

Chapter 2 HW

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If $[a', b']$ is a subinterval of $[a, b]$, show that $P[a', b'] \leq P[a, b]$ and $N[a', b'] \leq N[a, b]$

Proof

Let $\Gamma' = \{a' = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m = b'\}$ be any partition on $[a', b']$. Construct $\Gamma = \{a = x_{-1}, a' = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m = b', x_{m+1} = b\}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} P_\Gamma[f; a, b] &= \sum_{i=1}^m [f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})]^+ + [f(a') - f(a)]^+ + [f(b) - f(b')]^+ \\ &\geq P_{\Gamma'}[f; a', b'] \end{aligned}$$

Suppose, $P[a', b'] > P[a, b]$, i.e. $\sup_{\Gamma'} P_{\Gamma'}[a', b'] > \sup_{\Gamma} P_{\Gamma}[a, b]$. Then there at least a Γ'_1 such that $P_{\Gamma'_1} > \sup_{\Gamma} P_{\Gamma}[a, b] \geq P_{\Gamma}$ for all Γ on $[a, b]$. Contradiction

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Let $f(x) = x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}$ for $0 < x \leq 1$ and $f(0) = 0$. Show that $V[f; 0, 1] < +\infty$

Proof

As f is continuous,

$$\begin{aligned} V[f; 0, 1] &= \int_0^1 |f'| dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left| x \sin \frac{1}{x} - \cos \frac{1}{x} \right| dx \\ &< \int_0^1 2 dx \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

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Let C be a curve with parametric equation $x = \Phi(t)$ and $y = \Psi(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$

(a) If Φ and Ψ are of bounded variation and continuous, show that $L = \lim_{|\Gamma| \rightarrow 0} l(\Gamma)$

(b) If Φ and Ψ are continuously differentiable, show that $L = \int_a^b ([\Phi'(t)]^2 + [\Psi'(t)]^2)^{1/2}$

Proof

Let $\Gamma = \{a = t_0, t_1, \dots, t_m = b\}$ be any partition on $[a, b]$

$$l(\Gamma) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sqrt{[\Phi(t_i) - \Phi(t_{i-1})]^2 + [\Psi(t_i) - \Psi(t_{i-1})]^2}$$

(a) Φ and Ψ are of bounded variation, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} l(\Gamma) &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sqrt{[\Phi(t_i) - \Phi(t_{i-1})]^2 + [\Psi(t_i) - \Psi(t_{i-1})]^2} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^m |\Phi(t_i) - \Phi(t_{i-1})| + \sum_{i=1}^m |\Psi(t_i) - \Psi(t_{i-1})| \\ &\leq \sup_{\Gamma} \sum_{i=1}^m |\Phi(t_i) - \Phi(t_{i-1})| + \sup_{\Gamma} \sum_{i=1}^m |\Psi(t_i) - \Psi(t_{i-1})| \\ &\leq V[\Phi, a, b] + V[\Psi, a, b] \\ &\leq +\infty \end{aligned}$$

The set $\{l(\Gamma) : \Gamma\}$ is bounded above. Hence, $\sup_{\Gamma} l(\Gamma)$ exists

Given any $\epsilon > 0$, let $L = \sup_{\Gamma} l(\Gamma)$ and $\Gamma_1 = \{a = u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m_1} = b\}$ be a partition on $[a, b]$ such that $L - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < l(\Gamma_1) < L$.

$c = (\Phi, \Psi)$ is a continuous function on a compact set in a metric space into another metric space. By *Heine-Cantor Theorem*, c is uniformly continuous, i.e for all $\frac{\epsilon}{4|\Gamma_1|} > 0$, there exists a $\eta > 0$ such that $\|c(x) - c(y)\| < \frac{\epsilon}{4|\Gamma_1|}$ for all x, y such that $|x - y| < \eta$

If $\Gamma_2 = \{a = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{m_2} = b\}$ is a partition on $[a, b]$ with $|\Gamma_2| < \min\{|\Gamma_1|, \eta\}$.

For every interval in Γ_2 , there is at most one point from Γ_1 , we write

$$l(\Gamma_2) = \sum_{i \in I} \|c(v_i) - c(v_{i-1})\| + \sum_{j \in J} \|c(v_j) - c(v_{j-1})\|$$

where $J = \{j \in \{1, 2, \dots, |\Gamma_2|\} : \exists k \in \{1, 2, \dots, |\Gamma_1|\}, u_k \in [v_{j-1}, v_j]\}$ is the set of indices in Γ_2 such that the segment $[v_{j-1}, v_j]$ contains a point in Γ_1 , namely u_k . $I = \{1, 2, \dots, |\Gamma_2|\} \setminus J$

$$l(\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2) = \sum_{i \in I} \|c(v_i) - c(v_{i-1})\| + \sum_{j \in J} \|c(u_k) - c(v_{j-1})\| + \|c(v_j) - c(u_k)\|$$

By triangle inequality, $l(\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2) \geq l(\Gamma_1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
l(\Gamma_2) &= \sum_{i \in I} \|c(v_i) - c(v_{i-1})\| + \sum_{j \in J} \|c(v_j) - c(v_{j-1})\| \\
&\geq \sum_{i \in I} \|c(v_i) - c(v_{i-1})\| \\
&= l(\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2) - \sum_{j \in J} \|c(u_k) - c(v_{j-1})\| + \|c(v_j) - c(u_k)\| \\
&\geq l(\Gamma_1) - \sum_{j \in J} \|c(u_k) - c(v_{j-1})\| + \|c(v_j) - c(u_k)\| \\
&\geq l(\Gamma_1) - \sum_{j \in J} \frac{\epsilon}{4|\Gamma_1|} + \frac{\epsilon}{4|\Gamma_1|} \quad (v_{j-1} < u_k < v_j \text{ and } v_j - v_{j-1} < \eta) \\
&\geq l(\Gamma_1) - |\Gamma_1| \left(\frac{\epsilon}{4|\Gamma_1|} + \frac{\epsilon}{4|\Gamma_1|} \right) \quad (|J| = |\Gamma_1| - 2) \\
&= l(\Gamma_1) - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\
&> L - \epsilon
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, given any $\epsilon > 0$, construct Γ_1 and η , pick $\delta < \min\{|\Gamma_1|, \eta\}$, then $|L - l(\Gamma_2)| < \epsilon$ for all Γ_2 such that $|\Gamma_2| < \delta$

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Prove that the construction of Theorem 2.30 is valid if the assumption that Φ is continuous is replaced by the assumption that f and Φ has no common discontinuity.

Proof

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Suppose that f is continuous and Φ is of bounded variation on $[a, b]$. Show that the function $\Psi = \int_a^x f d\Phi$ is of bounded variation on $[a, b]$. If g is continuous on $[a, b]$, show that $\int_a^b g d\Psi = \int_a^b g f d\Phi$

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If $V[\phi; a, b] = +\infty$, show that there is a point $x_0 \in [a, b]$ such that either $V[\phi; I] = +\infty$ for every subinterval I of $[a, b]$ having x_0 as left-hand end-point or $V[\phi; I] = +\infty$ for every subinterval I of $[a, b]$ having x_0 as right-hand end-point.

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Let f be continuous and ϕ be bounded variation on $[a, b]$, and recall that the Riemann-Stieltjes integral $\int_a^b f d\phi$ then exists by Theorem 2.24. Show that $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^{a+\epsilon} f d\phi = 0$ if and only if either $f(a) = 0$ or ϕ is continuous at a . Deduce that the formula $\int_a^b f d\phi = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{a+\epsilon}^b f d\phi$ may not hold

Theorem 1 (Theorem 2.24) *If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and ϕ is of bounded variation on $[a, b]$. Then $\int_a^b f d\phi$ exists. Moreover*

$$\left| \int_a^b f d\phi \right| \leq \sup |f[a, b]| V[\phi; a, b]$$

Proof of (\Rightarrow)

We will prove that $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^{a+\epsilon} f d\phi = 0$ and ϕ is discontinuous at a implies $f(a) = 0$.

Without loss of generality, assume $f(a) > 0$. Let $\epsilon > 0$, Γ is a partition on $[a, a + \epsilon]$

$$R_\Gamma = \sum_{i=1}^m f(\xi_i) [\phi(x_i) - \phi(x_{i-1})]$$

As f is continuous at a , for any $\epsilon_1 > 0$, there exists $\delta_1 > 0$ such that $|f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon_1$ for all $x \in (a, a + \delta_1)$. Let $\epsilon_1 = \frac{f(a)}{2}$, if $\epsilon < \delta_1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_\Gamma &\geq \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{f(a)}{2} [\phi(x_i) - \phi(x_{i-1})] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{f(a)}{2} [\phi(x_i) - \phi(x_{i-1})] \end{aligned}$$

As ϕ is discontinuous at a , there exists $\epsilon_2 > 0$ such that for any $\delta_2 > 0$, there exists $x \in (a, a + \delta_2)$ such that $|\phi(x) - \phi(a)| > \epsilon_2$ that implies $V[\phi; a, a + \epsilon] \geq \epsilon_2 > 0$ for all $\epsilon > 0$. Therefore, the monotone function $V[\phi; a, a + \epsilon]$ has limit $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} V[\phi; a, a + \epsilon] \geq \epsilon_2 > 0$

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If f is an even function on $[-1, 1]$, verify the formula $V[f; -1, 1] = 2P[f; -1, 1]$, $V[f; 0, 1] = P[f; -1, 1]$ and $P[f; 0, 1] = N[f; -1, 0]$

Proof

Suppose f is bounded variation on $[-1, 1]$. Let Γ_1 be any partition on $[-1, 1]$. We define $\Gamma_2 = \{-x : x \in \Gamma_1\}$ and $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$. Γ is of the form, namely *symmetric partition*

$$\Gamma = \{-1 = -x_m, \dots, -x_1, x_0 = 0, x_1, \dots, x_m = 1\}$$

where x_1 might or might not equal 0. As Γ is a refinement of Γ_1 , we immediately have

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\Gamma_1} &\leq P_{\Gamma} \\ N_{\Gamma_1} &\leq N_{\Gamma} \\ S_{\Gamma_1} &\leq S_{\Gamma} \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned} P[a, b] &= \sup_{\Gamma_1} P_{\Gamma_1}[a, b] = \sup_{\Gamma \text{ is symmetric}} P_{\Gamma}[a, b] \\ N[a, b] &= \sup_{\Gamma_1} N_{\Gamma_1}[a, b] = \sup_{\Gamma \text{ is symmetric}} P_{\Gamma}[a, b] \\ V[a, b] &= \sup_{\Gamma_1} S_{\Gamma_1}[a, b] = \sup_{\Gamma \text{ is symmetric}} S_{\Gamma}[a, b] \end{aligned}$$

Proof for $P[-1, 1] = V[0, 1]$

Let Γ be a symmetric partition on $[-1, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\Gamma}[-1, 1] &= \sum_{i=1}^m [f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})]^+ + \sum_{i=1}^m [f(-x_{i-1}) - f(-x_i)]^+ \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m [f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})]^+ + \sum_{i=1}^m [f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_i)]^+ \quad (f \text{ is even}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m [f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})]^+ + [f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_i)]^+ \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m |f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})| \\ &= S_{\Gamma}[0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the two sets $\{P_{\Gamma}[-1, 1] : \Gamma \text{ is symmetric}\}$ and $\{S_{\Gamma}[0, 1] : \Gamma \text{ is symmetric}\}$ are identical. So $P[-1, 1] = V[0, 1]$

Proof for $2P[-1, 1] = V[-1, 1]$

Let Γ be a symmetric partition on $[-1, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_\Gamma[-1, 1] &= \sum_{i=1}^m [f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})]^+ + \sum_{i=1}^m [f(-x_{i-1}) - f(-x_i)]^+ \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m [f(-x_i) - f(-x_{i-1})]^+ + \sum_{i=1}^m [f(-x_{i-1}) - f(-x_i)]^+ \quad (f \text{ is even}) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m [f(-x_i) - f(-x_{i-1})]^+ + [f(-x_{i-1}) - f(-x_i)]^+ \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m |f(-x_{i-1}) - f(-x_i)| \\
&= S_\Gamma[-1, 0]
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $P[-1, 1] = V[-1, 0]$. By linearity of variation, $S_\Gamma[-1, 1] = S_\Gamma[-1, 0] + S_\Gamma[0, 1] = 2P_\Gamma[-1, 1]$

Proof for $P[0, 1] = N[-1, 0]$

Let Γ be a symmetric partition on $[-1, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_\Gamma[0, 1] &= \sum_{i=1}^m [f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})]^+ \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m [f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_i)]^- \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m [f(-x_i) - f(-x_{i-1})]^- \quad (f \text{ is even}) \\
&= N_\Gamma[-1, 0]
\end{aligned}$$

Using the same argument, $P[0, 1] = N[-1, 0]$