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Daily Challenge 16.4

(Due: Wednesday 10/31 at 12:00 noon Eastern)

Time for integration! I haven't written CD 5 yet so let's work in Piazza for now.

(1) Finishing a lemma.

Suppose $P \subset Q$ (that is, every point of the partition P is also in the partition Q). Prove that $U(f, P) \geq U(f, Q)$.

This is the second half of our lemma from [session 40](#) which I did not prove; you can mimic the argument for lower sums.

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We begin by supposing that Q has just one more point than P . We shall take note of this as

$$P = \{t_0, \dots, t_n\}$$
$$Q = \{t_0, \dots, t_{k-1}, t_k, t_{k+1}, \dots, t_n\}.$$

We define

$$m' = \sup \left(\{f(x) \mid t_{k-1} \leq x \leq u\} \right)$$
$$m'' = \sup \left(\{f(x) \mid u \leq x \leq t_k\} \right).$$

We can then see by the definition of upper sums that

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i (t_i - t_{i-1}),$$
$$U(f, Q) = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} m_i (t_i - t_{i-1}) + m'(u - t_{k-1}) + m''(t_k - u)$$
$$+ \sum_{i=k+1}^n m_i (t_i - t_{i-1}).$$

And we see that we would like to prove that

$$m_k(t_k - t_{k-1}) \geq m'(u - t_{k-1}) + m''(t_k - u).$$

To do so, we note that the interval

$$\{f(x) \mid t_{k-1} \leq x \leq t_{k+1}\}$$

contains all numbers in

$$\{f(x) \mid t_k \leq x \leq t_{k+1}\}$$

and a few greater, then the least upper bound of the first set is greater than or equal to the least upper bound of the lower set, and therefore $m_k \geq m'$, and identically $m_k \geq m''$, therefore

$$m_k(t_k - t_{k-1}) \geq m'(u - t_{k-1}) + m''(t_k - u).$$

We then see that this is true for all sizes of partition, simply by a case of repeated application of adding a point; we loosely define a few intermediate partitions in the manner

$$P = P_1 \subset P_2 \subset \dots \subset P_a = Q$$

where each P_{n+1} has one point more than P_n . Then

$$U(f, P) = U(f, P_1) \geq U(f, P_2) \geq \dots \geq U(f, P_a) = U(f, Q)$$

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