

Math2033 TA note 12

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Example 1. Let $f : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be twice differentiable, $M_0 = \sup\{|f(x)| : x > 0\} < \infty$, $M_1 = \sup\{|f'(x)| : x > 0\} < \infty$ and $M_2 = \sup\{|f''(x)| : x > 0\} < \infty$. Show that $M_1^2 \leq 4M_0M_2$. (Hint: Let $h > 0$. Apply Taylor's theorem to $f(x)$ with $c + h$, then solve for $f'(c)$.)

Solution: Let $h > 0$. By Taylor's theorem, there is a $\xi \in (c, c + h)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(c + h) &= f(c) + f'(c)h + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2}h^2 \implies f'(c) = \frac{f(c + h) - f(c)}{h} - f''(\xi)\frac{h}{2} \\ &\implies |f'(c)| \leq \frac{|f(c + h)| + |f(c)|}{h} + \frac{|f''(\xi)|h}{2} \\ &\implies |f'(c)| \leq \frac{2M_0}{h} + \frac{M_2h}{2} \quad \forall h > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\frac{2M_0}{h} + \frac{M_2h}{2} \geq 2\sqrt{\frac{2M_0}{h} \frac{M_2h}{2}} = 2\sqrt{M_0M_2}$ and the equality hold when $h = 2\sqrt{\frac{M_0}{M_2}}$, we have $|f'(c)| \leq 2\sqrt{M_0M_2}$ for every $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Therefore, $M_1 \leq 2\sqrt{M_0M_2}$, i.e., $M_1^2 \leq 4M_0M_2$.

Example 2. Show that $f : (0, +\infty)$ defined by $f(x) = \sin \frac{1}{x}$ is not uniformly continuous.

Solution: Let $x_n = \frac{1}{n\pi}$, $y_n = \frac{1}{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi}$. Take $\epsilon = 1$, for every $\delta > 0$, by archimedian principle, $\exists N = [\sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi\delta}}] + 1$, such that $|x_n - y_n| = |\frac{1}{n\pi} - \frac{1}{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi}| = \frac{1}{2n(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi} < \frac{1}{n^2\pi} < \delta$, but

$$|f(x_n) - f(y_n)| = |\sin n\pi - \sin(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi| = 1$$

Example 3. $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded. f is continuous except points $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ where $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$. Show that f is integrable on $[a, b]$.

Solution: Because f is bounded, $\forall x, |f(x)| < M$ for some M . For $\epsilon > 0$, We find interval $[a_j, b_j], j = 1, \dots, n$ such that $x_j \in (a_j, b_j), j = 1, \dots, n$ and $|b_j - a_j| < \frac{\epsilon}{2nM}$. Then the interval $[a, a_1] \cup [b_1, a_2] \cup \dots \cup [b_n, b]$ is closed and f is continuous in this closed interval. So f is integrable in the region. Let P be a partition of $[a, a_1] \cup [b_1, a_2] \cup \dots \cup [b_n, b]$ s.t

$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

Then the partition P is also a partition of $[a, b]$ s.t

$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) \leq M \sum_{j=1}^n (b_j - a_j) + \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon.$$

Therefore, f is integrable on $[a, b]$.

Example 4. Suppose $a < c < d < b$ and f is integrable on $[a, b]$, then f is integrable on $[c, d]$.

Solution: Since f is integrable on $[a, b]$, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a partition P of $[a, b]$ such that $U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \epsilon$. We can assume that $c, d \in P$, otherwise we can consider $P \cup \{c, d\}$. Let $P_1 = P \cap [c, d]$, then P_1 is a partition of $[c, d]$. And we have

$$U(f, P_1) - L(f, P_1) \leq U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \epsilon.$$

Therefore, f is integrable on $[c, d]$.