

Definition 5.5.1. A partition of a closed interval [a, b] is a finite subset P of [a, b] which includes a and b. We will usually number the elements of P in an increasing manner so that $P = \{x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ where

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = b.$$

The mesh of this partition P is

$$|P| = \max\{(x_i - x_{i-1}) : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}.$$

If $f:[a,b]\to\mathbb{R}$ is a bounded function, then the *upper sum* of f for partition P is

$$U(f,P) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sup\{f(x) : x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]\}(x_i - x_{i-1}).$$

The lower sum of f for partition P is

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Next, we let $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$. Finally, for any i = 1, 2, ..., n, let

$$m_i = \inf\{f(x) : x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]\}$$
 and $M_i = \sup\{f(x) : x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]\}.$

We will refer to this notation as the *standard notation* for partitions. With the standard notation,

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Definition 5.6.3. Suppose that $f:[a,b]\to\mathbb{R}$ is bounded. If

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Theorem 5.7.11. If $f:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$ is piecewise integrable on [a,b], then f is integrable [a,b].