

# Measure Theory and Integration

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# 1 The Riemann Integral

## 1.1 Definition

Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $a < b$  and let  $P = \{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$  with  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ . Set

$$L(P, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \inf\{f(x) : x_{i-1} \leq x < x_i\}(x_i - x_{i-1})$$

$$U(P, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sup\{f(x) : x_{i-1} \leq x < x_i\}(x_i - x_{i-1})$$

as the lower and upper integral sums respectively.

Then  $f$  is integrable iff

$$\sup_P L(P, f) = \inf_P U(P, f)$$

where the supremum and infimum are taken over all possible partitions.

Hence the Riemann Integral is

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \sup_P L(P, f) = \inf_P U(P, f)$$

## 1.2 Lemma

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $a < b$ ,  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a function. Then

$$\inf_P U(P, f) \geq \sup_P L(P, f)$$

*Proof.* Let  $P_1, P_2$  be partitions, define  $Q = P_1 \cap P_2$ . Since  $Q$  is a 'finer' partition than both  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , it is clear

$$L(P_1, f) \leq L(Q, f) \text{ and } U(P_2, f) \geq U(Q, f)$$

Therefore

$$L(P_1, f) \leq L(Q, f) \leq U(Q, f) \leq U(P_2, f)$$

Now as  $P_1, P_2$  are arbitrary, the equality is true for all  $P$ , so we can take the supremum of the LHS over all partitions, and the infimum of the RHS over all partitions, leaving us with...

$$\inf_P U(P, f) \geq \sup_P L(P, f)$$

□

### 1.3 Theorem

A function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *Riemann Integrable*  $\iff \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists P_*$  s.t.

$$U(P_*, f) - L(P_*, f) < \epsilon$$

Where  $P_*$  is any partition on  $[a, b]$

*Proof.* Assume  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists P_*$  s.t.  $U(P_*, f) - L(P_*, f) < \epsilon$ , wts  $f$  is Riemann Integrable. It is clear

$$\inf_P U(P, f) \leq U(P_*, f) \text{ and } \sup_P L(P, f) \geq L(P_*, f)$$

Now by subtracting and using lemma 1.2 we obtain

$$0 \leq \inf_P U(P, f) - \sup_P L(P, f) \leq U(P_*, f) - L(P_*, f) < \epsilon$$

Since  $\epsilon$  arbitrary take  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  and thus

$$\sup_P L(P, f) = \inf_P U(P, f)$$

which is the definition of Riemann Integrability

Now Assume  $f$  is Riemann Integrable,

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , then  $\exists P_1, P_2$  s.t

$$U(P_1, f) < \inf_P U(P, f) + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \text{ and } L(P_2, f) > \sup_P L(P, f) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Define  $P_* = P_1 \cup P_2$  and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} U(P_*, f) - L(P_*, f) &\leq U(P_1, f) - L(P_2, f) \\ &< \inf_P U(P, f) - \sup_P L(P, f) + \epsilon \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

□

### 1.4 Theorem

$f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Riemann Integrable iff the set of discontinuities of  $f$  has *Lebasque Measure Zero*.

## 1.5 Definition

The Lebasque Measure of an open interval  $I = (a, b)$  is  $\mu(I) = b - a$ .

A set  $N \subset \mathbb{R}$  has Lebasque Measure Zero if  $\forall \epsilon > 0$  there exists a countable collection of open intervals  $\{I_1, I_2, \dots\}$  s.t.  $N \subset \cup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_i$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(I_i) < \epsilon$

### 1.5.1 Examples

Some examples of sets with a Lebasque Measure of Zero:

- A single point  $\{a\}$
- Any countable set of points  $E = \{a_1, \dots\}$
- Any countable union of sets of measure 0
- Any subset of a set of measure 0

## 2 Measurable sets and Integrals

### 2.1 Definition

Let  $X \neq \emptyset$  be a set. A family  $\mathbb{X}$  of subsets  $X$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra if

- i)  $\emptyset \in \mathbb{X}, X \in \mathbb{X}$
- ii)  $A \in \mathbb{X} \rightarrow A^c \in \mathbb{X}$
- iii)  $A_1, A_2, \dots \in \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \in \mathbb{X}$

Now  $(X, \mathbb{X})$  is called a *Measurable Space*, and each  $S \in \mathbb{X}$  are called *Measurable Sets*.

### 2.2 Definition

Let  $X \neq \emptyset$  and  $\mathbb{A}$  be a non-empty collections of subsets of  $X$ . Let  $\mathbb{Y}$  be the collection of all  $\sigma$ -algebras containing  $\mathbb{A}$ . Then  $\beta(\mathbb{A}) = \bigcap_{\mathbb{X} \in \mathbb{Y}} \mathbb{X}$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\mathbb{A}$ . This is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\mathbb{A}$ .

### 2.3 Definition

Let  $X = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{A} = \{(a, b) : a, b \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}, a < b\}$ . The  $\sigma$ -algebras generated by  $\mathbb{A}$  is *Borel Algebra*, denoted  $\mathbb{B}$ . This is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebras containing all open sets. A set  $B \in \mathbb{B}$  is a *Borel Set*. NB:  $\overline{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$

### 2.4 Definition

Let  $(X, \mathbb{X})$  be a measurable space. Then  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $\mathbb{X}$ -measurable function if for any Borel set  $A \in \mathbb{B}$  we have  $f^{-1}(A) \in \mathbb{X}$ .

### 2.5 Definition

Let  $(X, \mathbb{X}), (Y, \mathbb{Y})$  be measurable spaces. Then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an  $\mathbb{X}$ -measurable function if for any set  $A \in \mathbb{Y}$  we have  $f^{-1}(A) \in \mathbb{X}$ .

## 2.6 Lemma

A function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is measurable  $\iff \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  the set

$$\{x \in X : f(x) < \alpha\} \equiv f^{-1}((-\infty, \alpha))$$

is measurable (i.e belongs to  $\mathbb{X}$ ).

Proof

Assuming the set is measurable, as  $(-\infty, \alpha) \in \mathbb{B}$ , then by definition  $f^{-1}((-\infty, \alpha)) \in \mathbb{X}$

Now assume  $f^{-1}((-\infty, \alpha)) \in \mathbb{X} \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , wts for any Borel set  $A \in \mathbb{B}$  we have  $f^{-1}(A) \in \mathbb{X}$

Define  $\mathbb{A}$  to be a collection of sets of the form  $(-\infty, \alpha)$  with  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Now we can see that sets in  $\mathbb{A}$  generate Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathbb{B}$ .

Let  $\mathbb{Y}$  be the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing  $\mathbb{A}$ . Obviously  $\mathbb{A} \subset \mathbb{B}$  and therefore  $\mathbb{Y} = \beta(\mathbb{A}) \subset \mathbb{B}$ .

Now wts  $\mathbb{Y}$  contains intervals  $(a, b)$  for  $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Take the sets  $(-\infty, a), (-\infty, b) \in \mathbb{Y}$ . Then we have

$$[a, b) = (-\infty, b) \cap (-\infty, a)^c \in \mathbb{Y} \forall a < b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(a, b) = \bigcup_{n=N}^{\infty} [a - \frac{1}{n}, b) \text{ for large enough } N$$

and hence  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Y}$ .

Since  $\mathbb{B}$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing all open intervals  $(a, b)$  we have  $\mathbb{Y} = \mathbb{B}$ .

Now we define the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing sets  $f^{-1}(\mathbb{A})$ , i.e.  $\beta(f^{-1}(\mathbb{A}))$ . Since  $f^{-1}(\mathbb{A}) \subset \mathbb{X}$  we also have  $\beta(f^{-1}(\mathbb{A})) \subset \mathbb{X}$ .

But  $\beta(f^{-1}(\mathbb{A})) = f^{-1}(\beta(\mathbb{A})) = f^{-1}(\mathbb{B})$  and so  $f^{-1}(\mathbb{B}) \subset \mathbb{X}$  □

## 2.7 Lemma

Let  $(X, \mathbb{X})$  be a measurable space, let  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- i)  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, A_{\alpha} = \{x \in X : f(x) > \alpha\} \in \mathbb{X}$
- ii)  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, B_{\alpha} = \{x \in X : f(x) \leq \alpha\} \in \mathbb{X}$
- iii)  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, C_{\alpha} = \{x \in X : f(x) \geq \alpha\} \in \mathbb{X}$
- iv)  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, D_{\alpha} = \{x \in X : f(x) < \alpha\} \in \mathbb{X}$

## 2.8 Lemma

Let  $(X, \mathbb{X})$  be a measurable space,  $f, g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be measurable. Let  $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous. Then  $h : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; h(x) = F(f(x), g(x))$  is measurable.

*Proof.* Fix  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and we want to show:

$$X_\alpha := \{x : F(f(x), g(x)) < \alpha\} = \{x : (f(x), g(x)) \in F^{-1}((-\infty, \alpha))\}$$

is measurable.

Let  $A = F^{-1}((-\infty, \alpha))$  and note it is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  as  $F$  is continuous, thus it is a countable union of open rectangles, so it is sufficient to show for any set  $(a, b) \times (c, d)$  we have that

$$\{x : (f(x), g(x)) \in (a, b) \times (c, d)\} = \{x : a < f(x) < b\} \cap \{x : c < g(x) < d\}$$

is measurable. We can now use the fact  $f, g$  are measurable.  $\square$

## 2.9 Corollary

Let  $f, g$  be measurable and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$f + g, fg, |f|, \frac{f}{g} \quad g \neq 0, \max\{f, g\}, \min\{f, g\}, cf$$

are all measurable by above lemma.

## 2.10 Definition

Let  $(X, \mathbb{X})$  measurable space. Then  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is  $\mathbb{X}$ -measurable if for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , the set  $\{x \in X : f(x) > \alpha\} \in \mathbb{X}$ .

The collection of all  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ -valued,  $\mathbb{X}$ -measurable functions on  $X$  is denoted  $M(X, \mathbb{X})$ .

## 2.11 Lemma

Let  $(X, \mathbb{X})$  be a measurable space.  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is measurable iff:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i) } & A = \{x \in X : f(x) = +\infty\} \\ & B = \{x \in X : f(x) = -\infty\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{ii) the function } f_1(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & x \in (A \cup B)^c \\ 0, & x \in A \cup B \end{cases} \text{ is measurable.}$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $f_1, A, B$  are measurable. For  $\alpha \geq 0$  we have

$$\{x : f(x) > \alpha\} = \{x : f_1(x) > \alpha\} \cup A$$

And thus is measurable, analogous for  $\alpha < 0$ .

Now suppose  $f$  is measurable.  $\square$

## Definition 2.14

A *simple function* is a finite linear combination of characteristic functions of measurable sets, i.e.  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is simple if  $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi(A_i)$ , where  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A_i \in \mathbb{X}$ .

## Lemma 2.15

Let  $f \in M(X, \mathbb{X})$ ,  $f \geq 0$ . Then there exists a sequence  $(\phi_n)$  in  $M(X, \mathbb{X})$  such that

- i)  $0 \leq \phi_n(x) \leq \phi_{n+1}(x) \quad \forall x \in X, n \in \mathbb{N}$
- ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi_n(x) = f(x)$
- iii) Each  $\phi_n$  is a simple function.

*Proof.* Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and for  $k \in \{0, \dots, n2^n - 1\}$  define

$$E_{k,n} = \{x : f(x) \in [\frac{k}{2^n}, \frac{k+1}{2^n})\} \text{ and } E_{n2^n,n} = \{x : f(x) \geq n\}$$

We then define

$$\phi_n(x) = \frac{k}{2^n} \text{ if } x \in E_{k,n}$$

Giving us

$$\phi_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n2^n} \frac{k}{2^n} \chi_{E_{k,n}}$$

which is a simple function.

Here we are splitting the interval  $[0, n)$  into  $n2^n$  parts and approximating  $f$  by its lowest value within the interval. If  $f(x) \geq n$  we approximate  $f(x)$  by  $n$ . Since  $f$  is measurable we know sets  $E_{k,n}$  and  $E_{n2^n,n} = \{x : f(x) \geq n\}$  are measurable, so  $\phi_n$  is indeed simple.

Now we check pointwise convergence of  $\phi_n$  to  $f$ . Let  $x \in X$  and then either  $f(x) = \infty$ ,  $f(x) < \infty$ .

Assume  $f(x) = \infty$  then it is clear  $\phi_n(x) = n$  and as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\phi_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ .

Assume  $f(x) < \infty$  then  $f(x) < N$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in E_{k,n}$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq N$ . However in every set  $E_{k,n}$  we have  $|\phi_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{1}{2^n}$ . Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we have  $\phi_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ . Therefore pointwise convergence.

Now we check  $\phi_n \leq \phi_{n+1}$ .

Assume  $x \in E_{(n+1)2^{n+1}, n+1}$  then  $\phi_{n+1}(x) = n+1 > \phi_n(x)$ .

Assume  $x \in E_{k,n+1}$  for some  $k \in \{0, \dots, (n+1)2^{n+1} - 1\}$ . Then  $\phi_{n+1}(x) = \frac{k}{2^{n+1}}$ . But we also have  $x \in E_{[k/2], n}$  implying  $\phi_n(x) = \frac{[k/2]}{2^n}$ . Hence  $\phi_{n+1}(x) \geq \phi_n(x)$ .  $\square$



## 2.12 Definition

A function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called *elementary* if it is measurable and take no more than a countable number of values, i.e.

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i \chi(A_i)$$

where  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A_i = \{x \in X : f(x) = a_i\}$ .

## 2.13 Lemma

A function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is measurable iff it is a limit of a uniformly convergent sequence of elementary functions.

*Proof.* Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a sequence of elementary function and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $X$ . Uniform convergence implies pointwise convergence so we are done using lemma 2.15.

Now let  $f$  be a measurable function, define a sequence  $\{f_n\}$  s.t.

$$f_n(x) = \frac{m}{n} \text{ on } A_n^m = \{x \in X : \frac{m}{n} \leq f(x) < \frac{m+1}{n}\}, m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Clearly  $f_n(x)$  is an elementary function and  $|f_n(x) - f(x)| \leq \frac{1}{n}$  on  $X$ . □