

Chapter 8: 2.12, 2.15, 2.16, 2.17,
2.18, 2.19, 2.20, 3.3

Exercise 2.12 Which $n \in \mathbb{N}$ have the property that $f^n \in \mathcal{R}([a, b])$ implies $f \in \mathcal{R}([a, b])$? Give proofs(s) and counterexamples(s) to show your answer is correct and complete.

We know that if f is differentiable on $[a, b]$ that it must be continuous on $[a, b]$. By contradiction, we will show that f is bounded. If f is unbounded at $[a, b]$ then $\exists x \in [a, b]$ s.t. $\nexists M$ s.t. $|f(x)| < M$. Let's analyze the limit as $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = f'(x)$. Without loss of generality, assume $f(x+h)$ is finite. By our previous statement, we claimed that $f(x)$ was unbounded which implies this limit can't exist. This means that $f \notin \mathcal{R}([a, b])$ which is a contradiction. Since f is continuous and bounded, we can say that by Theorem 2.8 $f \in \mathcal{R}([a, b])$. If this holds for f' , then it will hold for all $n > 1$ as well. ■

Exercise 2.15 Show that if $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and $F(x) := \int_a^x f(t)dt = 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$, then $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. Provide an example to show that the statement is false if f is not continuous.

We want $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{F(t) - F(x)}{t - x} = F'(x) = f(x) = 0 \forall x \in [a, b]$. We know that $F(x) := \int_a^x f(t)dt = 0$. So this means that $\forall x \in [a, b], F(x) = F(a)$ by the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. So then, substitute $F(a)$ for $F(x)$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{F(t) - F(a)}{t - x} = F'(x) = f(x) = 0 \forall x \in [a, b]$. Let's pick the same function $f(x) = 0$ but at some point $x \in [a, b]$, there exists a removable discontinuity where $f(x) = 1$. If we choose the partitions of the function correctly, we can obtain the original expression with $f(x) \neq 0 \forall x \in [a, b]$. $F(x) := \int_a^x f(t)dt = 0$. ■

Exercise 2.16 Assume f and g are differentiable functions on $[a, b]$ and assume $f', g' \in \mathcal{R}([a, b])$. Show that the integration by parts formula is valid:

$$\int_a^b f g' dx = f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a) - \int_a^b f' g dx.$$

Make sure you show the relevant functions are Riemann integrable when you do the proof!

Let's analyze the product of the functions, fg . Apply the product rule so $\frac{d}{dx}fg = f'g + fg'$. Apply the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, $\int_a^b \frac{d}{dx}(fg) dx = \int_a^b f g' dx + \int_a^b f' g dx \rightarrow \int_a^b f g' dx = \int_a^b \frac{d}{dx}(fg) dx - \int_a^b f' g dx$. Evaluate the expression so $\int_a^b f g' dx = f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a) - \int_a^b f' g dx$. By Theorem 2.10(b), $\frac{d}{dx}(fg) \in \mathcal{R}$ so both functions in integrals are Riemann integrable. ■

Exercise 2.17 Assume $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable, that g' is continuous, and M and m are upper and lower bounds, respectively, for the function g . Assume $f : [m, M] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous. Show that the change of variables formula is valid:

$$\int_a^b f(g(x))g'(x)dx = \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(t)dt.$$

Again, part of the exercise is to check that the relevant functions are Riemann integrable when you do the proof!

Exercise 2.18 Assume $f \in \mathcal{R}([a, b])$, but that f has a jump discontinuity at $c \in (a, b)$, i.e. $f(c-) \neq f(c+)$. Show that $F(x) := \int_a^x f(t)dt$ is not differentiable at $x = c$. ■

Exercise 2.20 Assume g is bounded, $g \in \mathcal{R}([0, 1])$ and g is continuous at 0. Show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 g(x^n) dx = g(0).$$

Hint: Consider the difference $\int_0^1 g(x^n) dx - g(0)$; add and subtract $\int_0^c g(x^n) dx$ for a carefully chosen c , and then that $\int_0^c dx$ is close to $cg(0)$ for large enough n . ■

Exercise 3.3 Let (f_n) be a sequence of real-valued, Riemann integrable functions on the interval $[a, b]$. Assume that $f_n(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for each $x \in [a, b]$, and additionally,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f_{n+1}(x) - f_n(x)|$$

converges uniformly on $[a, b]$.

1. Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n dx \rightarrow 0$.
2. Is it necessarily the case that the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$ converges uniformly? Give a proof or counterexample to support your answer.

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