MATH 629 Lecture Notes

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1 From Riemann to Lebesgue

1.1 Riemann Integral

Definition 1. $P = \{a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = b\}$ is a partition of $[a, b]$.

Definition 2. If P, P' are partitions of $[a, b]$ and $P \subseteq P'$, then P' is a refinement of P.

Definition 3. Given a bounded function $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ 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 4. Given a bounded function $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ and partitons 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 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 4 $\square$

Lemma 6. Suppose that $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ 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 7. A function $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ 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 8. Suppose that $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ 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_ε such that

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

since ε is arbitrary, we have

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

□

Theorem 9. If $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on $[a, b]$ then f is Riemann integrable.

Proof. f is continuous on a compact set, so, f is uniformly continous. 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

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

□

1.2 Lebesgue null sets

Definition 10. For the closed interval $I = [a, b]$, the length of I, denoted as $\ell(I)$ is defined as $\ell(I) = b - a$

Definition 11. 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 12. 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 13. A set $E \subseteq [a, b]$ has content zero if for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $I_1, I_2, \ldots, I_n$ such that

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

and

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