

We start with a lemma.

**Lemma 1** (Exchanging the order of integration). *If  $f(x)$  is smooth enough, we have*

$$\int_0^a \int_0^x f(x, y) dy dx = \int_0^a \int_y^a f(x, y) dx dy, \quad (1)$$

where  $a \geq 0$ .

The ‘proof’ can be shown in Figure 1.

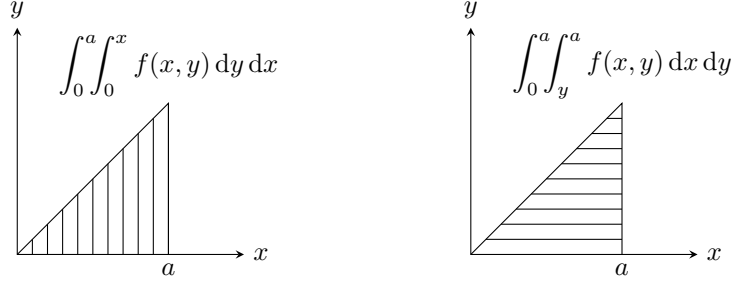


Figure 1: ‘Proof’ of Lemma 1.

And a definition.

**Definition 2** (The integrator  $I$ ).  $I_a^b f(x)$  is defined as

$$I_a^b f(x) := \int_a^b f(x) dx. \quad (2)$$

Then comes the proposition.

**Proposition 3** (Multiple integration). *If  $f(x)$  is smooth enough, we have*

$$I_n f(x) := I_0^{x_0} \prod_{i=1}^n (I_0^x) f(x) = \int_0^{x_0} \frac{(x_0 - x)^n}{n!} f(x) dx, \quad (3)$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* First, the proposition holds for  $n = 0$ . Then we assume it holds for  $n = k$ , and we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{k+1} f(x) &= I_k(I_0^x f(x)) = \int_0^{x_0} \frac{(x_0 - x)^k}{k!} \left( \int_0^x f(t) dt \right) dx \\ &= \int_0^{x_0} \int_0^x \frac{(x_0 - x)^k}{k!} f(t) dt dx \\ &= \int_0^{x_0} \int_t^{x_0} \frac{(x_0 - x)^k}{k!} f(t) dx dt \\ &= \int_0^{x_0} \frac{(x_0 - t)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{x_0} \frac{(x_0 - x)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f(x) dx. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$