



# continuous functions of several variables are Riemann summable

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**Theorem 1.** *Continuous functions defined on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are Riemann integrable.*

*Proof.* Let  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. Since  $f$  is defined on a compact set,  $f$  is uniformly continuous i.e. given  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|x - y| \leq \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| \leq \epsilon$ . Let  $R > 0$  be large enough so that  $D \subset (-R, R)^n$  (such an  $R$  exists because  $D$  is bounded). Let  $P$  be a polyrectangle such that  $D \subset \cup P \subset (-R, R)^n$  and such that every rectangle  $R$  in  $P$  has diameter which is less than  $\delta$ . So one has  $\sup_R f(x) - \inf_R f(x) \leq \epsilon$  and hence

$$S^*(f, P) - S_*(f, P) \leq \epsilon \sum_{Q \in P} \text{meas}(Q) \leq \epsilon \text{meas}(P) \leq \epsilon \text{meas}[-R, R]^n = \epsilon 2^n R^n.$$

Letting  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  one concludes that  $S^*(f) = S_*(f)$ . □