

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be Riemann Integrable functions on the interval  $[a, b]$ , and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Prove the following:

1. The function  $f + g$  is Riemann Integrable on  $[a, b]$ , and  $\int_a^b (f + g)dx = \int_a^b f dx + \int_a^b g dx$ .
2. The function  $kf$  is Riemann Integrable on  $[a, b]$ , and  $\int_a^b (kf)dx = k \int_a^b f dx$ .
3. If  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ , then  $\int_a^b f dx \leq \int_a^b g dx$ .

Proof:

1. Let  $P$  be a partition.

For each  $k$ , let  $m_k = \inf\{f(x)|x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]\}$  and  $n_k = \inf\{g(x)|x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]\}$ . Then, for all  $x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_k &\leq f(x) \\
 \Leftrightarrow m_k + g(x) &\leq f(x) + g(x) \\
 \Leftrightarrow m_k + g(x) &\leq \inf\{f(x) + g(x)\} \\
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 \Leftrightarrow m_k + n_k &\leq \inf\{f(x) + g(x)\} \\
 \Leftrightarrow \sum (m_k + n_k)(x_k - x_{k-1}) &\leq \sum \inf\{f(x) + g(x)\}(x_k - x_{k-1}) \\
 \Leftrightarrow L(f, P) + L(g, P) &\leq L(f + g, P)
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have  $U(f + g, P) \leq U(f, P) + U(g, P)$ , so the inequality becomes  $L(f, P) + L(g, P) \leq L(f + g, P) \leq U(f + g, P) \leq U(f, P) + U(g, P)$ .

Since  $P$  is arbitrary and  $f, g$  are Riemann Integrable, we have

$L(f) + L(g) = L(f + g) = U(f + g) = U(f) + U(g)$ , so  $f + g$  is Riemann Integrable. And,  $\int_a^b f dx + \int_a^b g dx = U(f) + U(g) = U(f + g) = \int_a^b (f + g) dx$ .

2. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ .

Assume  $k = 0$ , then  $kf(x) = 0$ , and it is Riemann Integrable, and

$$\int_a^b (kf) dx = 0 = k \int_a^b f dx$$

Assume  $k < 0$ . Let  $P$  be the partition such that  $U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \frac{\epsilon}{|k|}$ . For each  $i$ , for all  $x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$ ,  $m_i \leq f(x)$ , so  $km_i \geq kf(x)$ , so  $km_i \geq \sup\{kf(x)\}$ . Similarly,  $kM_i \leq \inf\{kf(x)\}$ . Then,

$$U(kf, P) - L(kf, P) \leq k(m_i - M_i) < -k \frac{\epsilon}{|k|} < \epsilon.$$

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$$U(kf, P) - L(kf, P) \leq k(M_i - m_i) < k \frac{\epsilon}{k} < \epsilon.$$

WLOG, let  $k > 0$ . For any partition  $P$ ,  $kU(f) = k \inf\{U(f, P)\} = \inf\{kU(f, P)\} = \inf\{U(kf, P)\} = U(kf)$ . Similarly,  $kL(f) = L(kf)$ . So  $\int_a^b (kf) dx = U(kf) = kU(f) = k \int_a^b f dx$ .

3. Let  $P$  be an arbitrary partition. For any  $i$ , for all  $x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$ ,

$$f(x) \leq g(x), \text{ so } \inf(f(x)) \leq f(x) \leq \inf(g(x)) \leq g(x).$$

So,  $L(f, P) \leq L(g, P)$ , which results in

$$L(f, P) \leq L(f) = \sup\{L(f, P)\} \leq L(g, P) \leq \sup\{L(g, P)\} = L(g).$$

Thus,  $\int_a^b f dx \leq \int_a^b g dx$ .  $\square$ .