

# MATH 629 Lecture Notes

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# 1 From Riemann to Lebesgue

## §1.1 Riemann Integral

**Definition 1.1.1.**  $P = \{a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = b\}$  is a partition of  $[a, b]$ .

**Definition 1.1.2.** If  $P, P'$  are partitions of  $[a, b]$  and  $P \subseteq P'$ , then  $P'$  is a refinement of  $P$ .

**Definition 1.1.3.** Given a bounded function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a partition  $P = \{a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = b\}$  we define

$$m_i(f) = \inf_{t \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(t)$$

$$M_i(f) = \sup_{t \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(t)$$

define the lower sum as

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i(f)(x_i - x_{i-1})$$

and the upper sum as

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n M_i(f)(x_i - x_{i-1})$$

### Lemma 1.1.4

Given a bounded function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and partitions  $P$  of  $[a, b]$ . Suppose that  $P'$  is a refinement of  $P$  then

$$(b - a) \inf_{t \in [a, b]} f(t) \leq L(f, P) \leq L(f, P') \leq U(f, P') \leq U(f, P) \leq (b - a) \sup_{t \in [a, b]} f(t)$$

### Corollary 1.1.5

Suppose that  $P_1, P_2$  are partitions of  $[a, b]$  then  $L(f, P_1) \leq U(f, P_2)$

*Proof.* Let  $P' = P_1 \cup P_2$  then  $P'$  is a refinement of  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  and use Lemma 1.1.4  $\square$

**Lemma 1.1.6**

Suppose that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded. Then

$$(b - a) \inf_{t \in [a, b]} f(t) \leq \sup_P L(f, P) \leq \inf_P U(f, P) \leq (b - a) \sup_{t \in [a, b]} f(t)$$

**Definition 1.1.7.** A function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Riemann integrable if

$$\sup_P L(f, P) = \inf_P U(f, P)$$

and the common value is called the Riemann integral of  $f$  and is denoted by  $\int_a^b f$

**Lemma 1.1.8**

Suppose that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded. Then  $f$  is Riemann integrable if and only if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a partition  $P$  such that

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

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Suppose that  $f$  is Riemann integrable. Then there exists  $P_1, P_2$  such that

$$L(f, P_1) \geq \int_a^b f - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$U(f, P_2) \leq \int_a^b f + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

let  $P = P_1 \cup P_2$  then

$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) \leq \varepsilon$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $P_\varepsilon$  such that

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

since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, we have

$$\sup_P L(f, P) = \inf_P U(f, P)$$

□

**Theorem 1.1.9**

If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  then  $f$  is Riemann integrable.

*Proof.*  $f$  is continuous on a compact set, so,  $f$  is uniformly continuous. For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $x, y \in [a, b]$  if  $|x - y| < \delta$  then  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{(b-a)}$ . Let  $N$  be such that  $\frac{(b-a)}{N} < \delta$  and let  $P = \{x_i := a + \frac{(b-a)i}{N}\}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} U(f, P) - L(f, P) &= \sum_{i=1}^N (M_i(f) - m_i(f)) \frac{(b-a)}{N} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\varepsilon}{(b-a)} \frac{(b-a)}{N} \\ &= \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark 1.1.10.** Let  $f(x) = \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{Q}}(x)$  defined on the  $[0, 1]$ . Then  $U(f, P) = 1$  and  $L(f, P) = 0$  for any partition  $P$ . So,  $f$  is not Riemann integrable.

## §1.2 Lebesgue null sets

**Definition 1.2.1.** For the closed interval  $I = [a, b]$ , the length of  $I$ , denoted as  $\ell(I)$  is defined as  $\ell(I) = b - a$

**Definition 1.2.2.** A set  $E$  is said to be a Lebesgue null set if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a sequence of intervals  $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$$

and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \ell(I_n) < \varepsilon$$

### Lemma 1.2.3

Countable unions of Lebesgue null sets are Lebesgue null sets.

*Proof.* For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and for each Lebesgue null sets  $E_n$  there exists  $I_{E_n, i}$  such that

$$E_n \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} I_{E_n, i}$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \ell(I_{E_n,i}) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2^n}$$

then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \ell(I_{E_n,i}) < \varepsilon$$

□

**Definition 1.2.4.** A set  $E \subseteq [a, b]$  has content zero if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n$  such that

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \ell(I_i) < \varepsilon$$

#### Lemma 1.2.5

Suppose that  $E \subseteq [a, b]$  is a compact Lebesgue null set then  $E$  has content zero.

*Proof.* For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a sequence of interval  $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $E \subseteq \bigcup I_n$  and  $\sum \ell(I_n) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . Suppose that  $I_n = [a_n, b_n]$ , then let

$$J_n = \left( a_n - \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{n+3}}, b_n + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{n+3}} \right) \supseteq I_n$$

then from the compactness of  $E$ , there exists a finite subcover  $J_{n_1}, J_{n_2}, \dots, J_{n_k}$  such that  $E \subseteq \bigcup J_{n_i}$  then we construct a finite closed interval  $K_i$  by

$$K_i = \left[ a_{n_i} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{n_i+2}}, b_{n_i} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{n_i+2}} \right]$$

then  $E \subseteq \bigcup K_i$  and  $\sum \ell(K_i) < \varepsilon$

□

#### Corollary 1.2.6

if  $a < b$  then  $[a, b]$  is not a Lebesgue null set.

*Proof.* By contradiction, since  $[a, b]$  is compact, then  $[a, b]$  has content zero, but  $[a, b]$  don't have content zero. □

## §1.3 Oscillation and Discontinuity

**Definition 1.3.1.** Suppose that  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for any  $x \in X$  and  $\delta > 0$ , define

$$M_{f,\delta}(x) := \sup\{f(y) : d(x, y) < \delta\}$$

$$m_{f,\delta}(x) := \inf\{f(y) : d(x, y) < \delta\}$$

then we define

$$\text{osc}_f(x) := \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} M_{f,\delta}(x) - m_{f,\delta}(x)$$

### Lemma 1.3.2

$f$  is continuous at  $x$  if and only if  $\text{osc}_f(x) = 0$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $d(x, y) < \delta$  then  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . Then

$$M_{f,\delta}(x) - m_{f,\delta}(x) \leq \sup\{f(y) : d(x, y) < \delta\} - \inf\{f(y) : d(x, y) < \delta\} < \varepsilon$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose that  $\text{osc}_f(x) = 0$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $M_{f,\delta}(x) - m_{f,\delta}(x) < \varepsilon$ . Then for any  $y \in X$  such that  $d(x, y) < \delta$ , we have  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$  then  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ .  $\square$

### Theorem 1.3.3

Suppose that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  then  $f \in \mathcal{R}([a, b])$  if and only if  $f$  is bounded and the set of discontinuity of  $f$  is a Lebesgue null set.

Before we prove this theorem, we need to prove the following lemma.

### Lemma 1.3.4

$\{x \in [a, b] : \text{osc}_f(x) \geq \gamma\}$  is closed.

*Proof.* We need to show that  $\{x : \text{osc}_f(x) < \gamma\}$  is open. Fix  $x$  in that set. Let  $\varepsilon = \gamma - \text{osc}_f(x)$  then

$$\sup_{|w-x|<\delta} f(w) - \inf_{|w-x|<\delta} f(w) < \text{osc}_f(x) < \gamma$$

then for any  $w \in (x - \delta, x + \delta)$  if  $|w - x| < \frac{\delta}{2}$  then

$$\text{osc}(w) \leq \sup_{|y-w| < \frac{\delta}{2}} f(y) - \inf_{|y-w| < \frac{\delta}{2}} f(y) < \gamma$$

So,  $B(x, \frac{\delta}{2}) \subseteq \{x : \text{osc}_f(x) < \gamma\}$  □

we observe that

- (i) If the set of discontinuities is a Lebesgue null set, then  $\{x : \text{osc}_f(x) \geq \gamma\}$  is a set of content zero.
- (ii) If  $\{x : \text{osc}_f(x) \geq \gamma\}$  is a Lebesgue null set, then the set of discontinuities is also a Lebesgue null set.

*Proof of Theorem.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) We want to show that for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\mathcal{D}_n = \left\{x : \text{osc}_f(x) \geq \frac{1}{n}\right\}$$

is a Lebesgue null set. For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , since  $f$  is Riemann integrable, there exists a partition  $P$  of  $[a, b]$  such that

$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - x_{i-1})(M_i - m_i) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{n}$$

where  $M_i = \sup_{x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(x)$  and  $m_i = \inf_{x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(x)$ . in particular

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{[x_{i-1}, x_i] \cap \mathcal{D}_n \neq \emptyset} (x_i - x_{i-1})(M_i - m_i) &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{n} \\ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{[x_{i-1}, x_i] \cap \mathcal{D}_n \neq \emptyset} \ell([x_{i-1}, x_i]) &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{n} \end{aligned}$$

So, this interval cover the set  $\mathcal{D}_n$  □

For the other direction, we need some lemma in order to prove the theorem

#### Lemma 1.3.5

Suppose that  $f$  is defined on  $[c, d]$ , assume that  $\text{osc}_f(x) < \gamma$  then we can find a partition

$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \gamma(b - a)$$

*Proof.* For every  $x \in [c, d]$ , there exists  $\delta_x > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{|w-x| < \delta_x} f(w) - \inf_{|w-x| < \delta_x} f(x) < \gamma$$

□

# 2 Measures

## §2.1 Introduction

We define the  $\ell([c, d]) = d - c$  and If  $E = [c_1, d_1] \cup [c_2, d_2]$  where  $d_1 < c_2$  then  $\ell(E) = d_1 - c_1 + d_2 - c_2$ . This is consistent with the definition

$$\ell(E) = \int \mathbb{1}_E(x) \, dx$$

where the integral denotes the Riemann integral.

if  $E \subseteq [a, b]$  reference interval is

$$\int_a^b \mathbb{1}_E \, dx$$

**Remark 2.1.1.** The consistency of the definition also works with the set  $(c, d)$ ,  $[c, d)$ , and  $(c, d]$ , where the length of all of them is  $d - c$ .

**Remark 2.1.2.** we denote  $\mathbb{1}_E$  to be such that

$$\mathbb{1}_E = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in E \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin E \end{cases}$$

### Example 2.1.3

Let  $f(x) = \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{Q}}(x)$  defined on the  $[0, 1]$ . Then  $U(f, P) = 1$  and  $L(f, P) = 0$  for any partition  $P$ .

Fix the reference interval  $[a, b]$  and consider subset of  $[a, b]$

Let  $\mathcal{A} =$  collection of sets for which  $\int_{[a, b]} \mathbb{1}_E \, dx$  exists.

If  $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ , we can make the set to be mutually disjoint by taking  $E_1 = A_1$ ,  $E_2 = A_2 \setminus A_1$ ,  $E_3 = A_3 \setminus (A_1 \cup A_2)$ , and so on.

### Example 2.1.4

For  $E_1, E_2 \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have

$$\mathbb{1}_{E_1 \cap E_2}(x) = \mathbb{1}_{E_1}(x) \mathbb{1}_{E_2}(x)$$



**Example 2.1.5**

For the Riemann integral, we have

$$\int_a^b f(y) = \int_{a-v}^{b-v} f(v+y)$$

and we want

$$\int \mathbb{1}_E(x) \, dx = \int \mathbb{1}_{v+E}$$

where  $v + E = \{v + x : x \in E\}$

Let  $E = \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$  countable set, we can enumerate  $r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots$  such that

$$E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{r_n\}$$

and

$$\int \mathbb{1}_{\{r_k\}} = 0$$

$E$  should have length zero but according  $\mathbb{1}_E$  is not Riemann integrable.

**§2.2 Construction of Measure**

Suppose that  $\mathcal{C}$  be a collection of sets.

Can we define on suitable large collection of subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

a set function  $\mu : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow [0, \infty) \cup \{\infty\}$  such that if  $\{E_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of disjoint set in  $\mathcal{C}$  then

$$\bigcup E_j = \mathcal{C}$$

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_j\right) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_j)$$

$$\mu([a, b]) = b - a, \mu([0, 1]) = 1$$

Can we do this for the collection of all subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

Answer: No, Vitali set.

**Theorem 2.2.1**

We cannot define a measure on the collection of all subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Before we prove that theorem, we need to define something and prove the following lemma.

**Definition 2.2.2.** We define a Vitali set  $V$  from picking an element  $x \in [0, 1)$  from each equivalence class of the relation  $x \sim y$  if  $x - y \in \mathbb{Q}$ . (e.g, pick  $x \in O_x$  for  $O_x \in \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Q}$ )

**Lemma 2.2.3**

Suppose that  $V$  is a Vitali set then

$$V \cap V + q = \emptyset$$

For all  $q \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$

*Proof.* Suppose not, there exists  $a \in V$  such that  $a \in V + q \implies a - q \in V$  but we only pick 1 element in each equivalence class. contradiction.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.4**

Let  $V$  be a Vitali set and let  $W = \{q \in [-1, 1] : q \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  and

$$E = \bigcup_{w \in W} V + w$$

then

$$[0, 1] \subseteq E \subseteq [-1, 2]$$

*Proof.* Consider  $E \subseteq [-1, 2]$ . Since  $V \subseteq [0, 1)$ , then for any  $v \in V$ ,  $v \in [0, 1) \implies v + w \in [-1, 2]$ .

For the  $[0, 1] \subseteq E$ , for any  $x \in [0, 1]$  there exists  $O_x \in \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $x \in O_x$ . then there exists  $v \in C_x$  such that  $v \in [0, 1)$  and  $v \in V$ , since both are from the same equivalence class, then  $x - v \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $|x - v| < 1 \implies x - v \in (-1, 1)$ . Hence, there exists  $w \in W$  such that  $w = x - v$  so  $v + w = x$ .  $\square$

*Proof of the theorem.* Suppose that  $\mu$  exists then using the result from Lemma 2.2.4 we get that

$$\mu([0, 1]) \leq \mu(E) \leq \mu([-1, 2])$$

from Lemma 2.2.3 we know that each  $V + w$  is disjoint, so

$$\begin{aligned}\mu([0, 1]) &\leq \sum_{w \in W} \mu(V) \leq \mu([-1, 2]) \\ 1 &\leq \sum_{w \in W} \mu(V) \leq 3\end{aligned}$$

if  $\mu(V) = 0$  then  $\mu(E) = 0$  and if  $\mu(V) > 0$  then  $\mu(E) = \infty$ . Both are contradiction.  $\square$