/2, x_i + \mu_{x_i}/2)$.

Then, let $\eta = \min\{\frac{1}{2}\eta_{x_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{2}\eta_{x_n}\} > 0$. For all $x \in [a, b]$, from the above construction, there exists $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $x \in B_{\eta_{x_i}/2}(x_i)$. Now, consider the set $S = \{|f(x_c) - f(x_d)| : x_c, x_d \in (x - \eta, x + \eta) \cap [a, b]\}$: For all $x_c, x_d \in (x - \eta, x + \eta) \cap [a, b]$, they satisfy $|x_c - x|, |x_d - x| < \mu \leq \frac{1}{2}\eta_{x_i}$. Hence, the following inequalities are true:

$$|x_c - x_i| = |(x_c - x) + (x - x_i)| \leq |x_c - x| + |x - x_i| < \frac{1}{2}\eta_{x_i} + \frac{1}{2}\eta_{x_i} = \eta_{x_i}$$

$$|x_d - x_i| = |(x_d - x) + (x - x_i)| \leq |x_d - x| + |x - x_i| < \frac{1}{2}\eta_{x_i} + \frac{1}{2}\eta_{x_i} = \eta_{x_i}$$

These two inequalities imply $x_c, x_d \in (x_i - \eta_{x_i}, x_i + \eta_{x_i})$, which $|f(x_c) - f(x_d)| \leq \Omega(f, x_i, \eta_{x_i})$. Hence, $\Omega(f, x_i, \eta_{x_i})$ is an upper bound of the set S , showing that $\sup(S) = \Omega(f, x, \eta) \leq \Omega(f, x_i, \eta_{x_i}) < \epsilon$ regarding the initial construction.

So, this $\eta > 0$ satisfies the desired condition.

Proof of the Main Theorem

Theorem 1 *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded function $(b - a) < \infty$. Then f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ if and only if the set of discontinuities of f , D_f is a set of measure zero.*

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Question 9 *Prove the theorem.*

Pf:

\Rightarrow : We'll approach this by contradiction. Suppose $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Riemann Integrable, yet D_f has measure greater than 0.

In **Question 7**, we've proven that $D_f = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+} A_{1/j}$ (Countable union of A_j), with $A_{1/j}$ being defined in **Question 6**. With the assumption that D_f has measure 0, there exists $j_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, with A_{1/j_0} having measure greater than 0: If all $j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ has measure 0, then by the statement proven in **Question 2**, the countable union $D_f = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_+} A_{1/j}$ should also have measure 0, which contradicts the assumption.

With the given $j_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, consider any partition $P = \{x_0 = a, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n = b\}$ with $x_{i-1} < x_i$ for all index i .

\Leftarrow :