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Question: Let $f \in L^1([a, b])$ and $F(x) = \int_a^x f(y) \, dy$ – is F differentiable a.e. and $F' = f$?

If f is continuous, then absolutely yes.

Otherwise, we are considering

$$\frac{f(x+h) - F(x)}{h} = \frac{1}{h} \int_x^{x+h} f(y) \, dy \rightarrow? f(x)$$

so the more general question is

$$\lim_{m(I) \rightarrow 0, x \in I} \frac{1}{m(I)} \int_I f(y) \, dy =? f(x) \text{ a.e.}$$

Note that if f is continuous, since $[a, b]$ is compact, we have uniform continuity and $\frac{1}{m(I)} \int_I (f(y) - f(x)) \, dy < \frac{1}{m(I)} \int_I \varepsilon$.

1.1 Lebesgue Differentiation Theorem

Theorem: If $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then

$$\lim_{m(B) \rightarrow 0, x \in B} \frac{1}{m(B)} \int_B f(y) \, dy = f(x) \text{ a.e.}$$

> Note: although it's not obvious at first glance, this really is a theorem about differentiation.

Corollary (Lebesgue Density Theorem): For any measurable set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, we have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{m(E \cap B_r(x))}{m(B_r(x))} = 1 \text{ a.e.}$$

Proof: Let $f = \chi_E$ in the theorem.

Proof of theorem: We want to show

$$Df(x) := \limsup_{m(B) \rightarrow 0, x \in B} \left| \frac{1}{m(B)} \int_B (f(y) - f(x)) \, dy \right| \rightarrow 0$$