

3. If  $T_n \rightarrow T$  (see Exercise 2), show that  $T'_n \rightarrow T'$ . Discuss and compare with §5.3.
4. Find a sequence of continuous functions  $g_n$  such that  $g_n \rightarrow \delta'$ .

## Theorem Proofs for Chapter 8

We will prove Darboux's theorem and Riemann's condition together.

**8.1.2 Darboux's Theorem** *Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be bounded and lie in some rectangle  $S$ . Let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be bounded and be extended to  $S$  by defining  $f = 0$  outside  $A$ . Then  $f$  is integrable with integral  $I$  iff for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $P$  is any partition of  $S$  into rectangles  $S_1, \dots, S_N$  with sides of length  $< \delta$  and if  $x_1 \in S_1, \dots, x_N \in S_N$ , we have*

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i) v(S_i) - I \right| < \varepsilon.$$

We call  $\sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i) v(S_i)$  a *Riemann sum*.

**8.1.3 Riemann's Condition**  *$f$  is integrable iff for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a partition  $P_\varepsilon$  of  $S$  such that  $0 \leq U(f, P_\varepsilon) - L(f, P_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ .*

**Proof** We will show that the conditions " $f$  integrable," " $f$  satisfies Riemann's condition," and " $f$  satisfies Darboux's condition" are equivalent. This will be done in four steps.

**Step 1** *If  $f$  is integrable, then  $f$  satisfies Riemann's condition.*

**Proof** Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a partition  $P'_\varepsilon$  such that

$$U(f, P'_\varepsilon) < I + \frac{\varepsilon}{2},$$

where  $I = \int_A f$ . We can do this, since  $I = \inf\{U(f, P) \mid P \text{ is a partition}\}$ . If  $P$  is finer than  $P'_\epsilon$ , then we know that

$$U(f, P) \leq U(f, P'_\epsilon) < I + \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

Similarly, choose  $P''_\epsilon$  such that for  $P$  finer than  $P''_\epsilon$ , we have  $L(f, P) > I - \epsilon/2$ . Let  $P_\epsilon = P'_\epsilon \cup P''_\epsilon$ . If  $P$  is finer than  $P_\epsilon$ , then

$$I - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < L(f, P) \leq U(f, P) < I + \frac{\epsilon}{2},$$

and so

$$0 \leq U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \epsilon,$$

which is Riemann's condition.

**Step 2** If  $f$  satisfies Riemann's condition, then  $f$  is integrable.

**Proof** For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a  $P_\epsilon$  such that

$$0 \leq U(f, P_\epsilon) - L(f, P_\epsilon) < \epsilon.$$

This implies that  $S = s$ . Indeed, for each  $P$ , we have

$$L(f, P) \leq s \leq S \leq U(f, P),$$

and so if  $U(f, P_\epsilon) - L(f, P_\epsilon) < \epsilon$ , we also have  $S - s < \epsilon$  for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and hence  $S = s$ .

**Step 3** If  $f$  satisfies Darboux's condition, then  $f$  is integrable.

**Proof** We will show that the  $I$  given in Darboux's condition will be the same as  $S = \inf\{U(f, P) \mid P \text{ is a partition}\}$  and also the same as  $s$ . To accomplish this, given  $\epsilon > 0$ , we produce a partition  $P$  such that

$$|U(f, P) - I| < \epsilon,$$

which will show that  $S \leq I$ . Similarly, we will have  $I \leq s$ , and then  $I \leq s \leq S \leq I$  will imply  $s = S = I$ . To do this, choose  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $P$  is a partition with sides  $< \delta$ , then

$$\left| \sum f(x_i)v(S_i) - I \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2},$$

where  $S_1, \dots, S_N$  are the rectangles making up the partition  $P$ . Choose  $x_i$  such that

$$|f(x_i) - \sup_{S_i}(f)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{v(S_i)2N}.$$

Then

$$|U(f, P) - I| \leq \left| U(f, P) - \sum f(x_i)v(S_i) \right| + \left| \sum f(x_i)v(S_i) - I \right|.$$

Now

$$\left| U(f, P) - \sum f(x_i)v(S_i) \right| < \sum \frac{\varepsilon v(S_i)}{v(S_i)2N} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2},$$

so that  $|U(f, P) - I| < \varepsilon$ , as required. The case for lower sums is similar.

**Step 4** If  $f$  is integrable, then  $f$  satisfies Darboux's condition.

**Proof** Suppose  $f$  is integrable with integral  $I$ . We will show, in two steps, that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $P$  is any partition into rectangles  $S_1, \dots, S_N$  with sides  $< \delta$ , and if  $x_1 \in S_1, \dots, x_N \in S_N$ , we have

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i)v(S_i) - I \right| < \varepsilon.$$

**Step 4A** Let  $P$  be a partition of the rectangle  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we shall show that there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for any partition  $P'$  into subrectangles with sides less than  $\delta$ , the sum of the volumes of the subrectangles of  $P'$  that are not entirely contained in some rectangle of  $P$  is less than  $\varepsilon$ .

To see this, we examine the cases  $n = 1$  and  $n > 1$  separately. First, suppose that we are working on the interval  $[a, b]$ ; suppose that the partition  $P$  consists of  $N$  points. We assert that the  $\delta$  that is needed is simply given by  $\varepsilon/N$ . Indeed, the length of the intervals in  $P'$  that are not contained in an interval of  $P$  is  $N \times \delta = (\text{maximum number of intervals not contained entirely in an interval of } P) \times (\text{maximum length of each such interval of } P') = \varepsilon$ . Turning to the general case, let the partition  $P$  consist of rectangles  $V_1, \dots, V_M$ . We denote the total "area" of the faces lying between any two rectangles by  $T$ . Let  $\delta = \varepsilon/T$  and let  $P'$  be any partition of  $B$  into subrectangles of sides less than  $\delta$ . For any rectangle

$S \in P'$  such that  $S$  is not contained in one of the  $V_i$ ,  $S$  intersects two adjacent rectangles. One can see that  $v(S) \leq \delta A$ , where  $A$  is the total area of faces between two subrectangles contained in  $S$  (see Figure 8.P-1). Thus  $\sum_{S \in P'} v(S) < \delta T = \varepsilon$ .

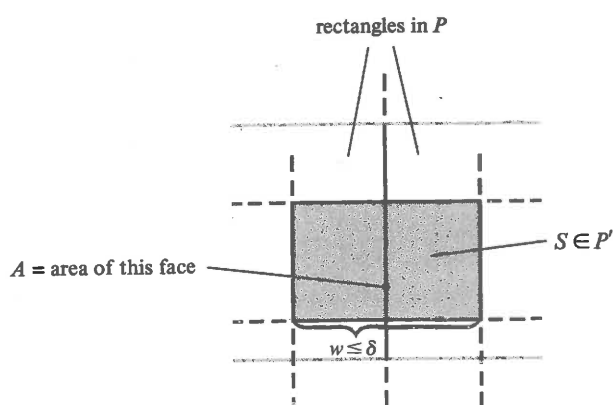


FIGURE 8.P-1 Showing that  $v(S) = wA \leq \delta A$

**Step 4B** Since  $f$  is bounded, there exists an  $M > 0$  such that  $|f(x)| < M$  for all  $x \in S$ . There are partitions  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  of  $S$  such that  $I - L(f, P_1) < \varepsilon/2$  and  $U(f, P_2) - I < \varepsilon/2$ . Choose a partition  $P$  that refines both  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . Then  $U(f, P) - I < \varepsilon/2$  and  $I - L(f, P) < \varepsilon/2$ . By step 4A, there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for any partition of  $P$  into rectangles of sides  $< \delta$ , the sum of the volumes of the subrectangles not contained in some subrectangle of  $P$  is less than  $\varepsilon/2M$ . Let  $S_1, \dots, S_N$  be a partition into subrectangles of side less than  $\delta$ , let  $S_1, \dots, S_K$  be the subrectangles contained in some subrectangle of  $P$ , and let  $S_{K+1}, \dots, S_N$  be the remaining subrectangles. If  $x_1 \in S_1, \dots, x_N \in S_N$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i)v(S_i) &= \sum_{i=1}^K f(x_i)v(S_i) + \sum_{i=K+1}^N f(x_i)v(S_i) \\ &\leq U(f, P) + M \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{2M} \\ &= U(f, P) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < I + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i)v(S_i) \geq L(f, P) - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} > I - \varepsilon.$$

Therefore,

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i) v(S_i) - I \right| < \varepsilon. \quad \blacksquare$$

In some later proofs it will be convenient to have the following technical point at hand: *In the definition of measure zero, one can use either closed or open rectangles.*

**Proof** Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . First, suppose that, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there are open rectangles  $V_1, V_2, \dots$  covering  $A$  of total volume  $< \varepsilon$ . Let  $B_i = \text{cl}(V_i)$ . Then  $B_1, B_2, \dots$  are closed rectangles covering  $A$  with the same total volume  $< \varepsilon$ .

Conversely, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , suppose we have a covering by closed rectangles  $B_1, B_2, \dots$  with total volume  $< \varepsilon/2^n$ . Let  $V_i$  be the open rectangle containing  $B_i$  with twice the side. Then  $v(V_i) = 2^n v(B_i)$ , and so

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} v(V_i) = 2^n \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} v(B_i) < \varepsilon.$$

This same argument also works for content zero. See Exercise 11 at chapter's end.  $\blacksquare$

**8.2.4 Theorem** Suppose that the sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  have measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Proof** Since all of the  $A_i$  have measure zero, there is a covering of the  $A_i$  with rectangles  $B_{i1}, B_{i2}, \dots$  such that  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} v(B_{ij}) < \varepsilon/2^i$ . Since the collection  $B_{i1}, B_{i2}, \dots$  covers the  $A_i$ , the countable collection of all  $B_{ij}$  covers  $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots$ . But

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} v(B_{ij}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} v(B_{ij}) < \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i} = \varepsilon.$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary,  $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots$  has measure zero.  $\blacksquare$

**Note.** That we can sum up the  $v(B_{ij})$  first by  $j$ , then by  $i$ , follows from the fact that the terms can be rearranged in an absolutely convergent double series. See Exercise 51, Chapter 5.

**8.3.1 Lebesgue's Theorem** Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be bounded and let  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded function. Extend  $f$  to all of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by letting it be zero at points

not contained in  $A$ . Then  $f$  is (Riemann) integrable iff the points at which the extended  $f$  is discontinuous form a set of measure zero.

**Proof** Consider some rectangle  $B$  that contains  $A$ . Then we must show that the function  $f$  is integrable on  $A$  iff the set of discontinuities of the function  $g$ , which equals  $f$  on  $A$  and zero elsewhere, has measure zero.

It is useful for the proof to have a measure of how "bad" a discontinuity is. To do this, we define the *oscillation of a function  $h$  at  $x_0$* , written  $O(h, x_0)$ , to be

$$O(h, x_0) = \inf\{\sup\{|h(x_1) - h(x_2)| \mid x_1, x_2 \in U\} \mid U \text{ is a neighborhood of } x_0\}.$$

Note that the inf is taken over all neighborhoods  $U$  of  $x_0$  and that  $O(h, x_0) \geq 0$ . We claim that  $O(h, x_0) = 0$  iff  $h$  is continuous at  $x_0$ . To see this, note that  $h$  is continuous at  $x_0$  iff for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x_0$  such that  $\sup\{|h(x_0) - h(x_1)| \mid x_1 \in U\} < \varepsilon$ , and this is equivalent to  $O(h, x_0) = 0$ .

We are now ready to continue the proof—for convenience, it is broken into two steps. Let  $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $g(x) = f(x)$  if  $x \in A$ , and  $g(x) = 0$  if  $x \notin A$ .

**Step 1** We assume that the set of discontinuities of  $g$  has measure zero. Thus, if we let  $D_\varepsilon = \{x \mid O(g, x) \geq \varepsilon\}$  for  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $D = \{\text{discontinuities of } g\}$ , then  $D_\varepsilon \subset D$ . If  $y$  is an accumulation point of  $D_\varepsilon$ , every neighborhood of  $y$  contains a point of  $D_\varepsilon$ . Then every neighborhood  $U$  of  $y$  is a neighborhood of a point of  $D_\varepsilon$ , and by construction of  $D_\varepsilon$ ,  $\sup\{|g(x_1) - g(x_2)| \mid x_1, x_2 \in U\} \geq \varepsilon$ . This implies  $O(g, y) \geq \varepsilon$ , and so  $y \in D_\varepsilon$ . This proves that  $D_\varepsilon$  is a closed set. Since  $D_\varepsilon \subset B$ ,  $D_\varepsilon$  is bounded and therefore compact. Now  $D_\varepsilon$  has measure zero, since  $D_\varepsilon \subset D$ , and so by definition there is a collection  $B_1, B_2, \dots$  of (open) rectangles that cover  $D_\varepsilon$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} v(B_i) < \varepsilon$ . We know that a finite number of the  $B_i$  cover  $D_\varepsilon$ , since  $D_\varepsilon$  is compact. Suppose  $B_1, \dots, B_N$  cover  $D_\varepsilon$ . Certainly,  $\sum_{i=1}^N v(B_i) < \varepsilon$ .

Now pick a partition of  $B$ . By refining the partition, we may assume that each rectangle of it is either disjoint from  $D_\varepsilon$  or contained in one of the rectangles  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_N$  that cover  $D_\varepsilon$ . Thus the rectangles of the partition fall into two (not necessarily disjoint) collections:  $C_1 = \{\text{those rectangles that are contained in one of the } B_k\}$  and  $C_2 = \{\text{those rectangles that do not intersect } D_\varepsilon\}$ . We now use compactness to subdivide the rectangles in  $C_2$  to obtain a further refinement of our partition. For each rectangle  $S$  that does not intersect  $D_\varepsilon$ , the oscillation of  $g$  at each point of the rectangle is less than  $\varepsilon$ . Hence we can find a neighborhood  $U_x$  of each point  $x$  of the rectangle such that  $M_{U_x}(g) - m_{U_x}(g) < \varepsilon$ , where  $M_{U_x}(g) = \sup\{g(y) \mid y \in U_x\}$  and  $m_{U_x}(g) = \inf\{g(y) \mid y \in U_x\}$ . Since  $S$  is

compact, a finite collection of the open sets  $U_x$  covers  $S$ . Pick a refined partition in  $S$  such that each rectangle of the partition is contained in  $U_{x_i}$  for some  $U_{x_i}$  in the finite collection that covers  $S$ . If we do this for each  $S$  in  $C_2$ , we get a partition  $P$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} U(g, P) - L(g, P) &\leq \sum_{S \in C_1} (M_S(g) - m_S(g))v(S) + \sum_{S \in C_2} (M_S(g) - m_S(g))v(S) \\ &\leq \varepsilon v(B) + \sum_{S \in C_1} 2Mv(S), \text{ where } |f(x)| < M \text{ on } A \\ &\leq \varepsilon v(B) + 2M\varepsilon, \quad \text{since } \sum_{S \in C_1} v(S) < \sum_{i=1}^N v(B_i) < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, Riemann's condition shows that  $g$  and hence  $f$  are integrable.

**Step 2** Suppose  $g$  is integrable. The set of discontinuities of  $g$  is the set of points of oscillation greater than zero. Hence  $\{\text{discontinuities of } g\} = D_1 \cup D_{1/2} \cup D_{1/3} \cup \dots$ , where  $D_{1/n} = \{x \in B \mid O(g, x) \geq 1/n\}$ . By Theorem 8.1.2, there is a partition of  $B$  such that  $U(g, P) - L(g, P) = \sum_{S \in P} (M_S(g) - m_S(g))v(S) < \varepsilon$ . Now  $D_{1/n} = \{x \in D_{1/n} \mid x \text{ lies on the boundary of some } S\} \cup \{x \in D_{1/n} \mid x \in \text{interior}(S) \text{ for some } S\} = S_1 \cup S_2$ . The first of these sets,  $S_1$ , has measure zero, since we can cover the boundary of a rectangle with arbitrarily thin rectangles. Let  $C$  denote the collection of rectangles of the partition that have an element of  $D_{1/n}$  in their interior. Then, if  $S \in C$ ,

$$M_S(g) - m_S(g) \geq \frac{1}{n}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{S \in C} v(S) \leq \sum_{S \in C} (M_S(g) - m_S(g))v(S) \leq \sum_{S \in P} (M_S(g) - m_S(g))v(S) < \varepsilon.$$

Hence  $C$  is a collection of rectangles that covers  $S_2$  and  $\sum_{S \in C} v(S) < n\varepsilon$ . We can find a collection  $C'$  of rectangles that covers  $S_1$  with  $\sum_{S \in C'} v(S) < \varepsilon$ . Then  $C \cup C'$  covers  $D_{1/n}$  and  $\sum_{S \in C \cup C'} v(S) < (n+1)\varepsilon$ . Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary,  $D_{1/n}$  has measure zero. Finally,  $\{\text{discontinuities of } g\} = D_1 \cup D_{1/2} \cup D_{1/3} \cup \dots$  has measure zero, by Theorem 8.2.4. ■

**8.3.2 Corollary** A bounded set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  has volume iff the boundary of  $A$  has measure zero.

$I_x$  covers  $S$ . Pick a refined partition  $P$  is contained in  $U_{x_i}$  for some  $U_{x_i}$ . Do this for each  $S$  in  $C_2$ , we get a

$$v(S) + \sum_{S \in C_2} (M_S(g) - m_S(g))v(S)$$

where  $|f(x)| < M$  on  $A$

$$\text{ice } \sum_{S \in C_1} v(S) < \sum_{i=1}^N v(B_i) < \varepsilon.$$

vs that  $g$  and hence  $f$  are integrable.

of discontinuities of  $g$  is the set of  $\{\text{discontinuities of } g\} = D_1 \cup D_{1/2} \cup \{1/n\}$ . By Theorem 8.1.2, there is a  $\sum_{S \in P} (M_S(g) - m_S(g))v(S) < \varepsilon$ . Now  $\{ \text{some } S\} \cup \{x \in D_{1/n} \mid x \in \text{inter-} \\ \text{se sets, } S_1, \text{ has measure zero, since} \\ \text{h arbitrarily thin rectangles. Let } C \\ \text{ition that have an element of } D_{1/n}$

$$\geq \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\sum_{S \in P} (M_S(g) - m_S(g))v(S) < \varepsilon.$$

vers  $S_2$  and  $\sum_{S \in C} v(S) < n\varepsilon$ . We  $\text{vers } S_1 \text{ with } \sum_{S \in C'} v(S) < \varepsilon$ . Then  $+ 1)\varepsilon$ . Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary,  $D_{1/n} \\ f\{g\} = D_1 \cup D_{1/2} \cup D_{1/3} \cup \dots$  has

has volume iff the boundary of  $A$

**Proof** By Theorem 8.3.1, it suffices to show that the set of discontinuities of  $1_A$ , where

$$1_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \notin A \\ 1, & \text{if } x \in A, \end{cases}$$

is the boundary of  $A$ . But if  $x \in \text{bd}(A)$ , then any neighborhood of  $x$  intersects  $A$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A$ . Hence there are points  $y$  in the neighborhood such that  $|1_A(x) - 1_A(y)| = 1$ . Thus  $1_A$  is not continuous at  $x$ . If  $x \notin \text{bd}(A)$ , then there is a neighborhood of  $x$  that lies entirely in  $A$  or  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus A$ . In either case,  $1_A$  is constant on this neighborhood, and so  $1_A$  is continuous at  $x$ . ■

**8.3.3 Corollary** Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be bounded and have volume. A bounded function  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with a finite or countable number of points of discontinuity is integrable.

**Proof** The discontinuities of the extended function  $g$ , which is equal to  $f$  on  $A$  and zero at points outside  $A$ , are simply the discontinuities of  $f$  possibly together with some discontinuities of  $g$  on the boundary of  $A$ , for the same reason as in the proof of 8.3.2. But  $\text{bd}(A)$  has measure zero, by Corollary 8.3.2. Hence it is sufficient to show that a countable set has measure zero. But this follows from Theorem 8.2.4 and from the fact that a point has measure zero. ■

### 8.3.4 Theorem

- Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be bounded and have measure zero and let  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be any (bounded) integrable function. Then  $\int_A f(x) dx = 0$ .
- If  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is integrable and  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$  in  $A$  and  $\int_A f(x) dx = 0$ , then the set  $\{x \in A \mid f(x) \neq 0\}$  has measure zero.

### Proof

- We claim that a set of measure zero cannot contain a nontrivial rectangle, that is, a rectangle  $[a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_n, b_n]$  such that  $a_i < b_i$  for each  $i$ . The reason is that a subset of a set of measure zero must be of measure zero and a nontrivial rectangle does not have measure zero. Let  $S$  be a rectangle enclosing  $A$ , and extend  $f$  to  $S$  by setting it equal to 0 on  $S \setminus A$ ; let  $P$  be any partition of  $S$  into subrectangles  $S_1, \dots, S_N$ , and let  $M$  be such that  $f(x) \leq M$  for all  $x \in A$ .



Then

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^N m_{S_i}(f) v(S_i) \leq M \sum_{i=1}^N m_{S_i}(1_A) v(S_i).$$

Suppose  $m_{S_i}(1_A) \neq 0$  for some  $i$ , such that  $S_i$  is a (nontrivial) rectangle. This means that  $S_i \subset A$ , which contradicts the opening remarks of the proof. Thus, for any nontrivial  $S_i$ ,  $m_{S_i}(1_A) = 0$ , while for any trivial  $S_i$ ,  $v(S_i) = 0$ . Hence  $\sum_{i=1}^N m_{S_i}(1_A) v(S_i) = 0$ , or  $L(f, P) \leq 0$ . Now  $\sup_{x \in S_i} f(x) = -\inf_{x \in S_i} (-f(x))$ , and so

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{S_i \in P} \sup_{x \in S_i} f(x) v(S_i) = - \sum_{S_i \in P} \inf_{x \in S_i} (-f(x)) v(S_i) = -L(-f, P),$$

and by the same argument again,  $L(-f, P) \leq 0$ . Hence  $-L(-f, P) = U(f, P) \geq 0$ . Since  $P$  was arbitrary,  $U(f, Q) \geq 0 \geq L(f, Q)$  for any partition  $Q$  of  $S$ , and hence

$$\overline{\int_A} f \geq 0 \geq \underline{\int_A} f,$$

and so, since  $f$  is integrable,

$$\overline{\int_A} f = \int_A f = \underline{\int_A} f = 0.$$

- i. Consider the set  $A_m = \{x \in A \mid f(x) > 1/m\}$ ; we first show that  $A_m$  has content zero. Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $S$  be a rectangle enclosing  $A$ , extend  $f$  to  $S$  by setting it equal to 0 on  $S \setminus A$ , and let  $P$  be a partition of the rectangle  $S$  such that  $U(f, P) < \varepsilon/m$ . Such a partition exists by the fact that  $\int_A f = 0$ . If  $S_1, \dots, S_K$  are the subrectangles of the partition  $P$  that have nonempty intersection with  $A_m$ , then, if  $M_{S_i}(f)$  is the sup of  $f$  on  $S_i$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^K v(S_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^K m M_{S_i}(f) v(S_i) < \varepsilon,$$

since  $m M_{S_i}(f) > 1$ . Therefore  $S_1, \dots, S_K$  is a cover by closed rectangles of the set  $A_m$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^K v(S_i) < \varepsilon$ . Hence  $A_m$  has content zero. Since  $A_m$  has content zero, it also has measure zero.

Finally, observe that

$$\{x \in A \mid f(x) \neq 0\} = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m.$$

Thus, by Theorem 8.2.4, this set has measure zero. ■

**8.4.1 Theorem** Let  $A, B$  be bounded subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $f, g : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be integrable. Then

- i.  $f + g$  is integrable and  $\int_A (f + g) = \int_A f + \int_A g$ .
- ii.  $cf$  is integrable and  $\int_A (cf) = c \int_A f$ .
- iii.  $|f|$  is integrable and  $|\int_A f| \leq \int_A |f|$ .
- iv. If  $f \leq g$ , then  $\int_A f \leq \int_A g$ .
- v. If  $A$  has volume and  $|f| \leq M$ , then  $|\int_A f| \leq Mv(A)$ .
- vi. **Mean Value Theorem for Integrals** If  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and  $A$  has volume and is compact and connected, then there is an  $x_0 \in A$  such that  $\int_A f(x) dx = f(x_0)v(A)$ . The quantity

$$\frac{1}{v(A)} \int_A f$$

is called the *average* of  $f$  over  $A$ .

- vii. Let  $f : A \cup B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If the sets  $A$  and  $B$  are such that  $A \cap B$  has measure zero and  $f|_{(A \cap B)}$ ,  $f|_A$ , and  $f|_B$  are all integrable, then  $f$  is integrable on  $A \cup B$  and  $\int_{A \cup B} f = \int_A f + \int_B f$ .

**Note.** If  $f$  is integrable on  $A$  and  $B$ , then it is integrable on  $A \cap B$ . Indeed, if  $A$  and  $B$  have volume, so does  $A \cap B$ , since  $\text{bd}(A \cap B) \subset \text{bd } A \cup \text{bd } B$ .

### Proof

- i. Let  $S$  be a rectangle enclosing  $A$  and let  $f$  and  $g$  be extended to  $S$  by setting them equal to zero on  $S \setminus A$ . Suppose  $\varepsilon > 0$  is given. By Theorem 8.1.2, there is a  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that if  $P_1$  is any partition of  $S$  into subrectangles  $S_1, \dots, S_N$  with sides less than  $\delta_1$  and if  $x_1 \in S_1, \dots, x_N \in S_N$ , then

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i)v(S_i) - \int_A f \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Similarly, there is a  $\delta_2 > 0$  such that if  $P_2$  is any partition of  $S$  into subrectangles  $R_1, \dots, R_M$  with sides less than  $\delta_2$  and if  $x_1 \in R_1, \dots, x_M \in R_M$ , then

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^M g(x_i)v(R_i) - \int_A g \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$