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**Due date: 11:59 pm, Sunday, March 12, 2023 on Gradescope.**

You are encouraged to work on problems with other Math 136 students and to talk with your professor and TA but your answers should be in your own words.

**A proper subset of the problems will be selected for grading.**

**Reading assignment:** For this week, please read sections 18.1 and 18.2, integration in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the statement that continuous functions are integrable on rectangles. This homework focusses on integration in  $\mathbb{R}$

**Problems:**

1. (20 points) Let  $a < b$  and  $c \in (a, b)$ . Assume  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded and integrable on both  $[a, c]$  and on  $[c, b]$ . Prove that  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  and  $\int_a^b f = \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f$ . Note that this is the converse of the theorem on additivity of the integral over intervals (Theorem 6.12) from the book.
2. (20 points) Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be bounded.
  - (a) Assume  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$  and assume  $f(x_0) > 0$  for some  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ . Prove that  $\int_a^b f > 0$ .
  - (b) Is the conclusion in part (a) true if one assumes  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$ ,  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$  and assume  $f(x_0) > 0$  for some  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ ? If so, prove it, and if not, provide a counterexample
3. (20 points) Let  $f$  and  $g$  be bounded functions from  $[a, b]$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Assume  $g$  is integrable and  $f = g$  except at a finite number of points in  $[a, b]$ . In this problem, you will prove that  $f$  is integrable and  $\int_a^b f = \int_a^b g$ .
  - (a) First prove that a function that is zero except at  $a$  has integral zero: Let  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  constants. Define  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} r & x = a \\ 0 & x \in (a, b] \end{cases}$ . Prove  $f$  is integrable and  $\int_a^b f = 0$ . A similar proof can be used to prove  $\int_a^b f = 0$  if  $f$  is equal to zero except at  $b$ .
  - (b) Now, assume  $f$  is zero except for a finite number of points in  $[a, b]$ . Explain why  $\int_a^b f = 0$ . HINT: Problem 1 and part (a) could be helpful in one proof.
  - (c) Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions from  $[a, b]$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Assume  $g$  is integrable, and assume  $f = g$  except at a finite number of points. Prove that  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$  and  $\int_a^b f = \int_a^b g$ .
4. (20 points) Let  $f : [0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  for  $x \in [0, 2]$ . Prove that  $f$  is integrable on  $[0, 2]$  and find the integral using the definition of the integral or by using the Archimedean Riemann Theorem.

HINT:  $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

*The last problem and two extra credit problems are on the next page.*

5. (20 points) Let  $f$  be an integrable function from  $[a, b]$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . In this problem, you will show that the absolute value of  $f$ ,  $|f|$ , is integrable and  $\left| \int_a^b f \right| \leq \int_a^b |f|$ .

(a) Show  $|f|$  is integrable

You may assume that for every partition  $P$  of  $[a, b]$ ,

$$0 \leq U(|f|, P) - L(|f|, P) \leq U(f, P) - L(f, P). \quad (1)$$

(b) Now show  $\left| \int_a^b f \right| \leq \int_a^b |f|$ .

*Here are optional challenge problems that will give you extra points if you successfully do them. Todd will grade them.*

1. (3 points extra credit) Prove the inequality (1) for arbitrary  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

In one proof, it helps to first prove for any set  $I \subset [a, b]$  and all  $x \in I$ ,  $y \in I$  that  $f(x) - f(y) \leq \sup_I f - \inf_I f$  and that  $f(y) - f(x) \leq \sup_I f - \inf_I f$ .

2. (2 points extra credit) We know if  $f$  and  $g$  are integrable that  $\int_a^b (f + g) = \int_a^b f + \int_a^b g$ . Prove or find counterexamples to the following.

(a) If  $f$  and  $g$  are arbitrary bounded functions is it true that  $\bar{\int}_a^b (f + g) = \bar{\int}_a^b f + \bar{\int}_a^b g$ ?

(b) If  $f$  and  $g$  are arbitrary bounded functions is it true that  $\underline{\int}_a^b (f + g) = \underline{\int}_a^b f + \underline{\int}_a^b g$ ?