

RIEMANN-STIELTJES INTEGRABILITY

THEOREM

Let $f, \alpha: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be bounded. Then, $f \in R(\alpha)$ if (1) or (2)

- 1) f is continuous and $\alpha \in BV$
- 2) α is continuous and $f \in BV$

COROLLARY

For $\alpha(x) = x$ and a continuous or a bounded variation f , then f is integrable

PROOF OF THEOREM

Integration by parts gives us $f \in R(\alpha) \Leftrightarrow \alpha \in R(f)$, therefore it is enough to show that when (1) holds with increasing α , $f \in R(\alpha)$.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $[a, b]$ is compact, we know that f is uniformly continuous

Take $\delta > 0$, s.t. $x, y \in [a, b]$, $|x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$

Let us take a partition $P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b])$ s.t. $\|P\| < \delta$, then:

$U_P(f, \alpha) - L_P(f, \alpha) = \sum_{k=1}^n [M_k(f) - m_k(f)] \Delta \alpha_k \leq \varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^n \Delta \alpha_k = \varepsilon [\alpha(b) - \alpha(a)]$, thus Riemann's condition holds. \square

THEOREM

Let $f, \alpha: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be bounded, α be nondecreasing. If (1) or (2) holds, then $f \notin R(\alpha)$

- 1) $\exists c \in [a, b]$, s.t. f and α are not right-continuous at c
- 2) $\exists c \in [a, b]$, s.t. f and α are not left-continuous at c

Proof

By symmetry, we only need to check that (1) $\Rightarrow f \notin R(\alpha)$

Suppose that $c \in [a, b]$, s.t. f and α are not right continuous at c

Let $\varepsilon > 0$, $\delta > 0$, s.t. $\exists x \in (c, c + \delta)$, $|f(x) - f(c)| > \varepsilon$ and $\exists y \in (c, c + \delta)$, s.t. $|\alpha(y) - \alpha(c)| > \varepsilon$

Let $P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b])$, s.t. $x_i = c$, $x_{i+1} = y$ for some $1 \leq i \leq n-1$.

Then, $U_P(f, \alpha) - L_P(f, \alpha) = \sum_{k=1}^n [M_k(f) - m_k(f)] \Delta \alpha_k \geq \varepsilon [M_{i+1}(f) - m_{i+1}(f)] \geq \varepsilon^2 \quad \square$

MEAN VALUE THEOREMS

FIRST MEAN VALUE THEOREM

Let $\alpha: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a nondecreasing function and $f \in R(\alpha; a, b)$. Let $M := \sup\{f(x) \mid x \in [a, b]\}$ and $m := \inf\{f(x) \mid x \in [a, b]\}$. Then, $\exists c \in [m, M]$, such that $\int_a^b f(x) d\alpha(x) = c \int_a^b d\alpha(x) = c(\alpha(b) - \alpha(a))$. In particular, if f is continuous, then $c = f(x_0)$ for some $x_0 \in [a, b]$.

Proof

If α is a constant function, then of course $\int_a^b f d\alpha = 0$ and $\int_a^b d\alpha = 0 \Rightarrow$ The statement holds trivially

Suppose $\alpha(a) < \alpha(b)$. Then, for any given partition $P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b])$, we have $L_P(f, \alpha) \leq I(f, \alpha) = \bar{I}(f, \alpha) = \int_a^b f d\alpha \leq U_P(f, \alpha)$

Moreover, $L_P(f, \alpha) = \sum_{k=1}^n m_k(f) \Delta \alpha_k \geq \sum_{k=1}^n m \Delta \alpha_k = m \int_a^b d\alpha$ and $U_P(f, \alpha) = \sum_{k=1}^n M_k(f) \Delta \alpha_k \leq \sum_{k=1}^n M \Delta \alpha_k = M \int_a^b d\alpha$

Therefore, $m \int_a^b d\alpha \leq \int_a^b f d\alpha \leq M \int_a^b d\alpha$

$\Rightarrow c = \frac{\int_a^b f d\alpha}{\int_a^b d\alpha} \in [m, M] \quad \square$

COROLLARY

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Some assumptions give us $|\int_a^b f d\alpha| \leq M \int_a^b d\alpha = M[\alpha(b) - \alpha(a)]$, where $M = \sup\{f(x) | x \in [a, b]\}$
(This result could also be derived from the triangle inequality)

SECOND MEAN VALUE THEOREM

Let α be continuous and f be non-decreasing. Then, $\int_a^b f d\alpha = f(a) \int_a^{x_0} d\alpha + f(b) \int_{x_0}^b d\alpha$ for some $x_0 \in [a, b]$.

Proof

The integration by parts gives us $\int_a^b f d\alpha = f(b)\alpha(b) - f(a)\alpha(a) - \int_a^b \alpha df$

Now, applying 1st MVT, we obtain $\int_a^b \alpha df = \alpha(x_0)(f(b) - f(a))$ for some $x_0 \in [a, b]$.

Hence, putting these statements together, we get $\int_a^b f d\alpha = f(a) \int_a^{x_0} d\alpha + f(b) \int_{x_0}^b d\alpha$ \square

FUNDAMENTAL THEOREMS OF CALCULUS

DEFINITION

Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an interval, $f, F: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be functions. If $F'(x) = f(x) \forall x \in \text{int}(I)$, we say F is a **primitive** or **antiderivative** of f

FIRST FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF CALCULUS

Let $\alpha \in BV([a, b])$ and $f \in R(\alpha; a, b)$. Define $F(x) = \int_a^x f d\alpha \forall x \in [a, b]$. Then, we have:

(a) $F \in BV([a, b])$

(b) If α is continuous at some $c \in [a, b]$, then F is also continuous at c .

(c) If α is non-decreasing, then the derivative $F'(x)$ exists at $x \in (a, b)$ whenever $\alpha'(x)$ exists and f is continuous at x ; additionally, for such x , we have $F'(x) = f(x)\alpha'(x)$

Proof

It is sufficient for us to prove the theorem for non-decreasing α .

Note that for $x < y, x, y \in [a, b]$, we have $|F(y) - F(x)| \leq M_{x,y} |\alpha(y) - \alpha(x)|$, where $M_{x,y} = \sup\{f(t) | t \in [x, y]\} \leq \sup\{f(t) | t \in [a, b]\} =: M$

(a) Given a partition $P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b])$, we write $V_P(F) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\Delta F_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n M |\Delta \alpha_i| = M(\alpha(b) - \alpha(a)) < \infty \therefore$ We have $F \in BV([a, b])$ \checkmark

(b) Let $c \in [a, b]$, s.t. α is continuous at c . Let $\varepsilon > 0$, take $\delta > 0$, s.t. $\forall x \in [a, b], |x - c| \leq \delta \Rightarrow |\alpha(x) - \alpha(c)| \leq \varepsilon$

Then, we can see $\forall x \in [a, b], |x - c| \leq \delta \Rightarrow |F(x) - F(c)| \leq M\varepsilon$ ($\because \sum |\Delta F_i| \leq M \sum |\Delta \alpha_i|$)

By definition, F is continuous at c . \checkmark

(c) Let $x \in (a, b)$, s.t. $\alpha'(x)$ exists and f is continuous at x . By definition and MVT, $F'(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{F(y) - F(x)}{y - x} = \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \frac{c[\alpha(y) - \alpha(x)]}{y - x}$

Since $c: c(x, y) \rightarrow f(x)$ when $y \rightarrow x$, by the continuity of f at x and $\alpha'(x)$ exists, we deduce $F'(x) = f(x)\alpha'(x)$ \square

COROLLARY (Freshman Calculus I: Riemann Integrals)

Let $\alpha(x) = x$ and $f \in R(x; a, b)$ be a Riemann-integrable function.

Define $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$ and $G(x) = \int_a^x g(t) dt$

Then, the following properties hold:

(a) F and G are continuous functions of bounded variation on $[a, b]$.

(b) If f is continuous at $x \in (a, b)$, then $F'(x) = f(x)$

(c) For $f \in R(G; a, b)$, $g \in R(F; a, b)$ and $f, g \in R(x; a, b)$, we have $\int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x)dG(x) = \int_a^b g(x)dF(x)$

SECOND FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF CALCULUS

Let $f \in R(x; a, b)$ and $F: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, s.t. F is continuous and F' is well-defined on (a, b) . Suppose that $F'(x) = f(x)$ for every $x \in (a, b)$. Then, we have $\int_a^b F'(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$

Proof

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since $f \in R(x; a, b)$, we may find $P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b])$, s.t. $|\mathcal{S}_{P,t}(f, x) - \int_a^b f dx| < \varepsilon$ for any partition $P \geq P_\varepsilon$ and tagged points t .

For $P \geq P_\varepsilon$, and tagged points t , we have $\mathcal{S}_{P,t}(f, x) = \sum_{k=1}^n f(t_k) \Delta x_k = \sum_{k=1}^n F'(t_k) \Delta x_k$

Let us make a special choice of t , for a given partition $P \geq P_\varepsilon$, $\Delta F_k = F(x_k) - F(x_{k-1}) = F'(t_k) \Delta x_k = f(t_k) \Delta x_k$ (Why we need a special partition. It is valid too, since $t_k \in (x_{k-1}, x_k)$)
Therefore, $\mathcal{S}_{P,t}(f, x) = \sum_{k=1}^n f(t_k) \Delta x_k = \sum_{k=1}^n \Delta F_k = F(b) - F(a)$, this means $\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$

COROLLARY

Let $f \in R(x; a, b)$, $\alpha: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous s.t. $\alpha' \in R(x; a, b)$. Then, $\int_a^b f d\alpha = \int_a^b f \alpha' dx$

Proof

Just take $g = \alpha'$. \square

PROPOSITION (Change of Variables) Very important to check!

Let $g: [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be \mathcal{C}^1 . Let $f: g([c, d]) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous, and define $F(x) = \int_{g(c)}^x f(s) ds \quad \forall x \in g([c, d])$

Then, we have $\forall x \in [c, d]$, $\int_c^x f \circ g(t) g'(t) dt = F \circ g(x) = \int_{g(c)}^{g(x)} f(s) ds$