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Chapter 1

Parametric Integral

1.1 Parametric Definite Integral

1.1.1 The definition of parametric definite integral

Definition 1.1. The function $f(x)$ is defined on $[a, b] \times [c, d]$. If $\forall x \in [a, b]$, the definite integral $\int_c^d f(x, y) dy$ exists, then it defines a function:

$$I(x) = \int_c^d f(x, y) dy$$

We call $I(x)$ the **parametric definite integral**, and call x the **parameter**.

Definite integral is a process of limit. Hence research on it is **similar** to the function series. The question we are concerned with is, under what conditions does $I(x)$ be **continuous, integrable, and differentiable**?

1.1.2 The sufficient condition for $I(x)$ to be continuous

Theorem 1.2. *thm: The sufficient condition for $I(x)$ to be continuous. Suppose that $f(x, y)$ is continuous on $D = [a, b] \times [c, d]$. Then $I(x)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$.*¹

Proof. We use the uniform continuity of $f(x, y)$ on D to prove the theorem.

As $f(x, y)$ is continuous on the compact set D , it is uniformly continuous on D . Hence $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ such that

$$\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2} < \delta \implies |f(x_1, y_1) - f(x_2, y_2)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{d - c}$$

Thus $\forall x \in [a, b]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I(x) - I(x_0)| &= \left| \int_c^d f(x, y) - f(x_0, y) dy \right| \leq \int_c^d |f(x, y) - f(x_0, y)| dy \\ &< \int_c^d \frac{\varepsilon}{d - c} dy = \varepsilon. \quad \forall x_0 \in U(x, \delta) \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

¹The theorem can be generalized as follows: Under the assumption of the theorem, $\forall (x, u) \in D$, $I(x, u) = \int_c^u f(x, y) dy$ is continuous on $[a, b]$.

Under the condition of the theorem above, we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \int_c^d f(x, y) dy = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} I(x) = I(x_0) = \int_c^d \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x, y) dy$$

Hence **the continuity of $I(x)$ can be interpreted as the changeability between limit operation and integral operation.**

By the theorem of transforming double integrals into iterated integrals, we have:

Theorem 1.3. Suppose $f(x, y)$ is continuous on $D = [a, b] \times [c, d]$. Then $I_1(x) = \int_c^d f(x, y) dy$ and $I_2(y) = \int_a^b f(x, y) dx$ are integrable on $[a, b], [c, d]$ respectively, and

$$\int_a^b I_1(x) dx = \int_c^d I_2(y) dy$$

The theorem states that under the condition of the theorem, integral operations can be changed.

$$\int_a^b dx \int_c^d f(x, y) dy = \int_c^d dy \int_a^b f(x, y) dx$$

1.1.3 The Integrability of Parametric Define Integral

Theorem 1.4. Suppose $f(x, y)$ and its partial derivative $f'_x(x, y)$ is continuous on $D = [a, b] \times [c, d]$. Then $I(x) = \int_c^d f(x, y) dy$ is differentiable on $[a, b]$ and

$$I'(x) = \int_c^d f'_x(x, y) dy.$$

Proof. By the theorem ??, $g(x) = \int_c^d f'_x(x, y) dy$ is continuous on $[a, b]$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^x g(u) du &= \int_a^x du \int_c^d f'_u(u, y) dy = \int_c^d dy \int_a^x f'_u(u, y) du \\ &= \int_c^d [f(x, y) - f(a, y)] dy = I(x) - I(a) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $g(x) = I'(x)$. This completes the proof. \square

The differentiability means the changeability between differential and integral.

The theorem can be generalized as follows

Theorem 1.5. Suppose $f(x, y), f'_x(x, y)$ are continuous on D and $\varphi(x)$ is a function defined on $[a, b]$ that $c \leq \varphi(x) \leq d$. Then $I(x) = \int_c^{\varphi(x)} f(x, y) dy$ is differentiable and

$$I'(x) = \int_c^{\varphi(x)} f'_x(x, y) dy + f(x, \varphi(x))\varphi'(x)$$

Proof. Let $u = \varphi(x)$. Then $I(x) = F(x, u) = \int_c^u f(x, y) \, dy$. Take the partial derivative of F with respect to x

$$\frac{\partial F(x, u)}{\partial x} = \int_c^u f'_x(x, y) \, dy$$

As $f'_x(x, y)$ is continuous on D , $\frac{\partial F(x, u)}{\partial x}$ is continuous on $[a, b]$. Similarly

$$\frac{\partial F(x, u)}{\partial u} = f(x, u) \text{ is continuous on } [c, d]$$

That is the two partial derivatives of F are both continuous. Hence

$$I'(x) = \frac{\partial F(x, u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial F(x, u)}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

This completes the proof. □