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1 Week 3 Review:

- Indefinite Integral $\int f(x)dx$
 - Definition
 - Technique
 - Rationalization $R(x, y), P(x, y) = 0$

1.1 Definite Integral

Def: Partition

Let $[a, b]$ be a closed interval.

Denote by

$$T : a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_n = b$$

a partition of $[a, b]$

$$\bar{T}\bar{T} := \max_{a \leq i \leq n-1} x_{i-1} - x_i$$

We use

$\Omega[a, b]$ to denote all partitions on $[a, b]$

Def: Marked Partition

$$\Omega^*[a, b]$$

1.2 Riemann Sum

Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

The Riemann Sum

$$\sigma(f, \Gamma, \eta) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(\eta_i) \Delta x_i, \quad \Delta x_i = x_{i+1} - x_i$$

Def: Riemann Integral

If $\int \in \mathbb{R}$ is the limit of the Riemann Sum, in the sense.

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow 0} \sigma(f, \Gamma, \eta) = S$$

Then we call \int the Riemann integral of f on $[a, b]$ denoted by $\int_a^b f(x)dx$. This is just a real number.

$$\rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall (\Gamma, \eta) \in \Omega^*[a, b], |\Gamma| < \delta \implies |\sigma(f, \Gamma, \eta) - S| < \epsilon$$

1.2.1 Remark

- We don't care about how we make the partition
- We don't care about the marked point.

1.2.2 Example: (Affine Function)

$$f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = kx + l$$

For any given partition, we pick some special marked point.

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_i &= \frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2} \\ \sigma(f, \Gamma, \eta) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) \Delta x_i \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(k \left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) + l\right) (x_{i+1} - x_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} k \frac{x_{i+1}^2 - x_i^2}{2} + l(x_{i+1} - x_i) \\ &= \frac{k(b^2 - a^2)}{2} + l(b - a) \end{aligned}$$

Now let $(\tilde{\Gamma}, \tilde{\eta})$ be an arbitrary marked partition.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(f, \tilde{\Gamma}, \tilde{\eta}) &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} f(\tilde{\eta}_i) \Delta x_i \\ |\sigma(f, \tilde{\Gamma}, \tilde{\eta}) - \left(\frac{k}{2}(b^2 - a^2) + l(b - a)\right)| \\ &= \left| \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (f(\tilde{\Gamma}_i) - f(\Gamma_i)) \Delta x_i \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} |k \Delta x_i| * \Delta x_i \leq \left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \Delta x_i \right) |k| |\Gamma| = (b - a) |k| |\Gamma| \end{aligned}$$

1.2.3 Remark

What if we had Cauchy Criterion, but for Riemann integral?

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \text{st} \forall (\Gamma_1, \eta_1), |\Gamma_2, \eta_2| \in \Omega^*[a, b]$$

$$|\Gamma_1, \eta_1|, |\Gamma_2, \eta_2| < \delta \implies |\sigma(f, \Gamma_1, \eta_1) - \sigma(f, \Gamma_2, \eta_2)| < \epsilon$$

1.3 Existence of Riemann Integral

Necessary Condition

$$f \in \mathbb{R}[a, b] \implies \exists M \geq 0, \text{st} |f| \leq M \text{ on } [a, b]$$

Proof:

If f is unbounded on $[a, b]$, we can divide this into partitions, say $\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3, \dots, \eta_6$.

At least one of these partitions must be unbounded as well, maybe multiple.

We then pick the unbounded partition, say η_3 . Let M be the sum of all other partitions which are bounded.

$$|\Delta x_3 f(\eta_3) + M| > 1$$

Now, we can continue to add more partitions to shrink them more and get a larger sum each time.

$$|\Delta x_n f(\eta_n) + M| \rightarrow \infty$$

However, this is the definition of Riemann integral, thus our Riemann integral is also unbounded. and does not exist.

1.3.1 Remark

Let $f : D \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

$$V_f(D) = \sup_{x, y \in D} |f(x) - f(y)|$$

Given a partition Γ , the total oscillation of f on Γ is defined as.

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1}$$

1.3.2 Proposition

Let f be the bounded function of $[a, b]$. Then $f \in \mathbb{R}[a, b]$ if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \forall \Gamma \in \Omega[a, b], |\Gamma| < \delta \implies \left| \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} V_f([x_i, x_{i+1}]) \Delta x_i \right| < \epsilon$$

1.3.3 Proof

Now, let $\epsilon > 0$, pick δ , st $\forall(\Gamma) \in \Omega^*[a, b], \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} V_f([x_i, x_{i+1}])\Delta x_i < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$.

$$\forall(\Gamma_1, \eta_1), (\Gamma_2, \eta_2) \in \Omega^*[a, b]$$

$$|\sigma(f, \Gamma_1, \eta_1) - \sigma(f, \Gamma_2, \eta_2)|$$

Now, take the union of Γ_1 and Γ_2 , this is a refinement on both of them.

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq |\sigma(f, \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2, \eta_1) - \sigma(f, \Gamma_2, \eta_2)| + |\sigma(f, \Gamma_1, \eta_1) - \sigma(f, \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2, \eta_1)| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \end{aligned}$$

1.3.4 Corollary 1

$$f \in C[a, b] \implies f \in \mathbb{R}[a, b]$$

1.3.5 Corollary 2

f is bounded and f has finitely many discontinuities, then $f \in \mathbb{R}[a, b]$ Proof: Assume there are k many discontinuities, numbered y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k . Choose a small interval around the discontinuities.

Now, take $[a, b] \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^k I_{\delta_i}(y_i)$. This is an open set which we can take a partition on.

Either a partition does not overlap with any discontinuity or it does. The parts which do not overlap have a max of $(b-a)\epsilon$.

A part which does overlap might lose $V_f([a, b])(2\delta_1 + 2\delta_2)k$.

Now, as we reduce δ_1, δ_2 , $(b-a)\epsilon$ does not so we have a value.

1.3.6 Corollary 3

If a function is monotonically increasing on $[a, b] \implies f \in \mathbb{R}[a, b]$.

Variation is controlled.

1.4 Refinement

Let Γ be a partition. A refinement of Γ is obtained by adding new points in Γ .

1.4.1 Remark

A typical idea is "refinement makes things more stable".

For example, refinement decreases the total oscillation on a partition.

Γ : Partition

$\tilde{\Gamma}$: Refinement of Γ

For example, we take

$$x_{ij}, i = 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

which are new points in $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma(f, \Gamma, \eta) - \sigma(f, \tilde{\Gamma}, \tilde{\eta}) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(\eta_i) \Delta x_i - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_j f(\eta_{ij}) \Delta x_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

We can take the sum of the small intervals within each interval.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_j f(\eta_i) \Delta x_i - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_j f(\eta_{ij}) \Delta x_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_j |f(\eta_i) - f(\eta_{ij})| \Delta x_{ij} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_j |V_f([x_i, x_{i+1}])| \Delta x_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n+1} V_f([x_i, x_{i+1}]) \Delta x_i \end{aligned}$$