

MATH 317: Homework 4

Deadline: Monday 03/04/2020

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Show that f is integrable over $[0, 1]$ and compute $\int_0^1 f dx$.

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Exercise 8. Recall that a set $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is said to have *measure zero* if, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a countable collection of open intervals $\{(a_n, b_n)\}_n$ satisfying:

$$X \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n, b_n) \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_n - a_n) < \epsilon.$$

Prove that any countable set $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ has *measure zero*.

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(a) Suppose that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded. f is cont. at every point in $[a, b]$ except a single point $c \in (a, b)$. Prove that f is integrable on $[a, b]$

Recall: Integrals Analytically

Proof: Fix $\varepsilon > 0$, let $m = \inf f(x)$, $M = \sup f(x)$

Pick an $n \in \mathbb{N}$ large enough so that $[x_0 - \frac{1}{n}, x_0 + \frac{1}{n}] \subseteq [a, b]$ and $\frac{2}{n} < \frac{\varepsilon}{3(M-m)}$

Consider a partition P s.t. $U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \varepsilon$

Step 1: Pick a partition P_1 of $[a, x_0 - \frac{1}{n}]$ s.t. $U(f, P_1) - L(f, P_1) < \varepsilon/3$

Step 2: Pick a partition P_2 of $[x_0 + \frac{1}{n}, b]$ s.t. $U(f, P_2) - L(f, P_2) < \varepsilon/3$

Step 3: Define $P = P_1 \cup P_2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & U(f, P) - L(f, P) \\ &= U(f, P_1) + U(f, \{x_0 - \frac{1}{n}, x_0 + \frac{1}{n}\}) + U(f, P_2) - [L(f, P_1) + L(f, \{x_0 - \frac{1}{n}, x_0 + \frac{1}{n}\}) + L(f, P_2)] \\ &= (U(f, P_1) - L(f, P_1)) + (U(f, P_2) - L(f, P_2)) + (U(f, \{x_0 - \frac{1}{n}, x_0 + \frac{1}{n}\}) - L(f, \{x_0 - \frac{1}{n}, x_0 + \frac{1}{n}\})) \\ &< \varepsilon/3 + \varepsilon/3 + (M-m) \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{3(M-m)} = \varepsilon/3 + \varepsilon/3 + \varepsilon/3 = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

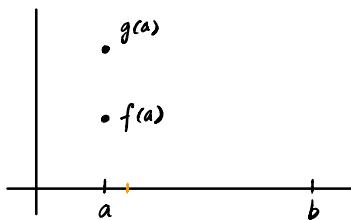
Then through induction,

1.(a) f is integrable $\Rightarrow f$ is bounded

$g = f \Rightarrow g$ is bounded $\Rightarrow \inf g = m$ & $\sup g = M$ exist

Base case:

$x_1 \in [a, b]$, $x_1 = a$ (or $x_1 = b$)



Recall:

Thm:

$g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable

\Leftrightarrow for any $\epsilon > 0$, there is a partition $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

$$\text{s.t. } U(g, P) - L(g, P) < \epsilon$$

Fix $\epsilon > 0$.

Pick an $x_1 \in (a, b)$ s.t.

$$x_1 - a < \frac{\epsilon}{2(m-n)}$$

$$[x_1, b] \overset{f=g}{\frown}$$

There is a partition $P' = \{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n\}$ of $[x_1, b]$ s.t.

$$U(g, P') - L(g, P') < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$\text{Take } P = \{a\} \cup P' = \{a, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

$$U(g, P) - L(g, P)$$

$$= \sup g([a, x_1])(x_1 - a) + U(g, P') - [\inf g([a, x_1])(x_1 - a) + L(g, P')]$$

$$= \sup g([a, x_1])(x_1 - a) - \inf g([a, x_1])(x_1 - a) + [U(g, P') - L(g, P')]$$

$$= (\sup g([a, x_1]) - \inf g([a, x_1]))(x_1 - a) + (U(g, P') - L(g, P'))$$

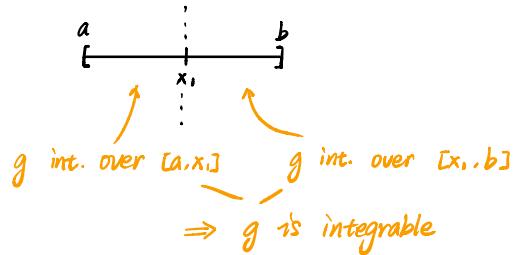
$$< (M - m)(x_1 - a) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$< (M - m) \frac{\epsilon}{2(m-n)} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$$

General Case: $f \neq g$ at $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p \in [a, b]$

Then we can split $[a, b]$ into finitely many subintervals

$$g_1 \quad g_2 \quad g_3 \quad \dots \quad g_p = g$$
$$x_1 \quad x_1, x_2 \quad x_1, x_2, x_3 \quad \dots \quad x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p$$



Through base case, we know g is integrable over each small subinterval

Thus, we can conclude that g is integrable over $[a, b]$

$$\int_a^b g \, dx = \int_a^b f \, dx$$

(b) Let $g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in Q \\ -1 & \text{if } x \in I \end{cases}$ & $f(x) = -1$

Then $g(x) = f(x)$ except when $x \in Q$, (Q is countable)

$f(x)$ is integrable

but $g(x)$ is not integrable

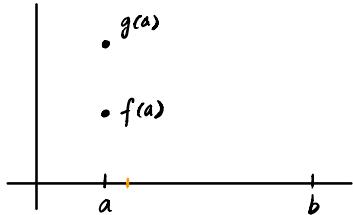
HW4 Ex1 (a) $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ integrable $\begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{bounded} \\ \leftarrow \text{bounded} \end{matrix}$

$g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : g(x) = f(x)$ everywhere on $[a, b]$ except $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p \in [a, b]$

$\Rightarrow g$ is integrable $\begin{matrix} \text{bounded} \\ \text{bounded} \end{matrix}$

(Prove by induction) $\Rightarrow M = \sup g \quad m = \inf g$

Case 1: $x_1 \in [a, b]$, $x_1 = a$ or $x_1 = b$



Fix $\varepsilon > 0$.

Pick an $x_1 \in (a, b)$ s.t.

$$x_1 - a < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(m-n)}$$

$$[x_1, b] \overset{\curvearrowright}{\sim} f = g$$

There is a partition $P' = \{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n\}$ of $[x_1, b]$ s.t.

$$U(g, P') - L(g, P') < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Take $P = \{a\} \cup P' = \{a, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

$$U(g, P) - L(g, P)$$

$$= \sup g([a, x_1])(x_1 - a) + U(g, P') - [\inf g([a, x_1])(x_1 - a) + L(g, P')]$$

$$= \sup g([a, x_1])(x_1 - a) - \inf g([a, x_1])(x_1 - a) + [U(g, P') - L(g, P')]$$

$$= (\underbrace{\sup g([a, x_1])}_{\leq M-m} - \underbrace{\inf g([a, x_1])}_{\text{only over } [a, x_1] \Rightarrow < m})(x_1 - a) + \underbrace{(U(g, P') - L(g, P'))}_{< \frac{\varepsilon}{2}}$$

$$< (M-m)(x_1 - a) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$< (\overline{M-m}) \frac{\varepsilon}{2(m-n)} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

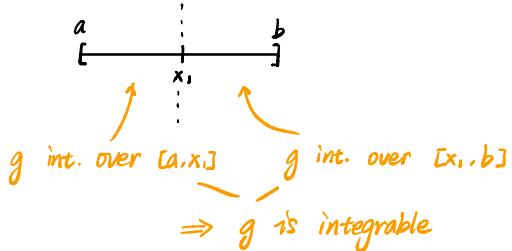
Recall:

Thm:

$g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable
 \Leftrightarrow for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a partition $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$
 s.t. $U(g, P) - L(g, P) < \varepsilon$

General Case: $f \neq g$ at $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p \in [a, b]$

$$g_1 \quad g_2 \quad g_3 \quad \cdots \quad g_p = g$$
$$x_1 \quad x_1, x_2 \quad x_1, x_2, x_3 \quad x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p$$



g is integrable

$$\int_a^b f dx = \int_a^b g dx$$

$\Rightarrow g$ is integrable

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Exercise 2. Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{n} \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Show that f is integrable over $[0, 1]$ and compute $\int_0^1 f dx$.

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Thm: $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

f is integrable \Leftrightarrow There is a sequence of partition P_n

of $[a, b]$ with $U(f, P_n) - L(f, P_n) \rightarrow 0$

By induction, if a function is 0 everywhere except finitely many points, then the integral will also be zero.

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Show that f is integrable over $[0, 1]$ and compute $\int_0^1 f dx$.

Proof: Let $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$, $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots\} = \{\frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, \dots\}$

Claim: f is integrable over $[0, 1]$

Recall: For any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a sequence of partition P s.t.

$$U(f, P_n) - L(f, P_n) < \varepsilon$$

Given any $\varepsilon > 0$, since $(\frac{1}{n}) \rightarrow 0$, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow |\frac{1}{n}| < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq N$

Now take partition $P = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N, 0\}$

$$\begin{aligned} U(f, P) &= \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} M_i(f)(x_{i+1} - x_i) + M(f)(\frac{1}{N} - 0) \\ &< (-\frac{1}{2} + 1) + (-\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}) + \dots + (-\frac{1}{N} - \frac{1}{N-1}) + \varepsilon \\ &< \varepsilon - \frac{1}{N} < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow U(f, P) < \varepsilon$ implies that f is integrable over $[0, 1]$

Recall f is integrable if $L(f) = U(f)$

$$\int_0^1 f dx = L(f) = U(f) = 0$$

Exercise 3. Let g be bounded on $[a, b]$ and assume there exists a partition P with $L(g, P) = U(g, P)$. Describe g . Is it integrable? If so, what is the value of $\int_a^b g$?

Since g is bounded on $[a, b]$, there exists $M > 0$ s.t. $|g(x)| \leq M$, $\forall x \in [a, b]$

Let $\epsilon > 0$ and $\{O_1, O_2, \dots, O_N\}$ be open intervals covers D_f s.t.

$$\sum_{n=1}^N |O_n| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{4M}$$

$(\bigcup_{n=1}^N O_n)^c$ is the finite collection of closed intervals on which g is continuous
then g is integrable

Thus, there exists a partition P_i of $(\bigcup_{n=1}^N O_n)^c$ s.t.

$$U(g, P_i) - L(g, P_i) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Consider a partition P from P_i by adding finitely many end points of O_n

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } U(g, P) - L(g, P) &= (U(g, P_i) - L(g, P_i)) + \sum_{n=1}^N (M_n - m_n) |O_n| \\ &\leq U(g, P_i) - L(g, P_i) + \sum_{n=1}^N 2M |O_n| \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + 2M \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{4M} |O_n| \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + 2M \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2M} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow U(g, P) - L(g, P) < \epsilon \Leftrightarrow g$ is integral (by Integral Analytically Thm)

Since g is integrable $\Rightarrow \int_a^b g = L(g) = U(g)$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b g = m(b-a)$$

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Exercise 3. Let g be bounded on $[a, b]$ and assume there exists a partition P with $L(g, P) = U(g, P)$. Describe g . Is it integrable? If so, what is the value of $\int_a^b g$?

A bounded function $g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable if $L(g) = U(g)$

$$U(g) = \inf \{U(g, P) : P \in \mathcal{P}\}$$

$$L(g) = \sup \{L(g, P) : P \in \mathcal{P}\}$$

$$\text{since } U(g, P) = L(g, P), \quad U(g) = L(g)$$

$$\text{and } \int_a^b g(x) dx = L(g) = U(g)$$

Exercise 4. Exercise 7.4.3. from the book ‘Understanding Analysis’ by Stephen Abbott.

Exercise 7.4.3. Decide which of the following conjectures is true and supply a short proof. For those that are not true, give a counterexample.

- (a) If $|f|$ is integrable on $[a, b]$, then f is also integrable on this set.

(a) False. Counterexample: $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in Q \\ -1 & \text{if } x \in I \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{not integrable}$

$$|f(x)| = 1 \Rightarrow \text{continuous} \Rightarrow \text{integrable}$$

- (b) Assume g is integrable and $g(x) \geq 0$ on $[a, b]$. If $g(x) > 0$ for an infinite number of points $x \in [a, b]$, then $\int_a^b g > 0$.

False. Let $[a, b]$ be defined as $[0, 1]$

$$\text{Define } g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & \text{if } n > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ then } \int_a^b g = 0$$

- (c) If g is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $g(x) \geq 0$ with $g(y_0) > 0$ for at least one point $y_0 \in [a, b]$, then $\int_a^b g > 0$.

Proof: Fix $\epsilon = \frac{g(y_0)}{2} > 0$

By continuity at y_0 , there exists a $\delta > 0$ s.t. $|x - y_0| < \delta$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} |g(x) - g(y_0)| < \frac{g(y_0)}{2} &\Leftrightarrow -\frac{g(y_0)}{2} < g(x) - g(y_0) < \frac{g(y_0)}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{g(y_0)}{2} < g(x) \text{ for } |x - y_0| < \delta \Leftrightarrow \frac{g(y_0)}{2} < g(x) \text{ for } x \in [y_0 - \delta, y_0 + \delta] \end{aligned}$$

Since g is integrable, then $\int_{y_0-\delta}^{y_0+\delta} g \geq \frac{g(y_0)}{2} [(y_0 + \delta) - (y_0 - \delta)]$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{y_0-\delta}^{y_0+\delta} g \geq g(y_0) \cdot \delta > 0$$

$$\int_a^b g = \int_a^{y_0-\delta} g + \int_{y_0-\delta}^{y_0+\delta} g + \int_{y_0+\delta}^b g, \text{ Then } g(x) \geq 0 \text{ on } [a, b]$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^{y_0-\delta} g \geq 0 \quad \& \quad \int_{y_0+\delta}^b g \geq 0$$

$$\int_a^{y_0-\delta} g + \int_{y_0-\delta}^{y_0+\delta} g + \int_{y_0+\delta}^b g \geq \int_{y_0-\delta}^{y_0+\delta} g \geq g(y_0) \delta > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b g > 0$$

Exercise 5. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded function.

(a) Show that if f is integrable on the interval $[a, b]$, then $|f|$ is also integrable on this interval.

(b) Also, prove that if f is integrable over $[a, b]$, then

$$\left| \int_a^b f dx \right| \leq \int_a^b |f| dx.$$

Proof: Let $\epsilon > 0$. since f is integrable, f is bounded $\Rightarrow |f|$ is bounded
 f is integrable \Rightarrow there exists a partition $P_\epsilon = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ s.t.

$$U(f, P_\epsilon) - L(f, P_\epsilon) < \epsilon$$

$$\text{Define } \bar{m}_i = \inf \{|f(x)| : x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]\}$$

$$\bar{M}_i = \sup \{|f(x)| : x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]\}$$

$$f(x) \leq |f(x)| \text{ for } \forall x, \text{ then } m_i \leq \bar{m}_i \& M_i \leq \bar{M}_i \text{ for } \forall i \\ \Rightarrow M_i - m_i \geq \bar{M}_i - \bar{m}_i$$

if M_i & m_i are both positive / negative \Rightarrow these two are equal
else: taking absolute value makes them getting closer

$$\text{Then, } U(|f|, P_\epsilon) - L(|f|, P_\epsilon) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{M}_i - \bar{m}_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (M_i - m_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ = U(f, P_\epsilon) - L(f, P_\epsilon) < \epsilon$$

Then by integral analytically thm., $|f|$ is integrable

(b) Consider $-|f(x)| \leq f(x) \leq |f(x)|$

Recall: $f \leq g \Rightarrow \int f \leq \int g$

Then $-\int_a^b |f(x)| dx \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \int_a^b |f(x)| dx \Leftarrow (*)$

Recall: $-t \leq s \leq t \Leftrightarrow |s| \leq t$ for $\forall s, t \in \mathbb{R}$

Then $(*) \Leftrightarrow \left| \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \int_a^b |f(x)| dx$



Exercise 6. Show that if $f(x) > 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$ and f is integrable, then $\int_a^b f dx > 0$.

Proof: Suppose $f(x) > 0$ for $\forall x \in [a, b]$ and f is integrable,

then f is bounded, and by following proposition:

Recall: $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded function, $m \leq f(x) \leq M$ for $\forall x \in [a, b]$

$$\text{Then } m(b-a) \leq L(f) \leq U(f) \leq M(b-a)$$

$$\text{Now we have } m \cdot (b-a) \leq L(f) \Rightarrow 0 \cdot (b-a) < L(f) \Rightarrow 0 < L(f)$$

By def of integrable $\Rightarrow \int_a^b f dx = L(f)$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b f dx > 0$$

Measure zero Any interval \Rightarrow sth. that has length cannot be measure 0

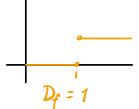
Being a measure 0 \Rightarrow That set doesn't contain any length.
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(No interval can be measure 0, unless the interval is a single point)

Exercise 6. Show that if $f(x) > 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$ and f is integrable, then $\int_a^b f dx > 0$.

Proof: Recall Thm:

$\stackrel{a < b}{f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}}$ is integrable \Leftrightarrow The set of discontinuity points (D_f) has measure zero



Step 1: There is a $c \in [a,b]$ s.t. f is continuous at c .
Since $a < b$, there exists a positive length between a, b
which means $[a,b]$ cannot be measure 0

(No interval can be measure 0, unless the interval is a single point)

Then $D_f \subset [a,b]$ ($D_f \neq [a,b]$).

There exists $\exists c \in [a,b] - D_f \Rightarrow f$ is continuous at c

WLOG. $c \in (a,b)$

$f(c) > 0$, f is positive at c

Find $[c_1, c_2]$ sufficiently small so that $\int_{c_1}^{c_2} f dx > 0$

$f(x) > 0$ for $\forall x \Rightarrow 0 \leq m(b-a) \leq \int_a^b f dx$

By continuity of f at c , there exists $\exists \delta$ s.t.

$f(x) \in (f(c) - \varepsilon, f(c) + \varepsilon)$ if $x \in (c-\delta, c+\delta)$

$\Rightarrow f(c) - \varepsilon < f(x) \Rightarrow f(c)/2 < f(x)$

Show that $\int_a^b f dx > 0$:

$$\int_a^b f dx = \int_a^{c-\delta} f dx + \int_{c-\delta}^{c+\delta} f dx + \int_{c+\delta}^b f dx$$

$$\int_a^{c-\delta} f dx \geq 0, \int_{c+\delta}^b f dx \geq 0, \int_{c-\delta}^{c+\delta} f dx \geq \frac{2\delta f(c)}{2} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^{c-\delta} f dx + \int_{c-\delta}^{c+\delta} f dx + \int_{c+\delta}^b f dx > 0$$

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Exercise 7. Show that if $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and $\int_a^x f = 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$, then $f(x) = 0$ everywhere on $[a, b]$. Provide an example to show that this conclusion does not follow if f is not continuous.

$f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is cont.

Define $F : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $F(x) = \int_a^x f dt$

integrable \Rightarrow continuous $\Rightarrow F$ is diff over $[a, b]$

For $\forall x \in [a, b]$, $\int_a^x f dt = 0 \Rightarrow F(x) = 0$, F is constant

Recall Fundamental Thm of Calculus, part (ii)

$g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable, define $G : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $G(x) = \int_a^x g(t) dt$

Then G is continuous, $\Rightarrow G$ is differentiable and $G'(x) = g(x)$

Thus, we can imply $f(x) = F'(x) = 0$

Counterexample:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Exercise 8. Recall that a set $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is said to have *measure zero* if, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a countable collection of open intervals $\{(a_n, b_n)\}_n$ satisfying:

$$X \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n, b_n) \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_n - a_n) < \epsilon.$$

Prove that any countable set $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ has *measure zero*.

Let $X = \{x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a countable set

Consider $I_n = (a_n, b_n)$ covers each $\{x_n\}$

$$x_n \in I_n \iff I_n = [x_n - \frac{\epsilon}{2^{n+1}}, x_n + \frac{\epsilon}{2^{n+1}}] \Rightarrow X \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n \Rightarrow X \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n, b_n)$$

Now we can imply that $m(I_n) = |I_n| = (x_n + \frac{\epsilon}{2^{n+1}}) - (x_n - \frac{\epsilon}{2^{n+1}}) = \frac{2\epsilon}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{\epsilon}{2^n}$

$$\text{Thus, } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n, b_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |I_n| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon}{2^n} = \epsilon \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} < \epsilon$$

Hence $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ has measure zero.

Exercise 8. Recall that a set $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is said to have *measure zero* if, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a countable collection of open intervals $\{(a_n, b_n)\}_n$ satisfying:

$$X \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n, b_n) \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_n - a_n) \right) < \epsilon.$$



Prove that any countable set $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ has *measure zero*.

$$\left\{ \left(x_n - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}, x_n + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \right) \right\} \quad Q: \text{ Is } x_n \in \left\{ \left(\underbrace{x_n - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}, x_n + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}} \right) \right\} ? \quad x_n \in X$$

A: Yes

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(x_n + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} - x_n + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{2^{n+1}}$$

Consider $X = \{x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a countable set

For any $\epsilon > 0$, take $(a_n, b_n) = (x_n - \varepsilon_n, x_n + \varepsilon_n)$ where $\varepsilon_n = \frac{\epsilon}{2^{n+1}}$

This means the countable collection of open intervals $\{(a_n, b_n)\}_n$ covers X

$$\Rightarrow X \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n, b_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |(a_n, b_n)| &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\epsilon}{2^n} = \epsilon \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} + \dots \right) \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2^1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} + \dots \right) \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{2} \left(\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} \right) = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists (c_n, d_n) s.t.

$$x_n \in (c_n, d_n), \quad d_n - c_n = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$$

$$X \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_n, d_n)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (d_n - c_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n}$$

one point : ?