

MATH 202A — LECTURE NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2005

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Last time we saw that the Riemann integral is really a Lebesgue integral.

1. REVIEW OF RIEMANN INTEGRAL

This will be a 104-style review, not 1A-style.

Definition 1.1. A rectangle in \mathbb{R}^N is a product of compact intervals, i.e. a set of the form

$$R = \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i].$$

A partition of R is a product

$$P = \prod_{i=1}^N P_i,$$

where P_i is a partition of $[a_i, b_i]$ for each i , meaning

$$P_i = \{a_{i_0}, \dots, a_{i_{s_i}} : a_i = a_{i_0} < \dots < a_{i_{s_i}} = b_i\}.$$

A subrectangle of P is one of the rectangles

$$J_{j_1, \dots, j_N} = \prod_{i=1}^N [a_{i_{(j_i-1)}}, a_{i_{j_i}}],$$

where $j_i \in \{1, \dots, s_i\}$. The union of the subrectangles of P is R . The union is disjoint to within a null set (Is this a typo?). We write $J \in P$ if J is a subrectangle of P .

Let $f : R \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be bounded. Let $M = \sup\{f(x) : x \in R\}$, $m = \inf\{f(x) : x \in R\}$. Let P be a partition of R . For a subrectangle $J \in P$, let $M_J = \sup\{f(x) : x \in J\}$, $m_J = \inf\{f(x) : x \in J\}$.

Let $U(f, P) = \sum_{J \in P} M_J \lambda_N(J) \leq M \lambda_N(R)$ upper sum of f over P .

Let $m \lambda_N(R) \leq L(f, P) = \sum_{J \in P} m_J \lambda_N(J)$ lower sum of f over P .

Remark 1.2. If P_1, P_2 are partitions, P_2 is a refinement of P_1 ($P_1 \subset P_2$), then $U(f, P_1) \geq U(f, P_2)$ and $L(f, P_1) \leq L(f, P_2)$.

Now, if P_1, P_2 partitions of R , P a common refinement, then

$$L(f, P_1) \leq L(f, P) \leq U(f, P) \leq U(f, P_2).$$

Definition 1.3. The upper Darboux integral of f on R is

$$\overline{\int}_R f = \inf_P U(f, P).$$

The lower Darboux integral is

$$\int_{\underline{R}} f = \sup_P L(f, P).$$

We have

$$\int_{\underline{R}} f \leq \int_{\overline{R}} f.$$

f is Riemann integrable if

$$\int_{\underline{R}} f = \int_{\overline{R}} f.$$

Then the common value is denoted $\int_R f(x)dx$.

Theorem 1.4. *If f is Riemann integrable over R then f is Lebesgue integrable over R .*

Proof. Let f be Riemann integrable.

Take a sequence P_1, P_2, \dots of partitions of R s.t. P_{n+1} is a partition of P_n for each n , and

$$U(f, P_n) \rightarrow \int_R f(x)dx \rightarrow L(f, P_n) \rightarrow \int_R f(x)dx.$$

(As $n \rightarrow \infty$ I guess.)

Let

$$g_n = \sum_{J \in P_n} M_J \chi_J$$

and

$$h_n = \sum_{J \in R} m_J \chi_J$$

The χ 's are characteristic functions. Then $h_n \leq g_n, g_{n+1} \leq g_n, h_{n+1} \geq h_n, h_n \leq f \leq g_n$ almost everywhere.

So ...

$$U(f, P_n) = \int_R g_n d\lambda_N \text{ and } L(f, P_n) = \int_R h_n d\lambda_N.$$

Let $g = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n$, $h = \lim h_n$. By Monotone Convergence Theorem, g, h integrable and

$$\int_R g d\lambda_N = \int_R h d\lambda_N = \int_R f(x)dx$$

Now $\int_R (f - h) d\lambda = 0$. Since $g - h \geq 0$, $g = h = f$ almost everywhere. Therefore f is Lebesgue integrable and $\int_R f d\lambda_N = \int_R f(x)dx$. \square

Theorem 1.5. *Lebesgue's theorem. A bounded function $f : R \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Riemann integrable iff it is continuous almost everywhere.*