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4. Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be strictly increasing function. Show $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ exists

Recall $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable iff $\forall \varepsilon > 0$
 \exists step functions f_1, f_2 on $[a, b]$ s.t.

$$f_1(x) \leq f(x) \leq f_2(x) \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

and

$$\int_a^b f_2(x) - f_1(x) dx < \varepsilon$$

Let's define f_2 to be a step function defined as

$$f_2(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i) \mathbb{1}_{(x_{i-1}, x_i)}(x) \quad (\text{right end pt.})$$

and f_1 to be

$$f_1(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_{i-1}) \mathbb{1}_{(x_{i-1}, x_i)}(x) \quad (\text{left end pt.})$$

then $\forall x \in [a, b]$ it is true that

$$f_1(x) \leq f(x) \leq f_2(x)$$

Now WTS

$$\int_a^b f_2(x) - f_1(x) dx < \varepsilon$$

by linearity we have then that

$$\int_a^b f_2(x) dx - \int_a^b f_1(x) dx < \varepsilon$$