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Theorem 1. *For any bounded function f, g and partition P of $[a, b]$, we have*

$$U_P(f + g) \geq U_P(f) + U_P(g)$$

Proof. For convenience, let $I = [a, b]$ and $\Delta_a = b - a$. We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup\{(f + g)(I)\} &\geq \sup\{f(I)\} + \sup\{g(I)\} \\ &\Downarrow \\ \sup\{(f + g)(I)\}\Delta_a &\geq \sup\{f(I)\}\Delta_a + \sup\{g(I)\}\Delta_a \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for any partition $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ of $[a, b]$:

$$\begin{aligned} U_P(f) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sup f([x_{i-1}, x_i]) \cdot (x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ U_P(g) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sup g([x_{i-1}, x_i]) \cdot (x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ U_P(f + g) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sup(f + g)([x_{i-1}, x_i]) \cdot (x_i - x_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Since (1) holds for every term in the summation, we can conclude that:

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