

McGill University  
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MATH 243 Analysis 2, Winter 2017  
Assignment 4

You should carefully work out **all** problems. However, you only have to hand in solutions to **problems 2 and 3(b)**.

This assignment is due **Tuesday, February 7, at 2:30pm** in class. **Late assignments will not be accepted!**

1. Let  $a, b, c, d$  be real numbers with  $a \leq c \leq d \leq b$ . Show that the function

$$f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in [c, d] \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin [c, d] \end{cases}$$

(called an *elementary step function*) is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$  and that  $\int_a^b f = d - c$ .

2. Let

$$f(x) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{n} \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[0, 1]$  and compute  $\int_0^1 f$ .

Hint: Use the squeeze theorem.

3. (a) Use induction to prove the summation formula  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$ .

- (b) Show that  $x^2$  is Riemann integrable on the interval  $[0, 1]$  and compute  $\int_0^1 x^2 dx$ .

Hint: Consider a partition  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $[0, 1]$  into  $n$  intervals of equal width and define step functions  $\alpha$  and  $\omega$  with respect to this partition such that  $\alpha(x) \leq x^2 \leq \omega(x)$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Then compute  $\int_0^1 \alpha$  and  $\int_0^1 \omega$ .

4. (Hard) Let

$$f(x) := \begin{cases} \sin(1/x) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[0, 1]$ .

Hint: Use the squeeze theorem. Note that you are *not* expected to compute  $\int_0^1 f$ .

5. (a) Suppose that  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , that  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$  and that  $\int_a^b f = 0$ .  
Prove that  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .

- (b) Show by providing a concrete counterexample that the continuity condition in part (a) cannot be dropped.