

The inequality $|\int f(x)dx| \leq \int |f(x)|dx$ follows from converting to the Riemann sum and applying triangle inequality to the terms in the Riemann sum.

Exercise 8.4.12

Assume $f(x, t)$ is continuous on the rectangle $D = [a, b] \times [c, d]$. Explain why the function $F(x) = \int_c^d f(x, t)dt$ is defined for $x \in [a, b]$.

Fix $x \in [a, b]$. Since $f(x, t)$ is continuous at $t \in [c, d]$, it is integrable on $[c, d]$, so the integral (which is being taken with respect to t) exists, that is, $F(x)$ is defined.

Theorem 8.4.5

If $f(x, t)$ is continuous on D , then $F(x) = \int_c^d f(x, t)dt$ is uniformly continuous on $[a, b]$.

Proof:

Since $f(x, t)$ is continuous on D , it is uniformly continuous on D , so for all $\epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\forall (x, t), (x_0, t_0) \in D$, if $|(x, t) - (x_0, t_0)| < \delta$ then $|f(x, t) - f(x_0, t_0)| < \epsilon/(d - c)$. Now let $\epsilon > 0$, pick the same δ as above, let $x, y \in [a, b]$, and let $|x - y| < \delta$, which certainly implies $|(x, t) - (y, t)| < \delta$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |F(x) - F(y)| &= \left| \int_c^d f(x, t)dt - \int_c^d f(y, t)dt \right| = \left| \int_c^d f(x, t) - f(y, t)dt \right| \\ &\leq \int_c^d |f(x, t) - f(y, t)|dt < \int_c^d \frac{\epsilon}{d - c}dt = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 8.4.6

If $f(x, t)$ and $f_x(x, t)$ are continuous on D , then $F(x) = \int_c^d f(x, t)dt$ is differentiable and $F'(x) = \int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt$.

Proof:

So $f_x(x, t)$ is continuous on D , it is uniformly continuous on D , so for all $\epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\forall (x, t), (x_0, t_0) \in D$, if $|(x, t) - (x_0, t_0)| < \delta$ then $|f_x(x, t) - f_x(x_0, t_0)| < \epsilon/(d - c)$. Now let $\epsilon > 0$, pick the same δ as above, let $z, x \in [a, b]$, and let $|z - x| < \delta$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{F(z) - F(x)}{z - x} - \int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt \right| &= \left| \frac{\int_c^d f(z, t)dt - \int_c^d f(x, t)dt}{z - x} - \int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt \right| \\ &= \left| \int_c^d \frac{f(z, t) - f(x, t)}{z - x} - f_x(x, t)dt \right| \end{aligned}$$

Since $f(x, t)$ is continuous on D and $f_x(x, t)$ exists on D , by MVT there exists k in

between x and z such that $f(z, t) - f(x, t) = f_x(k, t)(z - x)$. But then certainly we have $|(k, t) - (x, t)| < \delta$ since $|z - x| < \delta$, therefore,

$$= \left| \int_c^d f_x(k, t) - f_x(x, t) dt \right| \leq \int_c^d |f_x(k, t) - f_x(x, t)| dt < \int_c^d \frac{\epsilon}{d - c} dt = \epsilon$$

Hence $F'(x) = \lim_{z \rightarrow x} \frac{F(z) - F(x)}{z - x} = \int_c^d f_x(x, t) dt$ as desired.

Definition 8.4.7

Given $f(x, t)$ defined on $\{(x, t) : x \in A, c \leq t\}$, assume $F(x) = \int_c^\infty f(x, t) dt$ exists for all $x \in A$. We say the integral $\int_c^\infty f(x, t) dt$ converges uniformly to $F(x)$ on A if $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists M > c$ s.t. $\forall d \geq M$ and $\forall x \in A$ we have $\left| F(x) - \int_c^d f(x, t) dt \right| < \epsilon$. An immediate consequence of this definition is that the sequence of functions $F_n(x) = \int_c^{c+n} f(x, t) dt$ converges to $F(x)$ uniformly on A .

Theorem 8.4.8

If $f(x, t)$ is continuous on $D = [a, b] \times [c, \infty)$, then $F(x) = \int_c^\infty f(x, t) dt$ is uniformly continuous on $[a, b]$ provided the integral $\int_c^\infty f(x, t) dt$ converges uniformly.

Proof:

Since the integral converges uniformly, $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists M \geq c$ s.t. $\forall d \geq M$ and $\forall x \in [a, b]$ we have $\left| F(x) - \int_c^d f(x, t) dt \right| < \epsilon/3$.

But since $f(x, t)$ is continuous on $D' = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ for any $d \geq M$, we know $\int_c^d f(x, t) dt$ is uniformly continuous on D' by Theorem 8.4.5 so $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\forall (x, t), (x_0, t_0) \in D'$, if $|(x, t) - (x_0, t_0)| < \delta$ then $|f(x, t) - f(x_0, t_0)| < \epsilon/(3(d - c))$.

Now let $\epsilon > 0$, pick the same M as above, let $d \geq M$, define $D' = [a, b] \times [c, d]$, choose the above δ corresponding to the aforementioned D' and ϵ , let $x, y \in [a, b]$, and let $|x - y| < \delta$, which certainly implies $|(x, t) - (y, t)| < \delta$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |F(x) - F(y)| &= \left| F(x) - \int_c^d f(x, t) dt + \int_c^d f(x, t) dt - \int_c^d f(y, t) dt + \int_c^d f(y, t) dt - F(y) \right| \\ &\leq \left| F(x) - \int_c^d f(x, t) dt \right| + \left| \int_c^d f(x, t) dt - \int_c^d f(y, t) dt \right| + \left| \int_c^d f(y, t) dt - F(y) \right| \\ &\leq \left| F(x) - \int_c^d f(x, t) dt \right| + \int_c^d |f(x, t) - f(y, t)| dt + \left| \int_c^d f(y, t) dt - F(y) \right| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \int_c^d \frac{\epsilon}{3(d - c)} dt + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 8.4.9

Assume $f(x, t)$ is continuous on $D = [a, b] \times [c, \infty)$ and $F(x) = \int_c^\infty f(x, t)dt$ exists for each $x \in [a, b]$. Further assume $f_x(x, t)$ exists and is continuous on D . Then $F'(x) = \int_c^\infty f_x(x, t)dt$ provided the integral $\int_c^\infty f_x(x, t)dt$ converges uniformly.

Proof:

Since the integral converges uniformly, $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists M \geq c$ s.t. $\forall d \geq M$ and $\forall x \in [a, b]$ we have $\left| \int_c^\infty f_x(x, t)dt - \int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt \right| < \epsilon/3$.

But since $f_x(x, t)$ is continuous on $D' = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ for any $d \geq M$, we know

$\int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt$ is uniformly continuous on D' by Theorem 8.4.5 so $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$

s.t. $\forall (x, t), (x_0, t_0) \in D'$, if $|(x, t) - (x_0, t_0)| < \delta$ then $|f_x(x, t) - f_x(x_0, t_0)| < \epsilon/(3(d - c))$.

Now let $\epsilon > 0$, pick the same M as above, let $d \geq M$, define $D' = [a, b] \times [c, d]$, choose the above δ corresponding to the aforementioned D' and ϵ , let $z, x \in [a, b]$, and let $|z - x| < \delta$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{F(z) - F(x)}{z - x} - \int_c^\infty f_x(x, t)dt \right| &= \left| \frac{F(z) - F(x)}{z - x} - \int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt + \int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt - \int_c^\infty f_x(x, t)dt \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{F(z) - F(x)}{z - x} - \int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt \right| + \left| \int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt - \int_c^\infty f_x(x, t)dt \right| \\ &< \left| \frac{\int_c^\infty f(z, t)dt - \int_c^\infty f(x, t)dt}{z - x} - \int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt \right| + \frac{\epsilon}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\int_c^\infty f(x, t)dt$ exists at x and z , we can use linearity of the integral,

$$= \left| \int_c^\infty \frac{f(z, t) - f(x, t)}{z - x} dt - \int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt \right| + \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

Since $f(x, t)$ is continuous on D and $f_x(x, t)$ exists on D , by MVT there exists k between x and z such that $f(z, t) - f(x, t) = f_x(k, t)(z - x)$. But then certainly we have $|(k, t) - (x, t)| < \delta$ since $|z - x| < \delta$, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left| \int_c^\infty f_x(k, t)dt - \int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt \right| + \frac{\epsilon}{3} \\ &= \left| \int_c^\infty f_x(k, t)dt - \int_c^d f_x(k, t)dt + \int_c^d f_x(k, t)dt - \int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt \right| + \frac{\epsilon}{3} \\ &\leq \left| \int_c^\infty f_x(k, t)dt - \int_c^d f_x(k, t)dt \right| + \left| \int_c^d f_x(k, t)dt - \int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt \right| + \frac{\epsilon}{3} \end{aligned}$$

As usual, $\left| \int_c^d f_x(k, t)dt - \int_c^d f_x(x, t)dt \right| = \left| \int_c^d f_x(k, t) - f_x(x, t)dt \right| \leq \int_c^d |f_x(k, t) - f_x(x, t)|dt < \int_c^d \frac{\epsilon}{3(d - c)}dt = \epsilon/3$,

$$< \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \epsilon$$

Cauchy Criterion for Improper Integrals

We say $\int_a^\infty f(x, t)dt$ is uniformly Cauchy on A if $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists M > c$ s.t. $\forall d_1, d_2 \geq M$ and $\forall x \in A$ we have $\left| \int_c^{d_1} f(x, t)dt - \int_c^{d_2} f(x, t)dt \right| < \epsilon$. Then $\int_a^\infty f(x, t)dt$ converges uniformly on A if and only if $\int_a^\infty f(x, t)dt$ is uniformly Cauchy on A .

If $\int_a^\infty f(x, t)dt$ is uniformly Cauchy on A , then by viewing $\left(\int_c^n f(x, t)dt \right)_{n=1}^\infty$ as a sequence of functions of x , we see that $\left(\int_c^{c+n} f(x, t)dt \right)_{n=1}^\infty$ is uniformly Cauchy and hence uniformly convergent on A , so $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. if $n \geq N$ and $x \in A$, then $\left| \int_c^{c+n} f(x, t)dt - \int_c^\infty f(x, t)dt \right| < \epsilon/2$. But $\int_a^\infty f(x, t)dt$ being uniformly Cauchy on A also implies $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists M > c$ s.t. for all positive integers $n_1, n_2 \geq M$ and $\forall x \in A$ we have $\left| \int_c^{c+n_1} f(x, t)dt - \int_c^{c+n_2} f(x, t)dt \right| < \epsilon/2$. Now pick $M = \max\{N, c + 1\}$ (so $M \geq N$ and $M > c$), let $d \geq M$, and let $x \in A$. Then,

$$\left| \int_c^\infty f(x, t)dt - \int_c^d f(x, t)dt \right| \leq \left| \int_c^\infty f(x, t)dt - \int_c^{[d]} f(x, t)dt \right| + \left| \int_c^{[d]} f(x, t)dt - \int_c^d f(x, t)dt \right|$$

where $[d]$ is the ceiling of d . We have $\left| \int_c^\infty f(x, t)dt - \int_c^{[d]} f(x, t)dt \right| < \epsilon/2$ since $\left(\int_c^{c+n} f(x, t)dt \right)_{n=1}^\infty$ is uniformly convergent and $\left| \int_c^{[d]} f(x, t)dt - \int_c^d f(x, t)dt \right| < \epsilon/2$ since $\int_c^\infty f(x, t)dt$ is uniformly Cauchy. Hence $\left| \int_c^\infty f(x, t)dt - \int_c^d f(x, t)dt \right| < \epsilon$ as desired. The proof that $\int_a^\infty f(x, t)dt$ is uniformly Cauchy on A if $\int_a^\infty f(x, t)dt$ converges uniformly on A is a classic $\epsilon/2$ proof with the last step being

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_c^{d_1} f(x, t)dt - \int_c^{d_2} f(x, t)dt \right| &\leq \left| \int_c^{d_1} f(x, t)dt - \int_c^d f(x, t)dt \right| + \left| \int_c^d f(x, t)dt - \int_c^{d_2} f(x, t)dt \right| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

and we leave the details to you.

Weierstrass M-Test for Improper Integrals (Ex. 8.4.16)

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, suppose $f(x, t)$ defined on $\{(x, t) : x \in A, c \leq t\}$ satisfies $|f(x, t)| \leq g(t)$ for all $x \in A$ and $\int_a^\infty g(t)dt$ converges. Then $\int_a^\infty f(x, t)dt$ converges uniformly on A .

Since $\int_a^\infty g(t)dt$ converges, for all $\epsilon > 0 \exists M > c$ s.t. $\forall d_1, d_2 \geq M$ we have $\left| \int_c^{d_1} g(t)dt - \int_c^{d_2} g(t)dt \right| = \left| \int_{\min\{d_1, d_2\}}^{\max\{d_1, d_2\}} g(t)dt \right| = \int_{\min\{d_1, d_2\}}^{\max\{d_1, d_2\}} g(t)dt < \epsilon$ (note that since $g(t) \geq |f(x, t)| \geq 0$, we can remove the absolute value signs). But then $\left| \int_c^{d_1} f(x, t)dt - \int_c^{d_2} f(x, t)dt \right| = \left| \int_{\min\{d_1, d_2\}}^{\max\{d_1, d_2\}} f(x, t)dt \right| \leq \int_{\min\{d_1, d_2\}}^{\max\{d_1, d_2\}} |f(x, t)|dt \leq \int_{\min\{d_1, d_2\}}^{\max\{d_1, d_2\}} g(t)dt < \epsilon$ for all $x \in A$. Hence $\int_a^\infty f(x, t)dt$ converges uniformly on A .

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