

# 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  $\sum \ell(K_i) < \varepsilon$

□

# 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.

**Lemma 2.2.1**

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

*Proof.* Assume  $\mu$  exists then for  $E \subseteq F$  then  $\mu(E) \leq \mu(F)$ . From the disjoint, we get  $\mu(F) = \mu(E) + \mu(F \setminus E)$ . Now, we define a special set  $E$ . We consider an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{R}$ , saying  $x \sim y$ , if  $x - y \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $\mathbb{R}$  is a disjoint union of equivalence classes. We can form a set  $E$  with the property that each equivalence class has exactly one member in  $E$  (and that member belongs to  $[0, 1)$ ). Let  $r_1, r_2, \dots$  be an enumeration of the rational numbers in  $[-1, 1]$ . let  $A = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (r_k + E)$ , then  $A \subseteq [-1, 2] = [-1, 0] \cup [0, 1] \cup [1, 2] \implies \mu(A) \leq 3$ . Claim:  $A \supset [0, 1] \implies \mu(A) \geq 1$ . Pick  $x \in [0, 1)$ ,  $x \sim w$ ,  $w \in E \cap [0, 1)$  so  $x - w \in [-1, 1]$  is rational.  $A = \bigcup_{+} (R_k + E)$  If  $y = r_k + w_k = r_k + w_l \in E \implies w_k \sim w_l \implies k = l$  (because  $E$  has exactly one member in eqch equivalence class). then

$$\mu \left( \bigcup_{+} (r_k + E) \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(r_k + E) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(E)$$

If  $\mu(E) = 0$  then  $\mu(A) = 0$ . If  $\mu(E) > 0$  then  $\mu(A) = \infty$ .

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