

MATH 104 LECTURE 23 PROPERTIES OF THE DARBOUX INTEGRAL

Recall

Worked on bounded functions on a finite closed interval $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.
Wanted to define $\int_a^b f$ if possible

For a partition $P = \{a = t_0 < \dots < t_n = b\}$

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n M(f, [t_{k-1}, t_k]) (t_k - t_{k-1})$$

M : sup value
 m : inf value } max, min
might not exist

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n m(f, [t_{k-1}, t_k]) (t_k - t_{k-1})$$

$$U(f) = \inf \{ U(f, P) : P \text{ is a partition of } [a, b] \}$$

$$L(f) = \sup \{ L(f, P) : P \text{ is a partition of } [a, b] \}$$

} consider all
partitions

Say f is integrable if $U(f) = L(f)$.

Properties: $L(f, P) \leq L(f) \leq U(f) \leq U(f, P)$

- f is integrable if ϵ - P property holds: i.e. $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$ partition P s.t.
 $U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \epsilon$.

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(1) Which f is integrable?

(2) If f is integrable, how to compute? $\int_a^b f$

Theorem

Consider a function on a finite closed interval $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Assume either
(1) f is bounded and monotone OR (2) f is continuous. Then f is integrable.

Two ways to prove integrability: (1) Definition
(2) ϵ - P

ϵ - P usually used for theoretical proofs, in which you do not need the value of integration (since ϵ - P only compares the difference).

Note

For $P = \{a = t_0 < \dots < t_n = b\}$

$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n (M(f, [t_{k-1}, t_k]) - m(f, [t_{k-1}, t_k])) (t_k - t_{k-1})$$

Proof (1):

For simplicity, assume f is increasing (decreasing is similar)

Since f is bounded, exist M, m s.t. $m < f(x) < M$ for every $x \in [a, b]$.

Take $\varepsilon > 0$. Take $n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $n = \frac{\varepsilon}{M-m}$.

Take a partition $P = \{a = t_0 < \dots < t_n = b\}$ s.t. $t_k - t_{k-1} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{M-m}$

For example
can consider
equipartition

$$\begin{aligned} U(f, P) - L(f, P) &= \sum_{k=1}^n (M(f, [t_{k-1}, t_k]) - m(f, [t_{k-1}, t_k])) (t_k - t_{k-1}) \\ &< \sum_{k=1}^n [f(t_k) - f(t_{k-1})] \frac{\varepsilon}{M-m} = \frac{\varepsilon}{M-m} [f(t_n) - f(t_0)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{M-m} (M-m) = \varepsilon < \frac{\varepsilon}{M-m} (M-m) = \varepsilon.$$

where the last inequality comes from $m < f(t_0) \leq f(t_n) < M$

Proof (2): Assume f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then f is uniformly continuous.

Take $\varepsilon > 0$. $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\forall x, y \in [a, b]$, $|x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{b-a}$

Take a partition $P = \{a = t_0 < \dots < t_n = b\}$ with the property that $t_k - t_{k-1} < \delta$.

Then

$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n (M(f, [t_{k-1}, t_k]) - m(f, [t_{k-1}, t_k])) (t_k - t_{k-1})$$

f is continuous on $[t_{k-1}, t_k] \Rightarrow f$ achieves min and max (say at p, q).

Then $M(f, [t_{k-1}, t_k]) - m(f, [t_{k-1}, t_k]) = f(q) - f(p)$.

Since $|p - q| \leq t_k - t_{k-1} < \delta$, $|f(p) - f(q)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{b-a}$.

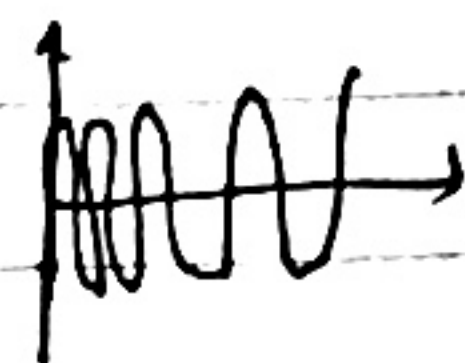
$$\begin{aligned} \therefore U(f, P) - L(f, P) &< \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\varepsilon}{b-a} (t_k - t_{k-1}) = \frac{\varepsilon}{b-a} \sum_{k=1}^n (t_k - t_{k-1}) = \frac{\varepsilon}{b-a} (t_n - t_0) \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon}{b-a} (b-a) = \varepsilon. \quad (\text{as desired}) \end{aligned}$$

Definition

A bounded function $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called piecewise continuous if there is a partition $P = \{a = t_0 < \dots < t_n = b\}$ s.t. for each k , f on $[t_{k-1}, t_k]$ admits a continuous extension on $[t_{k-1}, t_k]$.



Consider $f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin \frac{1}{x} & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$



Equivalent to: If you assign the value at 0, can you make the function continuous?

Theorem Every piecewise continuous function on $[a, b]$ is integrable.

Theorem Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded function. Take $a < c < b$.

[READING ASSIGNMENT] f is integrable on $[a, b] \Leftrightarrow f$ is integrable both on $[a, c]$ & $[c, b]$.

In this case,
$$\int_a^b f = \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f$$

Basic Properties

Theorem Suppose we have functions $f, g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which are bounded. Assume f, g are integrable. Then

(1) $cf, f+g$ are integrable (forms a vector space)

$$\int_a^b cf = c \int_a^b f \text{ and } \int_a^b f+g = \int_a^b f + \int_a^b g$$

(2) If $f(x) \geq g(x) \forall x \in [a, b]$, then $\int_a^b f(x) \geq \int_a^b g(x)$

(3) $|f|$ is integrable and $|\int_a^b f| \leq \int_a^b |f|$

Proof of (1) for $f+g$ (cannot just use ϵ - P property since ϵ - P property does not give value)

Suffices to show $U(f+g) = \int_a^b f + \int_a^b g = L(f+g)$

Note: $U(f+g) = \inf \{ U(f+g, P) : P \text{ is a partition of } [a, b] \}$

Since $\int_a^b f + \int_a^b g = U(f) + U(g)$ and $U(f) + U(g) = \inf \{ U(f, P_1) \} + \inf \{ U(g, P_2) \}$
 $= \inf \{ U(f, P_1) + U(g, P_2) : P_1, P_2 \text{ are partitions} \}$

Take any partition P_1, P_2 , set $P = P_1 \cup P_2$.

P is another partition: a refinement of P_1 & P_2 .

Write $P = \{ a = t_0 < \dots < t_n = b \}$.

$$U(f+g, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n M(f+g, [t_{k-1}, t_k]) (t_k - t_{k-1}) = \sum_{k=1}^n (M(f, [t_{k-1}, t_k]) + M(g, [t_{k-1}, t_k])) (t_k - t_{k-1})$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \sup \{ f(x) + g(x) : t_{k-1} \leq x \leq t_k \} (t_k - t_{k-1}) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \sup \{ f(x) : t_{k-1} \leq x \leq t_k \} (t_k - t_{k-1}) + \sum_{k=1}^n \sup \{ g(y) : t_{k-1} \leq y \leq t_k \} (t_k - t_{k-1})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore V(f+g, P) &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \left[M(f, [t_{k-1}, t_k]) + M(g, [t_{k-1}, t_k]) \right] (t_k - t_{k-1}) \\ &= V(f, P) + V(g, P) \leq V(f, P_1) + V(g, P_2)\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $V(f+g) \leq V(f) + V(g)$.

Similarly, $L(f+g) \geq L(f) + L(g)$.

Since f, g are integrable, $V(f) = L(f)$, $V(g) = L(g)$. so

$$V(f) + V(g) \geq V(f+g) \geq L(f+g) \geq L(f) + L(g) = V(g) + V(f)$$

$$\therefore V(f+g) = L(f+g) = V(f) + V(g).$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\int_a^b f+g = \int_a^b f + \int_a^b g}$$

Theorem Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. (hence integrable)

(1) If $f(x) \geq 0 \forall x \in [a, b]$ and $\int_a^b f = 0$. Then $f(x) = 0 \forall x \in [a, b]$

(2) [Intermediate Value Theorem for Integral].

$$\exists c \in [a, b] \text{ s.t. } f(c) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f.$$

Proof (2)

Let M be the max value of f on $[a, b]$

and m be the min value of f on $[a, b]$

(Since f is continuous, max, min exist)

If $M = m$, f is constant \Rightarrow any c works.

Else, $M > m$. Then $m \leq f(x) \leq M \forall x \in [a, b]$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b m \leq \int_a^b f(x) \leq \int_a^b M$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\int_a^b m}{b-a} \leq \frac{\int_a^b f(x)}{b-a} \leq \frac{\int_a^b M}{b-a} \Rightarrow m \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \leq M$$

Since $\exists p$ s.t. $f(p) = m$ and $\exists q$ s.t. $f(q) = M$. By Intermediate value theorem, $\exists c \in [p, q]$ s.t. $f(c) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)$. ■

