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Riemann sum

Definition 7.1 A partition $\underline{x} = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ of [a, b] is a finite set such that

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

The **norm** of \underline{x} , denoted $||\underline{x}||$, is a number defined as

$$\|\underline{x}\| = \max\{x_1 - x_0, \ x_2 - x_1, \ \dots, \ x_n - x_{n-1}\}.$$

Definition 7.2 let \underline{x} be a partition of [a, b]. A **tag** of \underline{x} is a finite set $\underline{\xi} = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$ such that

$$a = x_0 \le \xi_1 \le x_1 \le \xi_2 \le x_2 \le \dots \le x_{n-1} \le \xi_n \le x_n = b.$$

The pair (\underline{x}, ξ) is referred to as a **tagged partition**.

example: $(\underline{x}, \xi) = (\{1, 3/2, 2, 3\}, \{5/4, 7/4, 5/2\})$ is a tagged partition with norm

$$\|\underline{x}\| = \max\{3/2 - 1, 2 - 3/2, 3 - 2\} = 1$$

Definition 7.3 The **Riemann sum** of f corresponding to (\underline{x}, ξ) is the number

$$S_f(\underline{x},\underline{\xi}) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(\xi_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}).$$

Remark 7.4 For a continuous function f on [a, b] that is positive, the Riemann sum $S_f(\underline{x}, \underline{\xi})$ is an approximate area under the graph of f. As $||\underline{x}|| \to 0$, we should expect these approximate areas to converge to some number, which we **interpret** as the area under the graph of f on the interval [a, b].

Some useful facts

Definition 7.5 We define the set $\mathcal{C}([a, b]) = \{f : [a, b] \to \mathbf{R} \mid f \text{ is continuous}\}.$

Definition 7.6 Let $f \in C([a, b])$ and $\tau > 0$, we define the **modulus of continuity** of the function f as

$$w_f(\tau) = \sup\{|f(x) - f(y)| \mid |x - y| \le \tau\}.$$

Theorem 7.7 For all $f \in C([a, b])$, we have $\lim_{\tau \to 0} w_f(\tau) = 0$, *i.e.*, for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that for all $\tau < \delta$, we have $w_f(\tau) < \epsilon$.

proof: let $\epsilon > 0$

- $f \in \mathcal{C}([a, b]) \implies f$ is uniformly continuous on $[a, b] \implies \exists \delta > 0$ such that for all $x, y \in [a, b]$ and $|x y| < \delta$, we have $|f(x) f(y)| < \epsilon/2$
- let $\tau < \delta$, then for all $x, y \in [a, b]$ and $|x y| \le \tau$, we have $|x y| < \delta \implies |f(x) f(y)| < \epsilon/2$ for all $x, y \in [a, b]$ and $|x y| \le \tau \implies \epsilon/2$ is an upper bound of the set $\{|f(x) f(y)| \mid |x y| \le \tau\} \implies w_f(\tau) \le \epsilon/2 < \epsilon$

Theorem 7.8 Let $f \in \mathcal{C}([a, b])$, then $w_f(\tau)$ has the following properties:

- For all $x, y \in [a, b]$, we have $w_f(|x y|) \ge |f(x) f(y)|$.
- Monotonicity. If $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$, then $w_f(\tau_1) \leq w_f(\tau_2)$.

Definition 7.9 Let $(\underline{x}, \underline{\xi})$ and $(\underline{x}', \underline{\xi}')$ be tagged partitions of [a, b]. We say \underline{x}' is a refinement of \underline{x} if $\underline{x} \subseteq \underline{x}'$.

Theorem 7.10 Let $(\underline{x}, \underline{\xi})$ and $(\underline{x}', \underline{\xi}')$ be tagged partitions of [a, b] such that \underline{x}' is a refinement of \underline{x} . If $f \in \overline{\mathcal{C}}([a, b])$, then

$$|S_f(\underline{x},\underline{\xi}) - S_f(\underline{x}',\underline{\xi}')| \le w_f(||\underline{x}||)(b-a).$$

proof: let $\underline{x} = \{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$, $\underline{\xi} = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$, $\underline{x}' = \{x'_0, \dots, x'_n\}$, $\underline{\xi}' = \{\xi'_1, \dots, \xi'_n\}$ • for $i = 1, \dots, n$, let $\underline{y}^{(i)} = \{x'_q, x'_{q+1}, \dots, x'_k\}$, $\underline{\zeta}^{(i)} = \{\xi'_{q+1}, \xi'_{q+2}, \dots, \xi'_k\}$ s.t. $x_{i-1} = x'_q < x'_{q+1} < \dots < x'_k = x_i$

• then for all $i = 1, \ldots, n$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\xi_{i})(x_{i} - x_{i-1}) - S_{f}(\underline{y}^{(i)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(i)})| \\ &= \left| f(\xi_{i}) \sum_{\ell=q+1}^{k} (x_{\ell}' - x_{\ell-1}') - \sum_{\ell=q+1}^{k} f(\xi_{\ell}')(x_{\ell}' - x_{\ell-1}') \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{\ell=q+1}^{k} (f(\xi_{i}) - f(\xi_{\ell}'))(x_{\ell}' - x_{\ell-1}') \right| \leq \sum_{\ell=q+1}^{k} |f(\xi_{i}) - f(\xi_{\ell}')|(x_{\ell}' - x_{\ell-1}') \\ &\leq \sum_{\ell=q+1}^{k} w_{f}(x_{i} - x_{i-1})(x_{\ell}' - x_{\ell-1}') \leq \sum_{\ell=q+1}^{k} w_{f}(||\underline{x}||)(x_{\ell}' - x_{\ell-1}') \\ &= w_{f}(||\underline{x}||)(x_{i} - x_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$
(7.1)

- the first inequality is by lemma 4.18
- the second inequality is from $\xi_i,\xi'_\ell\in[x_{i-1},x_i]$
- the third inequality is by the second statement of theorem 7.8, and $\|\underline{x}\| \geq x_i x_{i-1}$

• put together, we have

$$|S_{f}(\underline{x},\underline{\xi}) - S_{f}(\underline{x}',\underline{\xi}')| = \left|\sum_{i=1}^{n} (f(\xi_{i})(x_{i} - x_{i-1}) - S_{f}(\underline{y}^{(i)},\underline{\zeta}^{(i)}))\right|$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} |f(\xi_{i})(x_{i} - x_{i-1}) - S_{f}(\underline{y}^{(i)},\underline{\zeta}^{(i)})| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{f}(||\underline{x}||)(x_{i} - x_{i-1})$$

$$= w_{f}(||x||)(b - a),$$

where the last inequality is by plugging in (7.1)

Theorem 7.11 Let $(\underline{x}, \underline{\xi})$ and $(\underline{x}', \underline{\xi}')$ be any two tagged partitions of [a, b] and $f \in C([a, b])$, then

$$|S_f(\underline{x},\underline{\xi}) - S_f(\underline{x}',\underline{\xi}')| \le (w_f(||\underline{x}||) + w_f(||\underline{x}'||))(b-a).$$

proof: let $\underline{x}'' = \underline{x} \cup \underline{x}'$ and ξ'' be a tag of \underline{x}'' , then by theorem 7.10, we have

$$S_f(\underline{x},\underline{\xi}) - S_f(\underline{x}',\underline{\xi}')| \le |S_f(\underline{x},\underline{\xi}) - S_f(\underline{x}'',\underline{\xi}'')| + |S_f(\underline{x}'',\underline{\xi}'') - S_f(\underline{x}',\underline{\xi}')|$$
$$\le (w_f(||\underline{x}||) + w_f(||\underline{x}'||))(b-a)$$

Riemann integral of continuous functions

Theorem 7.12 Let $f \in \mathcal{C}([a, b])$, then there exists a unique number denoted $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ with the following property: For all sequences of tagged partitions $\left((\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ such that $\lim_{r\to\infty} \|\underline{x}^{(r)}\| = 0$, we have

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = \int_a^b f(x) \, dx.$$

proof: uniqueness follows immediately from uniqueness of limits of sequences of real numbers, we only need to show the existence

• let $\left((\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of tagged partitions with $\lim_{r\to\infty} \|\underline{y}^{(r)}\| = 0$, we first show that $\left(S_f(\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ is a Cauchy sequence; let $\epsilon > 0$

- by theorem 7.7,
$$\exists \delta > 0$$
 such that for all $\tau < \delta$, $w_f(\tau) < \frac{1}{2(b-a)}$

$$\begin{array}{l} - \ \|\underline{y}^{(r)}\| \to 0 \implies \exists M \in \mathbf{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall r, s \geq M, \ \|\underline{y}^{(r)}\| < \delta, \ \|\underline{y}^{(s)}\| < \delta \implies \forall r, s \geq M, \\ \text{ we have } w_f(\|\underline{y}^{(r)}\|) < \frac{\epsilon}{2(b-a)}, \ w_f(\|\underline{y}^{(s)}\|) < \frac{\epsilon}{2(b-a)} \end{array}$$

– hence, for all $r, s \geq M$, by theorem 7.11, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |S_f(\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)}) - S_f(\underline{y}^{(s)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(s)})| \\ &\leq (w_f(\|\underline{y}^{(r)}\|) + w_f(\|\underline{y}^{(s)}\|))(b-a) < \left(\frac{\epsilon}{2(b-a)} + \frac{\epsilon}{2(b-a)}\right)(b-a) = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

let $L = \lim_{r \to \infty} S_f(\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)})$ (which exists by theorem 3.45)

- let $\left((\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be any sequence of partitions with $\lim_{r\to\infty} \|\underline{x}^{(r)}\| = 0$, we now show that $\lim_{r\to\infty} S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = L$
 - since $\|\underline{x}^{(r)}\| \to 0$, $\|\underline{y}^{(r)}\| \to 0$, by theorem 7.7, we have

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} (w_f(\|\underline{x}^{(r)}\|) + w_f(\|\underline{y}^{(r)}\|))(b-a) = 0$$

$$-S_f(\underline{y}^{(r)},\underline{\zeta}^{(r)}) \to L \implies |S_f(\underline{y}^{(r)},\underline{\zeta}^{(r)}) - L| \to 0$$

- by theorem 7.11, we have

$$0 \le |S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) - L| \le |S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) - S_f(\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)})| + |S_f(\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)}) - L| \le (w_f(||\underline{x}^{(r)}||) + w_f(||\underline{y}^{(r)}||))(b - a) + |S_f(\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)}) - L|$$

 $\implies \lim_{r \to \infty} |S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) - L| = 0$ (theorem 3.21)

Remark 7.13 Let $f \in \mathcal{C}([a, b])$. We sometimes write

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) \, dx = \int_{a}^{b} f.$$

By convention, we also define

$$\int_a^a f = 0$$
 and $\int_b^a f = -\int_a^b f.$

Properties of Riemann integral

Theorem 7.14 Linearity. Let $f, g \in C([a, b])$ and $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$, then

$$\int_a^b (\alpha f + g) = \alpha \int_a^b f + \int_a^b g.$$

proof: let $((\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}))_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of tagged partitions such that $\|\underline{x}^{(r)}\| \to 0$, then we have

$$\int_{a}^{b} (\alpha f + g) = \lim_{r \to \infty} S_{\alpha f + g}(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)})$$
$$= \lim_{r \to \infty} (\alpha S_{f}(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) + S_{g}(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}))$$
$$= \alpha \lim_{r \to \infty} S_{f}(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) + \lim_{r \to \infty} S_{g}(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)})$$
$$= \alpha \int_{a}^{b} f + \int_{a}^{b} g$$

Theorem 7.15 Additivity. Let $f \in C([a, b])$ and a < c < b, then we have

$$\int_{a}^{b} f = \int_{a}^{c} f + \int_{c}^{b} f.$$

proof:

- let $\left((\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of tagged partitions of [a, c] with $\|\underline{y}^{(r)}\| \to 0$
- let $((\underline{z}^{(r)}, \underline{\eta}^{(r)}))_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of tagged partitions of [c, b] with $\|\underline{z}^{(r)}\| \to 0$
- then $\left((\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ with $\underline{x}^{(r)} = \underline{y}^{(r)} \cup \underline{z}^{(r)}$ and $\underline{\xi}^{(r)} = \underline{\zeta}^{(r)} \cup \underline{\eta}^{(r)}$ is a sequence of tagged partitions of [a, b]

•
$$\|\underline{y}^{(r)}\| \to 0$$
 and $\|\underline{z}^{(r)}\| \to 0 \implies \|\underline{x}^{(r)}\| \le \|\underline{y}^{(r)}\| + \|\underline{z}^{(r)}\| \to 0$

hence, we have

$$\int_{a}^{b} f = \lim_{r \to \infty} S_{f}(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = \lim_{r \to \infty} (S_{f}(\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)}) + S_{f}(\underline{z}^{(r)}, \underline{\eta}^{(r)}))$$
$$= \lim_{r \to \infty} S_{f}(\underline{y}^{(r)}, \underline{\zeta}^{(r)}) + \lim_{r \to \infty} S_{f}(\underline{z}^{(r)}, \underline{\eta}^{(r)}) = \int_{a}^{c} f + \int_{c}^{b} f$$

Theorem 7.16 Let $f, g \in \mathcal{C}([a, b])$ and $f(x) \leq g(x)$ for all $x \in [a, b]$, then we have

$$\int_{a}^{b} f \le \int_{a}^{b} g.$$

proof: let $\left((\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of tagged partitions with $\|\underline{x}^{(r)}\| \to 0$, then $S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} f(\xi_i^{(r)})(x_i^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) \le \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} g(\xi_i^{(r)})(x_i^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) = S_g(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)})$ $\implies \lim_{r \to \infty} S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) \le \lim_{r \to \infty} S_g(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) \implies \int_a^b f \le \int_a^b g$

Corollary 7.17 Let $f \in \mathcal{C}([a, b])$, then $\left|\int_a^b f\right| \leq \int_a^b |f|$.

proof:
$$\pm f(x) \le |f(x)| \implies \int_a^b \pm f = \pm \int_a^b f \le \int_a^b |f|$$
 (theorem 7.16)

Theorem 7.18 Let $f \in \mathcal{C}([a, b])$, and

$$m_f = \inf\{f(x) \mid x \in [a, b]\}, \qquad M_f = \sup\{f(x) \mid x \in [a, b]\}.$$

Then, we have

$$m_f(b-a) \le \int_a^b f \le M_f(b-a).$$

proof: let $\left((\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of tagged partitions with $\|\underline{x}^{(r)}\| \to 0$, then

$$S_{f}(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} f(\xi_{i}^{(r)})(x_{i}^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) \ge \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} m_{f}(x_{i}^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) = m_{f}(b-a)$$
$$S_{f}(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} f(\xi_{i}^{(r)})(x_{i}^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) \le \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} M_{f}(x_{i}^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) = M_{f}(b-a)$$

 $\implies m_f(b-a) \le \lim_{r \to \infty} S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) \le M_f(b-a)$

Fundamental theorem of calculus

Theorem 7.19 Fundamental theorem of calculus. Let $f \in C([a, b])$.

• If $F \colon [a,b] \to \mathbf{R}$ is differentiable and F' = f, then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f = F(b) - F(a).$$

• The function $G(x) = \int_a^x f$ is differentiable on [a, b] with

$$G(a) = 0,$$
 $G'(x) = f(x).$

proof:

• let $(\underline{x}^{(r)})_{r=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of partitions with $\|\underline{x}^{(r)}\| \to 0$, by theorem 6.15, there exist tags $\underline{\xi}^{(r)}$ with $\xi_i^{(r)} \in [x_{i-1}^{(r)}, x_i^{(r)}]$, $i = 1, \ldots, n^{(r)}$, such that

$$F(x_i^{(r)}) - F(x_{i-1}^{(r)}) = F'(\xi_i^{(r)})(x_i^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) = f(\xi_i^{(r)})(x_i^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)})$$

hence, for the sequence of tagged partitions $\left((\underline{x}^{(r)},\underline{\xi}^{(r)})\right)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ we have

$$S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} f(\xi_i^{(r)})(x_i^{(r)} - x_{i-1}^{(r)}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n^{(r)}} F(x_i^{(r)}) - F(x_{i-1}^{(r)}) = F(b) - F(a)$$

$$\implies \int_a^b f = \lim_{r \to \infty} S_f(\underline{x}^{(r)}, \underline{\xi}^{(r)}) = F(b) - F(a)$$

- we only need to show that G is differentiable and G' = f, *i.e.*, let $c \in [a, b]$, we need to prove that $\lim_{x\to c} \frac{G(x)-G(c)}{x-c} = \lim_{x\to c} \frac{\int_a^x f \int_a^c f}{x-c} = f(c)$; let $\epsilon > 0$
 - f continuous on $[a,b] \implies \exists \delta > 0$ such that for all $t \in [a,b]$ and $|t-c| < \delta$, we have $|f(t) f(c)| < \epsilon/2$
 - suppose $x\in (c,c+\delta),$ then for all $t\in [c,x],$ we have $|f(t)-f(c)|<\epsilon/2,$ hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\int_{a}^{x} f - \int_{a}^{c} f}{x - c} - f(c) \right| &= \left| \frac{\int_{c}^{x} f(t) dt}{x - c} - f(c) \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{x - c} \left(\int_{c}^{x} f(t) dt - \int_{c}^{x} f(c) dt \right) \right| = \frac{1}{x - c} \left| \int_{c}^{x} (f(t) - f(c)) dt \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{x - c} \int_{c}^{x} |f(t) - f(c)| dt \leq \frac{1}{x - c} \int_{c}^{x} \frac{\epsilon}{2} dt = \frac{1}{x - c} \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2} (x - c) = \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

(the first inequality is by corollary 7.17)

– suppose $x \in (c - \delta, c)$, using similar argument, we have $\left|\frac{\int_a^x f - \int_a^c f}{x - c} - f(c)\right| < \epsilon$

– put together, we conclude that for all $x \in [a,b]$ and $0 < |x-c| < \delta,$ we have

$$\left| \frac{\int_a^x f - \int_a^c f}{x - c} - f(c) \right| < \epsilon$$

$$\implies \lim_{x \to c} \frac{G(x) - G(c)}{x - c} = \lim_{x \to c} \frac{\int_a^x f - \int_a^c f}{x - c} = f(c)$$

Integration by parts

Theorem 7.20 Integration by parts. Suppose $f, g \in C([a, b])$, $f', g' \in C([a, b])$, then

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

proof: let $F \in \mathcal{C}([a,b])$ with F(x) = f(x)g(x), by theorem 6.8, we have

$$F'(x) = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x),$$

and hence,

$$\int_{a}^{b} f'(x)g(x) \, dx + \int_{a}^{b} f(x)g'(x) \, dx = \int_{a}^{b} (f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)) \, dx$$
$$= \int_{a}^{b} F'(x) \, dx = F(b) - F(a) = f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a)$$
$$\int_{a}^{b} f'g = (f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a)) - \int_{a}^{b} fg'$$

Change of variables

Theorem 7.21 Change of variables. Let $f \in C([c, d])$ and $\varphi \colon [a, b] \to [c, d]$ be continuously differentiable with $\varphi(a) = c$ and $\varphi(b) = d$. Then, we have

$$\int_{c}^{d} f(u) \ du = \int_{a}^{b} f(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x) \ dx.$$

proof:

• let $F \colon [a,b] \to \mathbf{R}$ be a function with F' = f, then we have

$$\int_{c}^{d} f(u) \, du = F(d) - F(c)$$

• by theorem 6.9, we have

$$(F \circ \varphi)'(x) = F'(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x) = f(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x),$$

and hence,

$$\int_a^b f(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x) \, dx = F(\varphi(b)) - F(\varphi(a)) = F(d) - F(c) = \int_c^d f(u) \, du$$