

Rectifiable Sets

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Recall from Friday that if $S^{\text{bdd}} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded function, then we say f is integrable over S if and only if $\int_S f = \int_Q f_S$ is defined for some/all $Q^{\text{box}} \supset S$.

Some rules:

(a) f, g integrable over S implies that $\int_S af + bg = a \int_S f + b \int_S g$

(b) f, g integrable over S , and $f \leq g$ on S implies that $\int_S f \leq \int_S g$

(b') f integrable over S implies that $|f|$ is integrable over S .

Also, $\left| \int_S f \right| = \max \left\{ \int_S f, - \int_S f \right\} \leq \int_S |f|$

(c) $T \subseteq S$, $f \geq 0$ integrable on T, S implies that $\int_T f \leq \int_S f$

(d) f integrable over S_1 and S_2 implies that f is integrable over $S_1 \cup S_2$ and $S_1 \cap S_2$, and

$$\int_{S_1 \cup S_2} f = \int_{S_1} f + \int_{S_2} f - \int_{S_1 \cap S_2} f$$

Proof (a): Let $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x = 0 \vee y = 0 \vee x = y\}$. Define $\varphi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $(x, 0) \mapsto x$, $(0, y) \mapsto y$, and $(x, x) \mapsto x$.

Exercise 1: Show that φ is continuous.

Exercise 2: Show that $\varphi \circ (f_{S_1}, f_{S_2}) = f_{S_1 \cup S_2}$. This tells us that $f_{S_1 \cup S_2}$ is continuous at points where f_{S_1} and f_{S_2} are continuous. Hence, $f_{S_1 \cup S_2}$ is continuous.

Now, use $f_{S_1 \cup S_2} + f_{S_1 \cap S_2} = f_{S_1} + f_{S_2}$.

Ex: $S = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) : x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0, x_3 \geq 0, x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq 1\}$. Let $Q = [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$.

Check that $\int_S 1$ exists (use study exercise)

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_S 1 &= \int_Q \mathbb{1}_S = \int_{0 \leq x_1 \leq 1} \left(\int_{0 \leq x_2 \leq 1} \left(\int_{0 \leq x_3 \leq 1} \mathbb{1}_S \right) \right) \\
&= \int_{0 \leq x_1 \leq 1} \left(\int_{0 \leq x_2 \leq 1} \max\{1 - x_1 - x_2, 0\} \right) \\
&= \int_{0 \leq x_1 \leq 1} \left(\int_{0 \leq x_2 \leq 1-x_1} 1 - x_1 - x_2 \right) \\
&= \int_{0 \leq x_1 \leq 1} \left[(1 - x_1)x_2 - \frac{x_2^2}{2} \right]_{x_2=0}^{x_2=1-x_1} \\
&= \int_{0 \leq x_1 \leq 1} \frac{(1 - x_1)^2}{2} \\
&= \left[-\frac{(1 - x_1)^3}{6} \right]_{x_1=0}^{x_1=1} \\
&= \frac{1}{6}
\end{aligned}$$

Thm: Given $S^{\text{bdd}} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ bounded and continuous, $E \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \vec{x}_0 \in \text{Bd } S : \text{it is false that } \lim_{\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x}_0, (\vec{x} \in S)} f(\vec{x}) = 0 \right\}$,
and $m^*(E) = 0$, then f is integrable on S .
Proof: $\mathcal{D}f_S \subset E$. \square

Cor: Given S^{bdd} , $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ bounded and continuous, and $m^*(\text{Bd } S) = 0$, then f is integrable over S .

Let's further study the condition that $m^*(\text{Bd } S) = 0$:

Defn: S is rectifiable

$$\begin{aligned}
&\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \mathbb{1} \text{ integrable over } S \\
&\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{1}_S \text{ integrable on } Q^{\text{box}} \supset S \\
&\Leftrightarrow m^*(\text{Bd } S) = 0 \stackrel{\text{Cor}}{\Rightarrow} \text{all bounded } f \in C(S, \mathbb{R}) \text{ are integrable over } S \\
&\Leftrightarrow m^{*,J}(\text{Bd } S) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

For S rectifiable, we define $v(S) = \int_S 1$

S rectifiable, $A = \text{Int } S \Rightarrow \text{Bd } A \subset \text{Bd } S$, $m^*(\text{Bd } A) \leq m^*(\text{Bd } S) = 0$. This implies that $\mathbb{1}_S, \mathbb{1}_A$ are integrable. So $\mathbb{1}_{S \setminus A} = \mathbb{1}_S - \mathbb{1}_A$ is integrable (on Q). Thus, $S \setminus A$ is rectifiable, and $\text{Int}(S \setminus A) = \emptyset$.

All $L(\mathbb{1}_{S \setminus A}, P) = 0$, so $\int_{\overline{Q}} \mathbb{1}_{S \setminus A} = 0$. Thus, $\int \mathbb{1}_A = \int \mathbb{1}_S \Rightarrow v(A) = v(S)$.

But what if S and or f are not bounded? **Improper Integrals**

Munkres starts to focus on integrals over open sets. Start with $f \geq 0$.

Defn: The extended integral of f over set A , $\text{ext} \int_A f \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sup \left\{ \int_E f : E \text{ cpt, rect} \right\}$