

Summary | Riemann Integration

Introduction

Interval

Let $I = [a, b]$. Length of the interval $|I| = b - a$.

Disjoint interval

When 2 intervals don't share any common numbers.

Almost disjoint interval

When 2 intervals are disjoint or intersect only at a common endpoint.

Riemann Integral

Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded (not necessarily continuous) function on a closed, bounded (compact) interval.

Riemann integral of f is: $\int_a^b f$

Definite integral

When a, b are constants.

Indefinite integral

When a is a constant but b is replaced with x .

Partition

Let I be a non-empty, compact interval (closed and bounded). A partition of I is a finite collection $\{I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n\}$ of almost disjoint, non-empty, compact sub-intervals whose union is I .

A partition is determined by the endpoints of all sub-intervals:

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b.$$

A partition can be denoted by:

- its intervals - $P = \{I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n\}$
- the endpoints of its intervals - $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

Riemann Sum

Let

- $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded function on the compact interval $I = [a, b]$ with $M = \sup_I f$ and $m = \inf_I f$.
- $P = \{I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n\}$
- $M_k = \sup_{I_k} f = \sup \{f(x) : x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]\}$
- $m_k = \inf_{I_k} f = \inf \{f(x) : x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]\}$

Upper riemann sum

$$U(f; P) = \sum_{k=1}^n M_k |I_k|$$

Lower riemann sum

$$L(f; P) = \sum_{k=1}^n m_k |I_k|$$

$$m_k < M_k \implies L(f; P) \leq U(f; P)$$

When P_1, P_2 are any 2 partitions of I : $L(f; P_1) \leq U(f; P_2)$

Refinements

Q is called a refinement of $P \iff$ if P and Q are partitions of $[a, b]$ and $P \subseteq Q$.

When Q is a refinement of P :

$$L(f; P) \leq L(f; Q) \leq U(f; Q) \leq U(f; P)$$

Note

If P_1 and P_2 are partitions of $[a, b]$, then $Q = P_1 \cup P_2$ is a refinement of both P_1 and P_2 . In that case:

$$L(f; P_1) \leq L(f; Q) \leq U(f; Q) \leq U(f; P_2)$$

Upper & Lower integral

Let \mathbb{P} be the collection of all possible partitions of the interval $[a, b]$.

Upper Integral

$$U(f) = \inf \{U(f; P); P \in \mathbb{P}\} = \overline{\int_a^b f}$$

Lower Integral

$$L(f) = \sup \{L(f; P); P \in \mathbb{P}\} = \underline{\int_a^b f}$$

For a bounded function f , always $L(f) \leq U(f)$

Riemann Integrable

A bounded function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ **iff** $U(f) = L(f)$. In that case, the Riemann integral of f on $[a, b]$ is denoted by $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx$.

Reimann Integrable or not

Function	Yes or No?	Proof hint
Unbounded	No	By definition
Constant	Yes	$\forall P$ (any partition) $L(f; P) = U(f; P)$
Monotonically increasing/decreasing	Yes	Take a partition such that $\Delta x < \delta = \frac{\epsilon}{f(b) - f(a)}$
Continuous	Yes	Take a partition such that $\Delta x < \delta = \frac{\epsilon}{2(b-a)}$

Note

If the set of points of discontinuity of a bounded function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is finite, then f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$.

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If the set of points of discontinuity of a bounded function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is finite number of limit points, then f is integrable on $[a, b]$.

A function may have infinitely many discontinuous points, but if the set of all discontinuous points have finite number of limit points, then f is integrable on $[a, b]$.

Cauchy Criterion

Theorem

A bounded function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Riemann integrable **iff** for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a partition P_ϵ of $[a, b]$, which may depend on ϵ , such that:

$$U(f, P_\epsilon) - L(f, P_\epsilon) \leq \epsilon$$

① Proof Hint

- To prove \implies : consider $L(f) - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ and $U(f) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$
- To prove \impliedby : consider $L(f; P) < L(f) \wedge U(f) < U(f; P)$

① Note

$f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable on $[a, b]$ when:

- The set of points of discontinuity of a bounded function f is finite.
- The set of points of discontinuity of a bounded function f is finite number of limit points.
(may have infinite number of discontinuities) :::

Theorems on Integrability

Theorem 1

Suppose $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded, and integrable on $[c, b]$ for all $c \in (a, b)$. Then f is integrable on $[a, b]$. Also valid for the other end.

① Proof Hint

- Isolate a partition on the required end.
- Choose x_1 or x_{n-1} such that $\Delta x < \frac{\epsilon}{4M}$ where M is an upper or lower bound.

Theorem 2

Suppose $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded, and continuous on $[c, b]$ for all $c \in (a, b)$. Then f is integrable on $[a, b]$. Also valid for the other end.

⚠ TODO: Proof Hint