

# MATH 5302 Elementary Analysis II - Homework 5

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## Preliminaries

**Definition 1. Darboux-Stieltjes Integral** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , with  $f$  bounded and  $\alpha$  increasing on  $[a, b]$ . Let partition  $P$  be defined as

$$P = \{a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_{n-1} < x_n = b\}$$

Let

$$M(f, [x_1, x_2]) = \sup_{x \in [x_1, x_2]} f(x)$$

and

$$m(f, [x_1, x_2]) = \inf_{x \in [x_1, x_2]} f(x)$$

a. The upper and lower Darboux-Stieltjes Sums are defined

$$U(f, \alpha, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n M(f, [x_{i-1}, x_i]) \cdot \Delta_i \alpha$$

and

$$L(f, \alpha, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n m(f, [x_{i-1}, x_i]) \cdot \Delta_i \alpha$$

respectively with

$$\Delta_i \alpha = \alpha(x_i) - \alpha(x_{i-1})$$

A more general sum  $S(f, \alpha, P)$  is when  $f(x_i^*)$  for  $x_i^* \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$  is used instead.

**Note:**

$$m(f, [a, b]) \cdot (\alpha(b) - \alpha(a)) \leq L(f, \alpha, P) \leq U(f, \alpha, P) \leq M(f, [a, b]) \cdot (\alpha(b) - \alpha(a))$$

b. The upper and lower Darboux-Stieltjes Integrals are defined

$$U(f, \alpha) = \inf_{P \text{ partition of } [a, b]} U(f, \alpha, P)$$

and

$$L(f, \alpha) = \sup_{P \text{ partition of } [a, b]} L(f, \alpha, P)$$

respectively.

**Note:**

$$L(f, \alpha) \leq L(f, \alpha, P) \leq U(f, \alpha, P) \leq U(f, \alpha)$$

for any  $P$  partition of  $[a, b]$ .

c.  $f$  is called Darboux-Stieltjes Integrable with respect to  $\alpha$  if and only if

$$\forall_{\epsilon > 0} \exists P = \{a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{n-1} < x_n = b\} : U(f, \alpha, P) - L(f, \alpha, P) < \epsilon$$

in which case the Darboux-Stieltjes Integral with respect to  $\alpha$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{DS} \int_a^b f \, d\alpha = U(f, \alpha) = L(f, \alpha)$$

**Note:** If  $f$  is also continuous on  $[a, b]$  then  $f$  is Riemann-Stieltjes integrable which implies  $f$  is Darboux-Stieltjes integrable.

**Properties:** When  $f$  is Darboux-Stieltjes integrable on  $[a, b]$  and  $\alpha$  is increasing on  $[a, b]$  then

a.  $|f|$  is Darboux-Stieltjes integrable on  $[a, b]$  and

$$\mathcal{DS} \int_a^b f \, d\alpha \leq \mathcal{DS} \int_a^b |f| \, d\alpha$$

b.  $f^2$  is Darboux-Stieltjes integrable on  $[a, b]$ .

c. If  $g$  is also Darboux-Stieltjes integrable on  $[a, b]$ , then  $fg$  is Darboux-Stieltjes integrable on  $[a, b]$ .

d. For  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  also increasing on  $[a, b]$  and  $f$  is Darboux-Stieltjes integrable with respect to  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ , then  $f$  is Darboux-Stieltjes integrable with respect to  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ . Additionally,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{DS} \int_a^b f(x) \, d\alpha_1(x) + \mathcal{DS} \int_a^b f(x) \, d\alpha_2(x) \\ &= \mathcal{DS} \int_a^b f(x) \, d\alpha(x) + \alpha_2(x) \end{aligned}$$

e. For  $a < c < b$ ,  $f$  is Darboux-Stieltjes integrable with respect to  $\alpha$  on  $[a, b]$  if and only if  $f$  is Darboux-Stieltjes integrable with respect to  $\alpha$  on  $[a, c]$  and  $[c, b]$ . Furthermore,

$$\mathcal{DS} \int_a^b f(x) \, d\alpha(x) = \mathcal{DS} \int_a^c f(x) \, d\alpha(x) + \mathcal{DS} \int_c^b f(x) \, d\alpha(x)$$

**Definition 2. Continuity:** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

a.  $f$  is Lipschitz Continuous on  $[a, b]$  if

$$\exists_C : \forall_{x, y \in [a, b]} |f(x) - f(y)| \leq |x - y|$$

b.  $f$  is Absolutely Continuous on  $[a, b]$  if

$$\forall_{\epsilon > 0} \exists \delta > 0 \forall_{\text{finite collection } \{(x, x')\} \text{ of nonoverlapping intervals: } \sum_{i=1}^n |x'_i - x_i| < \delta} \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x'_i) - f(x_i)| < \epsilon$$

c.  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $[a, b]$  if

$$\forall_{\epsilon > 0} \exists \delta > 0 : (x, y \in [a, b]) \wedge \{|x - y| < \delta\} \implies |f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$$

d.  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  if  $f$  is continuous at all  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ . i.e.

$$\forall_{\epsilon > 0} \exists \delta > 0 : \forall_{x \in [a, b]} \wedge |x - x_0| < \delta \implies |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon$$

**Properties:**

- a.  $f$  continuous on closed  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $[a, b]$ .
- b.  $f$  differentiable at  $x \in [a, b]$  implies Locally Lipschitz continuous at  $x$ .
- c.  $C^1[a, b]$  is the set of differentiable functions with continuous derivatives on  $[a, b]$ .
- d.  $C^1[a, b] \subset$  differentiable functions with bounded derivatives
- e. Differentiable with bounded derivatives  $\implies$  Lipschitz continuous  $\implies$  Absolutely continuous  $\implies$  uniformly continuous  $\implies$  continuous

# Problem 1

## Problem:

Assume  $f$  is a real-valued function defined on  $[a, b]$  and  $f$  is Lipschitz continuous on  $[a, b]$ . Show that  $f$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ .

## Solution:

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f$  is Lipschitz continuous on  $[a, b]$  then  $f$  is also absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ .*

*Proof.* Consider the finite collection of nonoverlapping intervals,

$$\mathcal{I} = \{(x_1, x'_1), (x_2, x'_2), \dots, (x_n, x'_n)\}$$

where  $x_1 = a$ ,  $x'_n = b$ ,  $x_i < x'_i \forall i=1, \dots, n$ , and  $x'_i \leq x_{i+1} \forall i=1, \dots, n-1$ . By definition,  $f$  being Lipschitz continuous on  $[a, b]$  means:

$$\exists M : \forall x, y \in [a, b] |f(x) - f(y)| \leq M|x - y|$$

Therefore,

$$|f(x'_i) - f(x_i)| < M|x'_i - x_i|, \forall (x_i, x'_i) \in \mathcal{I}$$

Equivalently,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |f(x'_i) - f(x_i)| < M \sum_{i=1}^n |x'_i - x_i|$$

Taking  $\delta = M\epsilon$ , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |x'_i - x_i| < \delta = M\epsilon \implies \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x'_i) - f(x_i)| < \epsilon$$

Therefore,

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta = M\epsilon \forall \mathcal{I} \text{ nonoverlapping} : \sum_{i=1}^n |x'_i - x_i| < \delta \implies \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x'_i) - f(x_i)| < \epsilon$$

which is the definition of absolutely continuous. □

## Problem 2

If  $f$  is continuous and  $\alpha$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is Riemann-Stieltjes integrable with respect to  $\alpha$  on  $[a, b]$ . Let  $\beta(x) = V_a^x(\alpha)$  and  $\gamma(x) = \beta(x) - \alpha(x)$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$ . Show that

a)

**Problem:**

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) d\alpha(x) \right| \leq \int_a^b |f(x)| d\beta(x) \leq \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f| V_a^b(\alpha).$$

**Solution:**

By definition,

$$\beta(x) = V_a^x(\alpha) = |\alpha(x) - \alpha(a)| = \alpha(x) + \gamma(x)$$

and

$$\beta(x_k) - \beta(x_{k-1}) = |\alpha(x_k) - \alpha(a)| - |\alpha(x_{k-1}) - \alpha(a)| = \alpha(x_k) - \alpha(x_{k-1})$$

Note that  $V_a^{x_k} \geq V_a^{x_{k-1}} \geq 0$ , so

$$\beta(x_k) - \beta(x_{k-1}) > 0 \implies \beta(x_k) - \beta(x_{k-1}) = |\beta(x_k) - \beta(x_{k-1})|$$

Additionally, since  $\alpha(x)$  is of bounded variation,

$$\Delta_k(\alpha) \leq V_a^{x_k}(\alpha) \leq V_a^b(\alpha)$$

We have that

$$\int_a^b f(x) d\alpha(x) = \lim_{\text{mesh}(P) \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*)(\alpha(x_i) - \alpha(x_{i-1}))$$

therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_a^b f(x) d\alpha(x) \right| &= \lim_{\text{mesh}(P) \rightarrow 0} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*)(\alpha(x_i) - \alpha(x_{i-1})) \right| \\ &= \lim_{\text{mesh}(P) \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i^*)(\alpha(x_i) - \alpha(x_{i-1}))| \\ &\leq \lim_{\text{mesh}(P) \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i^*)| |\alpha(x_i) - \alpha(x_{i-1})| \\ &= \lim_{\text{mesh}(P) \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i^*)| |\beta(x_k) - \beta(x_{k-1})| \\ &= \lim_{\text{mesh}(P) \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i^*)| (\beta(x_k) - \beta(x_{k-1})) \\ &= \int_a^b |f(x)| d\beta(x) \\ &= \lim_{\text{mesh}(P) \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i^*)| V_{x_k}^{x_{k-1}}(\alpha) \\ &\leq \lim_{\text{mesh}(P) \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i^*)| V_a^b(\alpha) \\ &= \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f| V_a^b(\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) \, d\alpha(x) \right| \leq \int_a^b |f(x) \, d\beta(x)| \leq \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f| V_a^b(\alpha).$$

b)

**Problem:**

The function  $\alpha$  is Riemann-Stieltjes integrable with respect to  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ .

**Solution:**

Since  $\alpha$  of bounded variation and  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,

$$\int_a^b \alpha(x) \, df(x) = \lim_{\text{mesh}(P) \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha(x_i^*) (f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1}))$$

which clearly converges since  $\alpha(x_{i-1}) \leq \alpha(x_i^*) \leq \alpha(x_i)$  and  $f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1}) \rightarrow 0$ .

### Problem 3

**Problem:**

Given a positive integer  $n$  and numbers  $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$ , let  $\alpha$  be the step function defined on  $[0, 1]$  by

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(0) &= 0, \\ \alpha(x) &= c_0 \text{ for } 0 < x < \frac{1}{n}, \\ \alpha(x) &= c_0 \text{ for } \frac{k-1}{n} < x < \frac{k}{n}, k = 2, 3, \dots, n, \\ \alpha(1) &= \sum_{i=0}^n c_i\end{aligned}$$

Show that  $V_0^1(\alpha) \leq \sum_{i=0}^n |c_i|$ . (Hint: Use Riemann-Stieltjes Integral to estimate the variation.)

**Solution:**

## Problem 4

### Problem:

Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 0; \\ x^3 & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 1; \end{cases} \text{ and } \alpha(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = -1; \\ 2x^2 & \text{if } -1 < x < 1; \\ -1 & \text{if } x = 1. \end{cases}$$

Evaluate the Darboux-Stieltjes integral  $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) d\alpha(x)$ .

### Solution:

**Example 1.** *Let*

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x^3 & 0 < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

*and*

$$\alpha(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = -1 \\ 2x^2 & -1 < x < 1 \\ -1 & x = 1 \end{cases}$$

*Evaluate the Darboux-Stieltjes integral  $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) d\alpha(x)$ .*

The definition of a Darboux-Stieltjes integral is

$$\mathcal{DS} \int_a^b f d\alpha = U(f, \alpha) = \inf_P U(f, \alpha, P) = \sup_P L(f, \alpha, P) = L(f, \alpha)$$

where the upper Darboux-Stieltjes sum is

$$U(f, \alpha, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n M(f, [x_{i-1}, x_i]) \cdot \Delta_i \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n \sup_{x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(x) \cdot (\alpha(x_{i-1}) - \alpha(x_i))$$

and the lower Darboux-Stieltjes sum is

$$L(f, \alpha, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n m(f, [x_{i-1}, x_i]) \cdot \Delta_i \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n \inf_{x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(x) \cdot (\alpha(x_{i-1}) - \alpha(x_i))$$

These definitions could be used to both directly compute the sums and that the integral exists; however, we can take the conclusion that  $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) d\alpha(x)$  exists since  $f(x)$  is continuous and  $\alpha(x)$  is differentiable apart from two finite points (at  $a$  and  $b$ ).



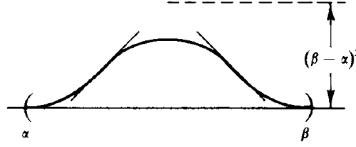
Taking a few jumps we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{-1}^1 f(x) \, d\alpha(x) &= f(-1)(\alpha(-1^+) - \alpha(-1^-)) + \int_{-1}^0 f(x) \frac{d\alpha}{dx} + \int_0^1 f(x) \frac{d\alpha}{dx} + f(1)(\alpha(1^+) - \alpha(1^-)) \\
&= (1)(2 - 1) + \int_{-1}^0 (x^2)(4x) \, dx + \int_0^1 (x^3)(4x) \, dx + (1)(-1 - 2) \\
&= (1)(1) + \int_{-1}^0 4x^3 \, dx + \int_0^1 4x^4 \, dx + (1)(-3) \\
&= 1 + x^4 \Big|_{-1}^0 + \frac{4}{5} x^5 \Big|_0^1 - 3 \\
&= 1 - 3 + (0^4 - (-1)^4) + \frac{4}{5}(1^5 - (0)^5) \\
&= -2 - 1 + \frac{4}{5} \\
&= \frac{-11}{5} = -2.2
\end{aligned}$$

## Problem 5

Let  $C$  be the Cantor set in  $[0, 1]$ . The Cantor set  $C$  is created by iteratively deleting the open middle third from a set of non-overlapping closed intervals. One starts by deleting the open middle third  $(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$  from the interval  $[0, 1]$ , leaving two closed intervals:  $[0, \frac{1}{3}]$  and  $[\frac{2}{3}, 1]$ . Next, the open middle third of each of these remaining intervals is deleted, leaving four closed intervals:  $[0, \frac{1}{9}]$ ,  $[\frac{2}{9}, \frac{1}{3}]$ ,  $[\frac{2}{3}, \frac{7}{9}]$ , and  $[\frac{8}{9}, 1]$ . Continue this process forever. The Cantor set contains all points in the interval  $[0, 1]$  that are not deleted at any step in this infinite process. Let  $D$  be the open set deleted. Then  $C = [0, 1] \setminus D$ .

A continuous function  $f$  is defined to be zero on  $C$  and on each component interval  $(\alpha, \beta)$  of  $D$  to have its graph as shown in the figure. The exact equation is not important, but on  $(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $f'$  is continuous,  $f'(\alpha^+) = f'(\beta^-) = 0$ ,  $\max_{x \in (\alpha, \beta)} |f'(x)| = 1$ , and  $\max_{x \in (\alpha, \beta)} f(x) \leq (\beta - \alpha)^2$ . Show that the Riemann integral  $\int_{0,1} f'(x) dx$  doesn't exist even though  $f'(x)$  exists and are bounded on  $[0, 1]$ .



**Example 2.** Let  $C \in [0, 1]$  be the Cantor set and  $D = C'$ . Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function defined as  $0 \forall x \in C$  and on each interval of  $D$ ,  $(\alpha, \beta)$ , we have

$$f'(\alpha^+) = f'(\beta^-) = 0 \wedge \max_{x \in (\alpha, \beta)} |f'(x)| = 1 \wedge \max_{x \in (\alpha, \beta)} f(x) \leq (\beta - \alpha)^2$$

However, the Riemann integral  $\mathcal{R} \int_0^1 f'(x) dx$  does not exist.

Consider the partition  $P$  defined by

$$P = \{0 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_N = 1\}$$

with mesh size  $\text{mesh}(P) < \delta$ . Let  $(\alpha_0, \beta_0) \in [0, 1]$  describe an arbitrary interval of  $D$ .

The lower Riemann (Darboux) sum is defined as

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^N m(f, [x_{k-1}, x_k])$$

The upper Riemann (Darboux) sum is defined as

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^N M(f, [x_{k-1}, x_k])$$

When  $\text{mesh}(P) > (\alpha_0 - \beta_0)$ ,  $\forall k=1, \dots, N$ ,  $m(f, [x_{k-1}, x_k]) = 0$  since  $\exists x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k] : x \in C$  and  $0 < M(f, [x_{k-1}, x_k]) \leq (\beta_0 - \alpha_0)^2$  since  $\exists x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k] : x \in D$ .

This means that  $\forall P$ ,

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^N (m(f, [x_{k-1}, x_k]) = 0) = 0$$

and

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^N (M(f, [x_{k-1}, x_k]) > 0) > 0$$

Thus,

$$L(f) = 0 < U(f)$$

and therefore

$$L(f) \neq U(f)$$

which means that  $f$  is not Riemann Integrable.