

Integration

$$\int_a^b f = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Definition: A partition  $P$  of a finite closed interval  $[a, b]$  is a finite subset of  $[a, b]$  which includes  $a, b$ .  $P = \{a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b\}$

Definition: Suppose  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$  ( $|f(x)| \leq B$  for some  $B$  and all  $x \in [a, b]$ ) and let  $P$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$ . We define  $U(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n M_i (x_i - x_{i-1})$   
 $L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i (x_i - x_{i-1})$

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

Note:  $P$  not required to be regular (equal width).  
 and  $L(f, P) \leq U(f, P)$  since  $m_i \leq M_i$

Lemma If  $P \subseteq Q$ , then  $L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q) \leq U(f, Q) \leq U(f, P)$ .

Proof: It suffices to prove this when  $Q = P \cup \{z\}$  with  $z \in (x_{i-1}, x_i)$

$U(f, Q)$  has the same terms as  $U(f, P)$  except for  $M_i (x_i - x_{i-1})$  is replaced by  $\underbrace{M_i' (z - x_{i-1}) + M_i'' (x_i - z)}_{M_i (x_i - x_{i-1})}$ .  $M_i' = \sup f([x_{i-1}, z])$ ,  $M_i'' = \sup f([z, x_i])$   
 $M_i' \leq M$ ,  $M_i'' \leq M_i$ , so this  $\leq M_i (z - x_{i-1}) + M_i (x_i - z) = M_i (x_i - x_{i-1})$ .

Similar reasoning for  $L$ . ■

Corollary For any two partitions,  $P, Q$ , of  $[a, b]$ ,  $L(f, P) \leq U(f, Q)$

Proof:  $L(f, P) \leq L(f, P \cup Q) \leq U(f, P \cup Q) \leq U(f, Q)$  ■

Definition:  $\overline{\int_a^b f} = \inf \{U(f, P) : P \text{ a partition of } [a, b]\}$  upper integral

$\underline{\int_a^b f} = \sup \{L(f, P) : P \text{ a partition of } [a, b]\}$  lower integral.

$\int_a^b f$  sup  $(L(f, P))$  & a partition of  $[a, b]$  lower integral.

Note:  $\int_a^b f \leq \int_a^b f$

$f$  is integrable over  $[a, b]$  if  $\int_a^b f = \int_a^b f =: \int_a^b f$

Example of a non-integrable function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

$$0 = \int_a^b f < \int_a^b f = 1$$

Proof: Let  $P$  be any partition of  $[0, 1]$ .  $M_i = 1$  for any  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ ,  $m_i = 0$ .

**Lemma** (useful):  $f$  is integrable over  $[a, b]$  iff for any  $\epsilon > 0$  we can find a partition  $P$  so that  $U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \epsilon$ .

**Proof:** From the definition,  $\int_a^b f - \int_a^b f \leq U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \epsilon$

Since  $\epsilon > 0$  is arbitrary,  $\Rightarrow \int_a^b f = \int_a^b f$ .

Conversely, if  $\int_a^b f = \int_a^b f = \int_a^b f$  then we can find a

partition  $P$  so that  $\int_a^b f - L(f, P) < \epsilon/2$  and another

partition  $Q$  so that  $U(f, Q) - \int_a^b f < \epsilon/2$

so  $U(f, Q) - L(f, P) < \epsilon$  so  $U(f, P \vee Q) - L(f, P \vee Q) < \epsilon$  too. ■

**Theorem:** If  $f$  is continuous over  $[a, b]$  then  $f$  is integrable over  $[a, b]$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Note that  $f$  is uniformly continuous.

Hence there is a  $\delta > 0$  s.t.  $\forall x, y \in [a, b] \quad |x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2(b-a)}$ .

Pick a partition  $P$  so that  $x_i - x_{i-1} < \delta$  for all  $i$ . (regular partition where  $n > \frac{b-a}{\delta}$ ).

so  $x_i = a + i \frac{b-a}{n}$ . it follows that  $M_i - m_i \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2(b-a)} < \frac{\epsilon}{b-a}$

So  $U(f, P) - L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n (M_i - m_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) < \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\epsilon}{b-a} \cdot \frac{b-a}{n} = \epsilon$  ■

$$\text{So } U(f, P) - L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n (M_i - m_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) < \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\epsilon}{b-a} \cdot \frac{b-a}{n} = \epsilon$$

**Definition** A subset  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  has content 0 if  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists$  a finite set of open intervals  $\{(u_i, v_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  <sup>may overlap</sup> so that  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n (u_i, v_i)$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n (v_i - u_i) < \epsilon$ .

**Examples:**

(1) any finite set. (enclose each point in a small interval)

(2)  $A = \{\frac{1}{n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ . given  $\epsilon > 0$ , find  $N$  s.t.  $\frac{1}{N} < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ . Then part of  $A \subseteq (0, \frac{1}{N})$ , the rest is a finite set.

**Theorem** if the set of discontinuities of  $f$  over  $[a, b]$  has content 0,  $f$  is integrable over  $[a, b]$ .

**Proof sketch.** Enclose the set  $D$  of discontinuities in a union of open intervals of total length  $\frac{\epsilon}{4B^{1/n}}$ ,  $|f(x)| \leq B \forall x \in [a, b]$ .

After consolidating these open intervals which overlap or have common endpoints, the intervals have length  $< \frac{\epsilon}{4B^{1/n}}$ .

Then  $[a, b] \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^m (u_i, v_i) = \bigcup_{j=1}^m [c_j, d_j]$ ,  $f$  is continuous on.

$f$  is unif. cts. on that too.

Then can find a partition  $P_j$  of each interval so  $U(f, P_j) - L(f, P_j) < \frac{\epsilon}{2m}$ .

let  $P = \bigcup_j P_j$ , so  $U(f, P) - L(f, P)$