

Problems (Due Nov 29 at 11:59 pm)

- (20) ① If $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'(x)$ exists, then prove that f' is continuous at 0.
- (25) ② If $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, $f(x) \geq 0$ for all x and $\int_a^b f(x) dx = 0$, then prove that $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.
- (25) ③ If $f, g: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are Riemann integrable, then show that the function $h(x) = \min(f(x), g(x))$ is Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$.
- (30) ④ Let $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ be Riemann integrable. Using the integral criterion, Prove that
$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ or } 1 \end{cases}$$
 is also Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$

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Solution

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x)}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'(x)$ exists, by l'Hôpital's rule,

⑩ we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x)}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'(x)$ exists in \mathbb{R} . Therefore, $f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'(x)$,

⑩ by definition of $f'(0)$
i.e. f' is continuous at 0.

- ② If $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, $f(x) \geq 0$ for all x and $\int_a^b f(x) dx = 0$, then prove that $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.

Solution

(Sol 1) Define $g(t) = \int_a^t f(x) dx$. Since f is continuous on $[a, b]$, by the fundamental theorem of calculus, $g'(x) = f(x) \geq 0$

⑩ for all $x \in [a, b]$. So g is increasing on $[a, b]$. Since

$$0 = g(a) \leq g(t) \leq g(b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx = 0,$$

⑮ we must have $g(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. Then $f(x) = g'(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.

(Sol. 2) Assume $f(x_0) > 0$ for some $x_0 \in [a, b]$. Since f is continuous at x_0 , for $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2} f(x_0)$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

⑩ $x \in [a, b] \cap (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta)$ implies $|f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon = \frac{f(x_0)}{2}$.

then $-\frac{f(x_0)}{2} < f(x) - f(x_0)$ so that $f(x) > \frac{f(x_0)}{2} > 0$.

Now $[a, b] \cap (x_0 - \delta, x_0 + \delta)$ contains a closed interval

⑮ $[c, d]$ of positive length. Then

$$0 < \int_c^d \frac{f(x_0)}{2} dx < \int_c^d f(x) dx \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx = 0,$$

which is a contradiction. So $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.

- ③ If $f, g: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are Riemann integrable, then show that the function $h(x) = \min(f(x), g(x))$ is Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$,

Solution

Note $\max(f, g) + \min(f, g) = f + g$ and $\max(f, g) - \min(f, g) = |f - g|$.
Subtracting, then dividing by 2, we have

⑫
$$h = \min(f, g) = \frac{f + g - |f - g|}{2}.$$

If f, g are integrable, then $f + g, f - g$ are integrable.

⑬ Since $|x|$ is continuous, so $|f - g|$ is integrable.
Therefore $h = \frac{f + g - |f - g|}{2}$ is integrable.

- ④ Let $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ be Riemann integrable. Using the integral criterion, Prove that $g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ or } 1 \end{cases}$ is also Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$.

Solution

Since f is Riemann integrable, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, \exists partition

$P_1 = \{0 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = 1\}$ such that $U(f, P_1) - L(f, P_1) < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$.

- ⑤ Choose $r \in (0, x_1)$ and $r < \frac{\varepsilon}{6}$. Also choose $s \in (x_{n-1}, 1)$ and $1-s < \frac{\varepsilon}{6}$. Let $P = P_1 \cup \{r, s\}$, then $U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$ by the refinement theorem. Note $-1 \leq g(x) \leq 1$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$.

Then

$$U(g, P) - L(g, P) \leq \left(\max_{x \in [0, r]} g(x) - \min_{x \in [0, r]} g(x) \right) r + (U(f, P) - L(f, P))$$

$$+ \left(\max_{x \in [s, 1]} g(x) - \min_{x \in [s, 1]} g(x) \right) (1-s)$$

$$< 2 \times \frac{\varepsilon}{6} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + 2 \times \frac{\varepsilon}{6} = \varepsilon.$$

⑤ By the integral criterion, g is Riemann integrable.