



## Riemann-Stieltjes integral

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Let  $f$  and  $\alpha$  be bounded, real-valued functions defined upon a closed finite interval  $I = [a, b]$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  ( $a \neq b$ ),  $P = \{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$  a partition of  $I$ , and  $t_i$  a point of the subinterval  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ . A sum of the form

$$S(P, f, \alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(t_i)(\alpha(x_i) - \alpha(x_{i-1}))$$

is called a **Riemann-Stieltjes sum** of  $f$  with respect to  $\alpha$ .  $f$  is said to be **Riemann Stieltjes integrable with respect to  $\alpha$**  on  $I$  if there exists  $A \in \mathbb{R}$  such that given any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a partition  $P_\epsilon$  of  $I$  for which, for all  $P$  finer than  $P_\epsilon$  and for every choice of points  $t_i$ , we have

$$|S(P, f, \alpha) - A| < \epsilon$$

If such an  $A$  exists, then it is unique and is known as the **Riemann-Stieltjes integral of  $f$  with respect to  $\alpha$** .  $f$  is known as the **integrand** and  $\alpha$  the **integrator**. The integral is denoted by

$$\int_a^b f d\alpha \quad \text{or} \quad \int_a^b f(x) d\alpha(x)$$