

# The Riemann Integral

Def A partition  $P$  of  $[a, b]$  is a set of points  $x_0, \dots, x_n$   
with  $a = x_0 \leq x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_n = b$

$$\text{Let } \Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$$

If  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  bounded, set:

$$M_i = \sup \{f(x) \mid x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i\}$$

$$m_i = \inf \{f(x) \mid x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i\}$$

$$U(P, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n M_i \Delta x_i$$

$$L(P, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \Delta x_i$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \inf \{U(P, f) \mid P \text{ a partition of } [a, b]\} \quad (\text{"upper Riemann integral"})$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \sup \{L(P, f) \mid P \text{ a partition of } [a, b]\} \quad (\text{"lower Riemann integral"})$$

Def If  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx$ , say  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$   
and let  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx$

Def Partition  $P^*$  is a refinement of  $P$  if every point of  $P$  is also a point of  $P^*$ .  
Given  $P_1, P_2$  their common refinement is the partition consisting of all points  
of  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .

Prop If  $P^*$  is a refinement of  $P$ , then  $L(P, f, \alpha) \leq L(P^*, f, \alpha)$   
 $U(P, f, \alpha) \geq U(P^*, f, \alpha)$

Pf It's enough to deal with the case where  $P^*$  contains 1 more pt than  $P$ :  $x_{i-1} < x^* < x_i$ .  
Say  $w_1 = \inf \{f(x) \mid x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x^*\}$ ,  $w_2 = \inf \{f(x) \mid x^* \leq x \leq x_i\}$   
Then  $w_1 \geq m_i$ ,  $w_2 \geq m_i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
L(P^*, f) - L(P, f) &= [w_1(x^* - x_{i-1}) + w_2(x_i - x^*)] - m_i(x_i - x_{i-1}) \\
&= (w_1 - m_i)(x^* - x_{i-1}) + (w_2 - m_i)(x_i - x^*) \\
&\geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

Similar for  $U$ . ▣

Prop  $\int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \bar{\int}_a^b f(x) dx$

Pf Just need to show  $L(P_1, f) \leq U(P_2, f)$  for all partitions  $P_1, P_2$ .

Let  $P^*$  be common ref of  $P_1, P_2$ .

Then  $L(P_1, f) \leq L(P^*, f) \leq U(P^*, f) \leq U(P_2, f)$  ▣

Prop  $f$  is Riemann integrable  $\iff \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$  partition  $P$  s.t.

$$U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \epsilon.$$

Pf  $(\Leftarrow) \forall \epsilon > 0, 0 \leq \bar{\int} f(x) dx - \int f(x) dx < \epsilon \implies \bar{\int} f(x) dx = \int f(x) dx$

$(\implies) \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists P_1$  s.t.  $\int f(x) dx - L(P_1, f) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$

$\exists P_2$  s.t.  $U(P_2, f) - \int f(x) dx < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$

Let  $P$  be the common ref. of  $P_1, P_2$

then  $U(P, f) \leq U(P_2, f) < \int f(x) dx + \frac{\epsilon}{2} < L(P_1, f) + \epsilon \leq L(P, f) + \epsilon$  ▣

Prop If  $U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \epsilon$

a) if  $P^*$  is a refinement of  $P$  then  $U(P^*, f) - L(P^*, f) < \epsilon$ .

b) if  $s_i, t_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$  then

b1)  $\sum_{i=1}^n |f(s_i) - f(t_i)| \Delta x_i < \epsilon$ .

b2) if  $f$  is Riemann integrable then  $|\sum_{i=1}^n f(t_i) \Delta x_i - \int_a^b f(x) dx| < \epsilon$

(so, can use any sampling points...)

Pf a) use  $U(P^*, f) < U(P, f)$  and  $L(P^*, f) > L(P, f)$ .

$$b1) \sum_{i=1}^n |f(s_i) - f(t_i)| \Delta x_i < \sum_{i=1}^n (M_i - m_i) \Delta x_i = U(P, f) - L(P, f).$$

$$b2) \text{ use } L(P, f) \leq \sum f(t_i) \Delta x_i \leq U(P, f)$$

$$L(P, f) \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq U(P, f)$$

Thm  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous  $\Rightarrow f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$ .

Pf Say  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Pick  $\eta < \frac{\varepsilon}{b-a}$ .

$f$  is cts on  $[a, b] \Rightarrow f$  is uniformly cts on  $[a, b]$ .

Thus  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $|x-t| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(t)| < \eta$ .

Now let  $P$  be any partition of  $[a, b]$  s.t.  $\Delta x_i < \delta$  for all  $i$ . Then  $M_i - m_i \leq \eta$ ,

$$\text{so } U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \eta \cdot (b-a) = \varepsilon. \quad \blacksquare$$

Ex 1)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 1 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$  is not Riemann integrable on any  $[a, b]$

2) Changs  $f$  at finite # pts doesn't affect  $\int f(x) dx$ .

Thm  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  monotonic  $\Rightarrow f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$ .

Pf Say  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Pick  $P$  s.t.  $\Delta x_i = \frac{b-a}{n}$

Suppose  $f$  monotonic increasing.

Then  $M_i = f(x_i)$ ,  $m_i = f(x_{i-1})$ .

$$U(P, f) - L(P, f) = \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})$$

$$= \frac{b-a}{n} (f(b) - f(a)) < \varepsilon \quad \text{if } n > \frac{(b-a)(f(b)-f(a))}{\varepsilon} \quad \blacksquare$$

Thm Suppose  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$  and  $f$  is discontinuous only at finitely many points of  $[a, b]$ . Then  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$ .

Pf Let  $M = \sup \{|f(t)| \mid t \in [a, b]\}$ .

Say  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Take intervals  $(u_j, v_j)$  containing the discontinuities of  $f$ , with

$\sum_{j=1}^n v_j - u_j < \frac{\varepsilon}{4M}$ . Then  $f$  is unif cts on  $K = [a, b] \setminus \{(u_1, v_1) \cup \dots \cup (u_n, v_n)\}$ .

$$s, t \in K: |s-t| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(s) - f(t)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(b-a)}.$$

Now take a partition  $P$  including all  $u_j, v_j$ , and s.t.  $\Delta x_i < \delta$  except for  $x_{i-1} \in \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$ .

$$U(P, f) - L(P, f) \leq 2M \cdot \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{4M}\right) + (b-a) \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{2(b-a)} < \varepsilon. \quad \blacksquare$$

Thm Suppose  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$ ,  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow [m, M] \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\phi: [m, M] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  cts.  
Let  $h: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $h(x) = \phi(f(x))$ . Then  $h$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$ .

PF Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let  $K = \sup \{|\phi(t)| \mid m \leq t \leq M\}$ ,  $\varepsilon' = \frac{\varepsilon}{b-a+2K}$ .  
 $\phi$  is unif cts on  $[m, M]$ . So,  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $\delta < \varepsilon'$  and  $|s-t| \leq \delta \Rightarrow |\phi(s) - \phi(t)| \leq \varepsilon'$   
 $s, t \in [m, M]$

Pick a partition  $P$  of  $[a, b]$  s.t.  $U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \delta^2$ .

Let:

$$M_i = \sup \{f(x) \mid x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i\}$$

$$m_i = \inf \{f(x) \mid x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i\}$$

$$M_i^* = \sup \{h(x) \mid x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i\}$$

$$m_i^* = \inf \{h(x) \mid x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i\}$$

$$\{1, \dots, n\} = A \cup B \quad \begin{aligned} A &= \{i \mid M_i - m_i < \delta\} \\ B &= \{i \mid M_i - m_i \geq \delta\} \end{aligned}$$

For  $i \in A$ ,  $M_i^* - m_i^* \leq \varepsilon'$ . (since  $M_i^* = \phi(s_i)$  and  $m_i^* = \phi(t_i)$ , with  $|s_i - t_i| < \delta$ )

For  $i \in B$ ,  $M_i^* - m_i^* \leq 2K$ .

$$\delta \cdot \sum_{i \in B} \Delta x_i \leq \sum_{i \in B} (M_i - m_i) \Delta x_i < U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \delta^2$$

so  $\sum_{i \in B} \Delta x_i < \delta$ .

Thus  $U(P, f) - L(P, f) \leq \underbrace{\varepsilon' \cdot (b-a)}_{\text{from A}} + \underbrace{2K \delta}_{\text{from B}} < \varepsilon' (b-a + 2K) = \varepsilon. \quad \blacksquare$

Prop a)  $f_1, f_2$  Riem. integrable on  $[a, b] \Rightarrow f_1 + f_2$  Riem integrable on  $[a, b]$

$$\int_a^b f_1(x) dx + \int_a^b f_2(x) dx = \int_a^b (f_1 + f_2)(x) dx$$

$$c \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow cf \text{ Riem integrable on } [a, b] \quad \int_a^b c \cdot f(x) dx = c \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

b) if  $f_1(x) \leq f_2(x) \forall x \in [a, b]$  and  $f_1, f_2$  Riem integrable on  $[a, b]$ , then

$$\int_a^b f_1(x) dx \leq \int_a^b f_2(x) dx$$

c) if  $f(x)$  Riem integrable on  $[a, b]$  and  $a < c < b$  then  $f(x)$  is Riem integrable on  $[a, c]$  and  $[c, b]$ , and

$$\int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

d) if  $f(x)$  Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$  and  $|f(x)| \leq M \forall x \in [a, b]$  then

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq M |b - a|$$

Pf of c) Pick a partition  $P$  of  $[a, b]$  such that  $U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \varepsilon$ .

Let  $P^*$  be refinement of  $P$  to include  $c$ .  $U(P^*, f) - L(P^*, f) < \varepsilon$  also.

Divide  $P^*$  into partitions  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  of  $[a, c]$  and  $[c, b]$  respectively.

$$\text{Then } U(P_1, f) - L(P_1, f) < U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \varepsilon$$

$$U(P_2, f) - L(P_2, f) < U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \varepsilon$$

Thus  $f$  is indeed integrable on  $[a, b]$  and  $[c, b]$ .

$$\text{Also } \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx \geq L(P_1, f) + L(P_2, f) = L(P^*, f) > \int_a^b f(x) dx - \varepsilon$$

$$\text{Thus } \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx \geq \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

and similarly prove  $\leq$



Thm If  $f, g$  both Riem integrable on  $[a, b]$  then  $fg$  is Riem integrable on  $[a, b]$ .

Pf We showed  $f$  integrable  $\Rightarrow f^2$  integrable (since  $\phi(x) = x^2$  is cts)

$$\text{And } fg = \frac{1}{2} [(f+g)^2 - f^2 - g^2]. \quad \blacksquare$$

Thm If  $f$  Riem integrable on  $[a, b]$  then  $|f|$  Riem integrable on  $[a, b]$ ;  
 $|\int_a^b f(x) dx| \leq \int_a^b |f(x)| dx.$

Pf  $\phi(x) = |x|$  is cts, so  $|f|$  is integrable.

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int f(x) dx \right| &= c \int f(x) dx \quad (c = \pm 1) \\ &= \int cf(x) dx \\ &\leq \int |f(x)| dx \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Thm If:  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$

$\varphi: [A, B] \rightarrow [a, b]$  strictly increasing, differentiable

$\varphi'$  Riemann integrable on  $[A, B]$

" $x = \varphi(y)$ "

$g: [A, B] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $g(y) = f(\varphi(y))$

Then:  $g(y)\varphi'(y)$  is Riem integrable on  $[A, B]$  and  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_A^B g(y)\varphi'(y) dy$

Pf Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Let  $P$  be a partition of  $[A, B]$  s.t.  $U(P, \varphi') - L(P, \varphi') < \varepsilon$ .

$$A = y_0 \leq \dots \leq y_n = B$$

Let  $\tilde{P}$  be the partition of  $[a, b]$  by  $a = x_0 \leq x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_n = b$  with  $x_i = \varphi(y_i)$ .

$\exists t_i \in [y_{i-1}, y_i]$  s.t.  $x_i - x_{i-1} = (y_i - y_{i-1})\varphi'(t_i)$ .

Let  $M = \sup \{ |f(x)| \mid a \leq x \leq b \}$ .

For any  $s_i \in [y_{i-1}, y_i]$  we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\varphi'(s_i) - \varphi'(t_i)| < \varepsilon, \text{ so } \sum_{i=1}^n |f(s_i)\varphi'(s_i) - f(s_i)\varphi'(t_i)| < M\varepsilon$$

and thus

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n f(s_i)(y_i - y_{i-1})\varphi'(s_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n f(s_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) \right| < M\varepsilon$$

Thus  $\sum_{i=1}^n f(s_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n f(s_i)(y_i - y_{i-1})\varphi'(s_i) + M\varepsilon \leq U(P, f\varphi') + M\varepsilon$  for all choices of  $s_i$

and hence  $U(\tilde{P}, f) \leq U(P, f\varphi') + M\varepsilon$

similarly  $U(P, f\varphi') \leq U(\tilde{P}, f) + M\varepsilon$

so  $|U(P, f\varphi') - U(\tilde{P}, f)| < M\varepsilon$

and the same holds for any refinement of  $P$ , thus

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) dx - \int_A^B g(y) \varphi'(y) dy \right| < M\varepsilon$$

and this holds for any  $\varepsilon$  so finally we get

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_A^B g(y) \varphi'(y) dy$$

Similarly for  $\int$ . ▣

Thm Say  $f$  Riemann int'ble on  $[a, b]$ . For  $a \leq x \leq b$  set  $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$ .

Then: 1)  $F$  is cts on  $[a, b]$

2) If  $f$  cts at  $x_0 \in [a, b]$  then  $F$  is diff'ble at  $x_0$ ,  $F'(x_0) = f(x_0)$ .

Pf  $f$  is bounded; say  $|f(t)| \leq M \forall t \in [a, b]$ .

If  $a \leq x < y \leq b$  then  $|F(y) - F(x)| = \left| \int_x^y f(t) dt \right| \leq M(y-x)$ .

Thus, if  $\varepsilon > 0$ , take  $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{M}$ ; if  $|x-y| < \delta$  then  $|F(x) - F(y)| < \varepsilon$ .

So  $F$  is cts.

Say  $f$  is cts at  $x_0$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  fix  $\delta > 0$  s.t.  $|x_0 - t| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(t) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon$

Thus if  $x_0 - \delta < s \leq x_0 \leq t < x_0 + \delta$  and  $a \leq s < t \leq b$

$$\text{then } \left| \frac{F(t) - F(s)}{t-s} - f(x_0) \right| = \left| \frac{1}{t-s} \int_s^t [f(u) - f(x_0)] du \right| < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{Pick } s = x_0, \text{ then } \lim_{t \rightarrow x_0} \frac{F(t) - F(x_0)}{t - x_0} - f(x_0) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } F'(x_0) = f(x_0) = 0$$

▣

Cor Say  $f$  cts on  $[a, b]$ . Suppose  $F: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  diff'ble with  $F' = f$ .

Then  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$ .

Pf By the Thm above,  $F(x)$  and  $\int_a^x f(x) dx$  have same derivative.

Thus  $\exists C \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $F(x) = \int_a^x f(x) dx + C$ .

Then  $F(b) - F(a) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$  as desired.  $\square$

Rk Rudin proves a slightly stronger version, where  $f$  is only integrable, not nec. cts.

Cor Say  $F, G: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  diff'ble,  $F' = f$ ,  $G' = g$  both cts on  $[a, b]$ .

Then  $\int_a^b F(x)g(x) dx = F(b)G(b) - F(a)G(a) - \int_a^b f(x)G(x) dx$ .

Pf Apply the last result to  $H(x) = F(x)G(x)$ .