7. Riemann integral

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Riemann sum

Definition 7.1 A partition $\underline{x} = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ of [a, b] is a finite set such that

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b.$$

The **norm** of \underline{x} , denoted $\|\underline{x}\|$, is a number defined as

$$\|\underline{x}\| = \max\{x_1 - x_0, x_2 - x_1, \dots, x_n - x_{n-1}\}.$$

Definition 7.2 let \underline{x} be a partition of [a,b]. A tag of \underline{x} is a finite set $\underline{\xi} = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$ such that

$$a = x_0 \le \xi_1 \le x_1 \le \xi_2 \le x_2 \le \dots \le x_{n-1} \le \xi_n \le x_n = b.$$

The pair (\underline{x}, ξ) is referred to as a **tagged partition**.

example: $(\underline{x}, \xi) = (\{1, 3/2, 2, 3\}, \{5/4, 7/4, 5/2\})$ is a tagged partition with norm

$$\|\underline{x}\| = \max\{3/2 - 1, 2 - 3/2, 3 - 2\} = 1$$

Definition 7.3 The **Riemann sum** of f corresponding to (\underline{x}, ξ) is the number

$$S_f(\underline{x},\underline{\xi}) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(\xi_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}).$$

Remark 7.4 For $f \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$ that is positive, the Riemann sum $S_f(\underline{x},\underline{\xi})$ is an approximate area under the graph of f. As $\|\underline{x}\| \to 0$, we should expect these approximate areas to converge to some number, which we **interpret** as the area under the graph of f on the interval [a,b].

Some useful facts

Definition 7.5 We define the set $C([a,b]) = \{f : [a,b] \to \mathbf{R} \mid f \text{ is continuous}\}.$

Definition 7.6 Let $f \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$ and $\tau > 0$, we define the **modulus of continuity** of the function f as

$$w_f(\tau) = \sup\{|f(x) - f(y)| \mid |x - y| \le \tau\}.$$

Theorem 7.7 For all $f \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$, we have $\lim_{\tau \to 0} w_f(\tau) = 0$, *i.e.*, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that for all $\tau < \delta$, we have $w_f(\tau) < \epsilon$.

proof: let $\epsilon > 0$

- $f \in \mathcal{C}([a,b]) \Longrightarrow f$ is uniformly continuous on $[a,b] \Longrightarrow \exists \delta > 0$ such that for all $x,y \in [a,b]$ and $|x-y| < \delta$, we have $|f(x)-f(y)| < \epsilon/2$
- let $\tau < \delta$, then for all $x,y \in [a,b]$ and $|x-y| \le \tau$, we have $|x-y| < \delta \implies |f(x)-f(y)| < \epsilon/2$ for all $x,y \in [a,b]$ and $|x-y| \le \tau \implies \epsilon/2$ is an upper bound of the set $\{|f(x)-f(y)| \mid |x-y| \le \tau\} \implies w_f(\tau) \le \epsilon/2 < \epsilon$

Theorem 7.8 Let $f \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$, then $w_f(\tau)$ has the following properties:

- For all $x, y \in [a, b]$, we have $w_f(|x y|) \ge |f(x) f(y)|$.
- Monotonicity. If $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$, then $w_f(\tau_1) \leq w_f(\tau_2)$.

Definition 7.9 Let $(\underline{x},\underline{\xi})$ and $(\underline{x}',\underline{\xi}')$ be tagged partitions of [a,b]. We say \underline{x}' is a **refinement** of \underline{x} if $\underline{x} \subseteq \underline{x}'$.

Theorem 7.10 Let $(\underline{x},\underline{\xi})$ and $(\underline{x}',\underline{\xi}')$ be tagged partitions of [a,b] such that \underline{x}' is a refinement of \underline{x} . If $f \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$, then

$$|S_f(\underline{x},\underline{\xi}) - S_f(\underline{x}',\underline{\xi}')| \le w_f(||\underline{x}||)(b-a).$$

proof: let $\underline{x} = \{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$, $\underline{\xi} = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$, $\underline{x}' = \{x_0', \dots, x_n'\}$, $\underline{\xi}' = \{\xi_1', \dots, \xi_n'\}$

• for
$$i=1,\ldots,n$$
, let $\underline{y}^{(i)}=\{x_q',x_{q+1}',\ldots,x_k'\}$, $\underline{\zeta}^{(i)}=\{\xi_{q+1}',\xi_{q+2}',\ldots,\xi_k'\}$ s.t.

$$x_{i-1} = x'_q < x'_{q+1} < \dots < x'_k = x_i$$

• then for all $i = 1, \ldots, n$, we have

$$|f(\xi_{i})(x_{i} - x_{i-1}) - S_{f}(\underline{y}^{(i)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(i)})|$$

$$= \left| f(\xi_{i}) \sum_{\ell=q+1}^{k} (x'_{\ell} - x'_{\ell-1}) - \sum_{\ell=q+1}^{k} f(\xi'_{\ell})(x'_{\ell} - x'_{\ell-1}) \right|$$

$$= \left| \sum_{\ell=q+1}^{k} (f(\xi_{i}) - f(\xi'_{\ell}))(x'_{\ell} - x'_{\ell-1}) \right| \leq \sum_{\ell=q+1}^{k} |f(\xi_{i}) - f(\xi'_{\ell})|(x'_{\ell} - x'_{\ell-1})$$

$$\leq \sum_{\ell=q+1}^{k} w_{f}(x_{i} - x_{i-1})(x'_{\ell} - x'_{\ell-1}) \leq \sum_{\ell=q+1}^{k} w_{f}(||\underline{x}||)(x'_{\ell} - x'_{\ell-1})$$

$$= w_{f}(||\underline{x}||)(x_{i} - x_{i-1})$$

$$(7.1)$$

- the first inequality is by lemma 4.18
- the second inequality is from $\xi_i, \xi'_{\ell} \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$
- the third inequality is by the second statement of theorem 7.8, and $\|\underline{x}\| \geq x_i x_{i-1}$

• put together, we have

$$|S_{f}(\underline{x},\underline{\xi}) - S_{f}(\underline{x}',\underline{\xi}')| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n} (f(\xi_{i})(x_{i} - x_{i-1}) - S_{f}(\underline{y}^{(i)},\underline{\zeta}^{(i)})) \right|$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} |f(\xi_{i})(x_{i} - x_{i-1}) - S_{f}(\underline{y}^{(i)},\underline{\zeta}^{(i)})| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{f}(||\underline{x}||)(x_{i} - x_{i-1})$$

$$= w_{f}(||x||)(b - a),$$

where the last inequality is by plugging in (7.1)

Theorem 7.11 Let $(\underline{x},\underline{\xi})$ and $(\underline{x}',\underline{\xi}')$ be any two tagged partitions of [a,b] and $f\in\mathcal{C}([a,b])$, then

$$|S_f(\underline{x},\underline{\xi}) - S_f(\underline{x}',\underline{\xi}')| \le (w_f(||\underline{x}||) + w_f(||\underline{x}'||))(b-a).$$

proof: let $\underline{x}'' = \underline{x} \cup \underline{x}'$ and $\underline{\xi}''$ be a tag of \underline{x}'' , then by theorem 7.10, we have

$$|S_f(\underline{x},\underline{\xi}) - S_f(\underline{x}',\underline{\xi}')| \le |S_f(\underline{x},\underline{\xi}) - S_f(\underline{x}'',\underline{\xi}'')| + |S_f(\underline{x}'',\underline{\xi}'') - S_f(\underline{x}',\underline{\xi}')|$$

$$\le (w_f(||\underline{x}||) + w_f(||\underline{x}'||))(b-a)$$

Riemann integral of continuous functions

Theorem 7.12 Let $f \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$, then there exists a unique number denoted $\int_a^b f(x) \ dx$ with the following property: For all sequences of tagged partitions $\left((\underline{x}^{(r)},\underline{\xi}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ such that $\lim_{r\to\infty}\|\underline{x}^{(r)}\|=0$, we have

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = \int_a^b f(x) \ dx.$$

proof: uniqueness follows immediately from uniqueness of limits of sequences of real numbers, we only need to show the existence

- let $\left((\underline{y}^{(r)},\underline{\zeta}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of tagged partitions with $\lim_{r\to\infty}\|\underline{y}^{(r)}\|=0$, we first show that $\left(S_f(\underline{y}^{(r)},\underline{\zeta}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ is a Cauchy sequence; let $\epsilon>0$
 - by theorem 7.7, $\exists \delta>0$ such that for all $\tau<\delta$, $w_f(\tau)<\frac{\epsilon}{2(b-a)}$
 - $\begin{array}{l} \ \|\underline{\underline{y}}^{(r)}\| \to 0 \implies \exists M \in \mathbf{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall r,s \geq M \text{, } \|\underline{\underline{y}}^{(r)}\| < \delta \text{, } \|\underline{\underline{y}}^{(s)}\| < \delta \implies \forall r,s \geq M \text{, } \\ \text{we have } w_f(\|\underline{\underline{y}}^{(r)}\|) < \frac{\epsilon}{2(b-a)} \text{, } w_f(\|\underline{\underline{y}}^{(s)}\|) < \frac{\epsilon}{2(b-a)} \end{array}$

– hence, for all $r, s \geq M$, by theorem 7.11, we have

$$|S_f(\underline{y}^{(r)},\underline{\zeta}^{(r)}) - S_f(\underline{y}^{(s)},\underline{\zeta}^{(s)})|$$

$$\leq (w_f(\|\underline{y}^{(r)}\|) + w_f(\|\underline{y}^{(s)}\|))(b-a) < \left(\frac{\epsilon}{2(b-a)} + \frac{\epsilon}{2(b-a)}\right)(b-a) = \epsilon$$

let $L = \lim_{r \to \infty} S_f(\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)})$ (which exists by theorem 3.45)

- let $\left((\underline{x}^{(r)},\underline{\xi}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be any sequence of partitions with $\lim_{r\to\infty}\|\underline{x}^{(r)}\|=0$, we now show that $\lim_{r\to\infty}S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)},\underline{\xi}^{(r)})=L$
 - since $\|\underline{x}^{(r)}\| \to 0$, $\|y^{(r)}\| \to 0$, by theorem 7.7, we have

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} (w_f(\|\underline{x}^{(r)}\|) + w_f(\|\underline{y}^{(r)}\|))(b - a) = 0$$

- $S_f(y^{(r)}, \zeta^{(r)}) \to L \implies |S_f(y^{(r)}, \zeta^{(r)}) L| \to 0$
- by theorem 7.11, we have

$$0 \le |S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) - L| \le |S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) - S_f(\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)})| + |S_f(\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)}) - L|$$

$$\le (w_f(||\underline{x}^{(r)}||) + w_f(||\underline{y}^{(r)}||))(b - a) + |S_f(\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)}) - L|$$

$$\implies \lim_{r\to\infty} |S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)},\underline{\xi}^{(r)}) - L| = 0 \text{ (theorem 3.21)}$$

Remark 7.13 Let $f \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$. We sometimes write

$$\int_a^b f(x) \ dx = \int_a^b f.$$

By convention, we also define

$$\int_a^a f = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_b^a f = -\int_a^b f.$$

Properties of Riemann integral

Theorem 7.14 Linearity. Let $f,g \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$ and $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$, then

$$\int_a^b (\alpha f + g) = \alpha \int_a^b f + \int_a^b g.$$

proof: let $\left((\underline{x}^{(r)},\underline{\xi}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of tagged partitions such that $\|\underline{x}^{(r)}\| \to 0$, then we have

$$\int_{a}^{b} (\alpha f + g) = \lim_{r \to \infty} S_{\alpha f + g}(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)})$$

$$= \lim_{r \to \infty} (\alpha S_{f}(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) + S_{g}(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}))$$

$$= \alpha \lim_{r \to \infty} S_{f}(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) + \lim_{r \to \infty} S_{g}(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)})$$

$$= \alpha \int_{a}^{b} f + \int_{a}^{b} g$$

Theorem 7.15 Additivity. Let $f \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$ and a < c < b, then we have

$$\int_{a}^{b} f = \int_{a}^{c} f + \int_{c}^{b} f.$$

proof:

- let $\left((\underline{y}^{(r)},\underline{\zeta}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of tagged partitions of [a,c] with $\|\underline{y}^{(r)}\| \to 0$
- $\bullet \ \ \text{let} \ \left((\underline{z}^{(r)},\underline{\eta}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty} \ \text{be a sequence of tagged partitions of} \ [c,b] \ \text{with} \ \|\underline{z}^{(r)}\| \to 0$
- then $\left((\underline{x}^{(r)},\underline{\xi}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ with $\underline{x}^{(r)}=\underline{y}^{(r)}\cup\underline{z}^{(r)}$ and $\underline{\xi}^{(r)}=\underline{\zeta}^{(r)}\cup\underline{\eta}^{(r)}$ is a sequence of tagged partitions of [a,b]
- $\bullet \ \|y^{(r)}\| \to 0 \ \text{and} \ \|\underline{z}^{(r)}\| \to 0 \ \Longrightarrow \ \|\underline{x}^{(r)}\| \le \|y^{(r)}\| + \|\underline{z}^{(r)}\| \to 0$
- hence, we have

$$\int_{a}^{b} f = \lim_{r \to \infty} S_{f}(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = \lim_{r \to \infty} (S_{f}(\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)}) + S_{f}(\underline{z}^{(r)}, \underline{\eta}^{(r)}))$$
$$= \lim_{r \to \infty} S_{f}(\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)}) + \lim_{r \to \infty} S_{f}(\underline{z}^{(r)}, \underline{\eta}^{(r)}) = \int_{a}^{c} f + \int_{c}^{b} f$$

Theorem 7.16 Let $f,g \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$ and $f(x) \leq g(x)$ for all $x \in [a,b]$, then we have

$$\int_{a}^{b} f \le \int_{a}^{b} g.$$

proof: let $\left((\underline{x}^{(r)},\underline{\xi}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of tagged partitions with $\|\underline{x}^{(r)}\| \to 0$, then

$$S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)},\underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} f(\xi_i^{(r)})(x_i^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) \le \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} g(\xi_i^{(r)})(x_i^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) = S_g(\underline{x}^{(r)},\underline{\xi}^{(r)})$$

$$\implies \lim_{r \to \infty} S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) \le \lim_{r \to \infty} S_g(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) \implies \int_a^b f \le \int_a^b g$$

Corollary 7.17 Let $f \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$, then $\left| \int_a^b f \right| \leq \int_a^b |f|$.

proof:
$$\pm f(x) \le |f(x)| \implies \int_a^b \pm f = \pm \int_a^b f \le \int_a^b |f|$$
 (theorem 7.16)

Theorem 7.18 Let $f \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$, and

$$m_f = \inf\{f(x) \mid x \in [a, b]\}, \qquad M_f = \sup\{f(x) \mid x \in [a, b]\}.$$

Then, we have

$$m_f(b-a) \le \int_a^b f \le M_f(b-a).$$

proof: let $\left((\underline{x}^{(r)},\underline{\xi}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of tagged partitions with $\|\underline{x}^{(r)}\| \to 0$, then

$$S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)},\underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} f(\xi_i^{(r)})(x_i^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) \ge \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} m_f(x_i^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) = m_f(b-a)$$

$$S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} f(\xi_i^{(r)}) (x_i^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) \le \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} M_f(x_i^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) = M_f(b-a)$$

$$\implies m_f(b-a) \le \lim_{r \to \infty} S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) \le M_f(b-a)$$

Fundamental theorem of calculus

Theorem 7.19 Fundamental theorem of calculus. Let $f \in C([a,b])$.

• If $F \colon [a,b] \to \mathbf{R}$ is differentiable and F' = f, then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f = F(b) - F(a).$$

• The function $G(x) = \int_a^x f$ is differentiable on [a, b] with

$$G(a) = 0, \qquad G'(x) = f(x).$$

proof:

• let $(\underline{x}^{(r)})_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of partitions with $\|\underline{x}^{(r)}\| \to 0$, by theorem 6.15, there exist tags $\underline{\xi}^{(r)}$ with $\xi_i^{(r)} \in [x_{i-1}^{(r)}, x_i^{(r)}]$, $i=1,\ldots,n^{(r)}$, such that

$$F(x_i^{(r)}) - F(x_{i-1}^{(r)}) = F'(\xi_i^{(r)})(x_i^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) = f(\xi_i^{(r)})(x_i^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)})$$

hence, for the sequence of tagged partitions $\left((\underline{x}^{(r)},\underline{\xi}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ we have

$$S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} f(\xi_i^{(r)})(x_i^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} F(x_i^{(r)}) - F(x_{i-1}^{(r)}) = F(b) - F(a)$$

$$\implies \int_a^b f = \lim_{r \to \infty} S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = F(b) - F(a)$$

- we only need to show that G is differentiable and G'=f, *i.e.*, let $c\in [a,b]$, we need to prove that $\lim_{x\to c}\frac{G(x)-G(c)}{x-c}=\lim_{x\to c}\frac{\int_a^x f-\int_a^c f}{x-c}=f(c)$; let $\epsilon>0$
 - f continuous on $[a,b] \implies \exists \delta>0$ such that for all $t\in [a,b]$ and $|t-c|<\delta$, we have $|f(t)-f(c)|<\epsilon/2$
 - suppose $x \in (c, c + \delta)$, then for all $t \in [c, x]$, we have $|f(t) f(c)| < \epsilon/2$, hence,

$$\left| \frac{\int_a^x f - \int_a^c f}{x - c} - f(c) \right| = \left| \frac{\int_c^x f(t) dt}{x - c} - f(c) \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{x - c} \left(\int_c^x f(t) dt - \int_c^x f(c) dt \right) \right| = \frac{1}{x - c} \left| \int_c^x (f(t) - f(c)) dt \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{x - c} \int_c^x |f(t) - f(c)| dt \leq \frac{1}{x - c} \int_c^x \frac{\epsilon}{2} dt = \frac{1}{x - c} \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2} (x - c) = \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \epsilon$$

(the first inequality is by corollary 7.17)

- suppose $x \in (c-\delta,c)$, using similar argument, we have $\left| \frac{\int_a^x f \int_a^c f}{x-c} f(c) \right| < \epsilon$
- put together, we conclude that for all $x \in [a,b]$ and $0 < |x-c| < \delta$, we have

$$\left| \frac{\int_{a}^{x} f - \int_{a}^{c} f}{x - c} - f(c) \right| < \epsilon$$

$$\implies \lim_{x \to c} \frac{G(x) - G(c)}{x - c} = \lim_{x \to c} \frac{\int_a^x f - \int_a^c f}{x - c} = f(c)$$

Integration by parts

Theorem 7.20 Integration by parts. Suppose $f, g \in \mathcal{C}([a,b]), f', g' \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$, then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f'g = (f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a)) - \int_{a}^{b} fg'.$$

proof: let $F \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$ with F(x) = f(x)g(x), by theorem 6.8, we have

$$F'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x),$$

and hence,

$$\int_{a}^{b} f'(x)g(x) dx + \int_{a}^{b} f(x)g'(x) dx = \int_{a}^{b} (f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)) dx$$
$$= \int_{a}^{b} F'(x) dx = F(b) - F(a) = f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a)$$

$$\implies \int_a^b f'g = (f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a)) - \int_a^b fg'$$

Change of variables

Theorem 7.21 Change of variables. Let $f \in \mathcal{C}([c,d])$ and $\varphi \colon [a,b] \to [c,d]$ be continuously differentiable with $\varphi(a) = c$ and $\varphi(b) = d$. Then, we have

$$\int_{c}^{d} f(u) \ du = \int_{a}^{b} f(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x) \ dx.$$

proof:

• let $F: [a,b] \to \mathbf{R}$ be a function with F'=f, then we have

$$\int_{c}^{d} f(u) \ du = F(d) - F(c)$$

• by theorem 6.9, we have

$$(F \circ \varphi)'(x) = F'(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x) = f(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x),$$

and hence,

$$\int_a^b f(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x) \ dx = F(\varphi(b)) - F(\varphi(a)) = F(d) - F(c) = \int_c^d f(u) \ du$$