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Some concepts of integrals

Partition: a **finite** ordered tuple $(a_0, a_1, a_2 \dots a_n)$

Step functions: a function that has same values over partitions of the domain.

Bounded function: A function whose supremum value is finite over an interval. We denote the set of all bounded functions by $L^\infty(I)$, where I is the interval domain.

Regulated function: A **bounded** function f that is defined on a closed interval and is the uniform limit of some step functions. Equivalently, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a step function g such that $\sup |f(x) - g(x)| < \epsilon$ over the domain.

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Any continuous function defined on a closed interval is regulated.

Piecewise continuous function: A function that can be partitioned into a **finite** number of continuous functions, except at **finitely** many boundary points of the partition.

Any **piecewise** continuous function defined on a closed interval is regulated.

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Integral of regulated function: The limit of the integral of a sequence of step functions that converge uniformly to the given regulated function.

The uniform limit of a sequence of regulated function is also a regulated function. What's more, the intergral of this sequence of function converges to the intergral of the limit function.

Upper area: The infimum of integrals of step functions that are no less than the given **bounded** function.

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Darboux integral: a **bounded** function whose upper area and lower area exist and coincide. Note that the upper and lower areas do **NOT** depend on the partition.

A **regulated** function defined on a **closed** interval is always **Darnoux**-integrable, and its Darboux integral is equal to the regulated integral.

Step function with respect to a tagged partition (P, \equiv) : The step function with respect to P , where \equiv is the set of uniform function values on P .

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Mesh size: the maximum of the interval length over the partition.

Riemann sum of a function with tagged partition: Just the normal integral of this step function.

Riemann-integrable: A bounded function f defined on a closed interval is said to be Riemann-integrable, if for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists δ , such that for any tagged partition with mesh size less than δ , the Riemann sum of f with the partition lies in $B_\epsilon(F)$. We then define F as the Riemann sum of f .

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A bounded real function is Reimann-integrable if and only if it is Darboux-integrable. Then its Reimann integral is equal to the Darboux integral.

Some methods of doing integrals

Pay attention that the following theorem puts **NO** restrict on a and b . In other words, you can define the integral from any point a as you like, and the derivative at x is still the same. We then say F is the primitive of f .

4.2.1. Theorem. Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be continuous and set

$$F: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad F(x) := \int_a^x f.$$

Then F is differentiable on (a, b) and

$$F'(x) = f(x), \quad x \in (a, b).$$

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4.2.4. Substitution Rule. Let $f \in \text{Reg}([\alpha, \beta])$ and $g: [a, b] \rightarrow [\alpha, \beta]$ continuously differentiable. Then

$$\int_a^b (f \circ g)(x) g'(x) dx = \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(y) dy.$$

4.2.8. Theorem. Let $f, g \in C^1([a, b], \mathbb{C})$. Then

$$\int_a^b f'(x) g(x) dx = f(x) g(x) \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b f(x) g'(x) dx.$$

Improper integral

4.2.10. **Definition.** Assume that $b \leq \infty$ and that $f: [a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is regulated on any closed subinterval $[a, x]$, $x < b$. Then

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt$$

is called an **improper integral** and is said to **converge** or **exist** if

$$\lim_{x \nearrow b} \int_a^x f(t) dt =: I$$

exists.

Improper integral

4.2.13. Cauchy Criterion. Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f: [a, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be integrable on every interval $[a, x]$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. The improper integral

$$\int_a^\infty f(x) dx$$

converges if and only if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists R > 0 \forall x, y > R \quad \left| \int_x^y f(t) dt \right| < \varepsilon.$$

Reference

1. VV186 Slide and previous RC Slide