

# Handout 9: Riemann Integration (from lecture on 11/27)

In previous lecture we proved:

$(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  complete

$f, g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $\mu(\{x: f(x) \neq g(x)\}) = 0, f \text{ meas.} \Rightarrow g \text{ meas.}$

Recall: given  $f \in L^\infty(L^0, \mathcal{A})$  and a partition

$$P: a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = b$$

we define

$$L_P(f) = \sum m_i (t_i - t_{i-1}) \quad m_i = \inf \{f(t) : t_{i-1} \leq t \leq t_i\}$$

$$U_P(f) = \sum M_i (t_i - t_{i-1}) \quad M_i = \sup \{f(t) : t_{i-1} \leq t \leq t_i\}$$

Write  $P \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$  if the points in  $P$  are among those in  $\mathcal{Q}$ . We have

$$P \subseteq \mathcal{Q} \Rightarrow L_P(f) \leq L_{\mathcal{Q}}(f) \leq U_{\mathcal{Q}}(f) \leq U_P(f). \quad (\text{why?})$$

We say  $f$  is Riemann integrable if  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists P:$

$$|U_P(f) - L_P(f)| < \epsilon.$$

We then define  $\int_{\mathcal{R}} f = \sup \{L_P(f) : P \text{ a partition of } [a, b]\}$

To connect this with Lebesgue integral [with respect to the measure space  $([a, b], \mathcal{B}, \lambda)$ ]

$$\text{let } \mathcal{P}_P = \sum m_i \mathbb{1}_{[t_{i-1}, t_i]}$$

$$\mathcal{U}_P = \sum M_i \mathbb{1}_{[t_{i-1}, t_i]}$$

It is clear that

$$\mathcal{P}_P \leq f \leq \mathcal{U}_P$$

$$\text{and } L_P(f) = \int \mathcal{P}_P d\lambda \quad U_P(f) = \int \mathcal{U}_P d\lambda$$

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

then it is Lebesgue integrable and  $\int_{\mathcal{R}} f = \int_{\mathcal{L}} f$

Proof: Let  $P_1, P_2, \dots$  be such that

$$U_{P_n}(f) - L_{P_n}(f) \rightarrow 0, \quad P_n: a = t_0^{(n)} < \dots < t_{k_n}^{(n)} = b.$$

We may assume  $P_1 \subseteq P_2 \subseteq \dots$  so that  $\mathcal{P}_{P_n} \uparrow$  and  $\mathcal{U}_{P_n} \downarrow$

Let  $\mathcal{P}_\infty = \mathcal{P}_{P_n}, \mathcal{U}_\infty = \mathcal{U}_{P_n}$  and let  $\mathcal{P}_\infty \uparrow f$

$\mathcal{U}_\infty \downarrow f$ . We note that

$$m_0 \leq \mathcal{P}_\infty \leq \mathcal{U}_\infty \leq M_0$$

$$m_0 = \inf f(x) \quad M_0 = \sup f(x)$$

hence  $m_0 \leq \int \mathcal{P}_\infty \leq \int \mathcal{U}_\infty \leq M_0$ .

By monotone convergence

$$I(\varphi_n) \uparrow I(g)$$

[Strictly speaking we should have  $\varphi_n \geq 0$ , but we can fix this by replacing  $\varphi_n$  by  $C + \varphi_n$  for  $C = -m_0$  if  $m_0 < 0$ ] Similarly

$$I(\psi_n) \downarrow I(h)$$

[First consider  $C - \varphi_n \uparrow C - h$  where  $C$  is sufficiently large constant]. We have

$$\begin{aligned} I(h-g) &= I(h) - I(g) = \lim I(\psi_n) - I(\varphi_n) \\ &= \lim U_{P_n}(f) - L_{P_n}(f) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and thus  $h-g=0$  a.e. (almost everywhere, i.e.  $\lambda(\{x: h-g \neq 0\}) = 0$ )

Since  $g \leq f \leq h$ ,  $f=g$  a.e., and since  $g = \lim \varphi_n$  is measurable, so is  $f$  (see above). +

$$L_{P_n}(f) \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{Q}} f \quad (\text{see above})$$

$$\int \varphi_n d\lambda \uparrow \int g = \int f$$

and also  $\int_{\mathbb{Q}} f = \int f$ .

Theorem:  $f \in L^\infty([a, b])$  is Riemann integrable  $\Leftrightarrow$

the set of discontinuities has  $\lambda$ -measure 0.

Proof:  $\Rightarrow$  Let  $\varphi_n \uparrow g$  and  $\psi_n \downarrow h$  be defined as

above. Let  $N = \{x: g(x) \neq h(x)\}$  and let

$$P_n: a = t_0^{(n)} < \dots < t_{k_n}^{(n)} = b.$$

Let  $T = \{t_i^{(n)}\}$ ,  $M = N \cup T$ . Since  $T$  is countable,  $\lambda(M) = 0$ .

We claim  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b] \setminus M$ .

Fix  $x_0 \in [a, b] \setminus M$ . To show  $f$  is cont. at  $x_0$

say that  $\epsilon > 0$  is given. We may choose  $n$  such that

$\varphi_n(x_0) - \psi_n(x_0) < \epsilon$ . Then consider partition  $P_n$ : we

may assume that  $x_0 \in (t_i^{(n)}, t_{i+1}^{(n)})$ . But  $\varphi_n(x) = m_i^{(n)}$

and  $\psi_n(x) = M_i^{(n)}$  for all  $x$  in this interval, and thus

$$m_i^{(n)} \leq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(x_i) \\ f(x_0) \end{array} \right\} \leq M_i^{(n)} \quad \forall x \in J = (x_{i-1}^{(n)}, x_i^{(n)})$$

is partition

where  $M_i^{(n)} - m_i^{(n)} = \psi_n(x_i) - \varphi_n(x_0) < \varepsilon$ . It follows that

$$x \in J \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon$$

Or if we let  $\delta = \min \{ |x - x_{i-1}^{(n)}|, |x - x_i^{(n)}| \}$ ,

$$|x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow x \in J \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon$$

$\Leftarrow$  We may assume that  $P_1 \leq P_2 \leq \dots$  also satisfies

$$\max |x_i^{(n)} - x_{i-1}^{(n)}| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

(why?) Define  $\varphi_n, \psi_n, g, h$  as before. We claim that if  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$  then

$$g(x_0) = f(x_0) = h(x_0).$$

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , choose  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$|x - x_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon$$

We may choose  $n$  such that  $|x_i^{(n)} - x_{i-1}^{(n)}| < \delta$

for all  $i$ . Say that  $x_0 \in [x_{i-1}^{(n)}, x_i^{(n)})$ . Then

$$x \in [x_{i-1}^{(n)}, x_i^{(n)}) \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |M_i^{(n)} - f(x_0)| < \varepsilon \\ |f(x_0) - m_i^{(n)}| < \varepsilon \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow |M_i^{(n)} - m_i^{(n)}| < 2\varepsilon$$

$\Rightarrow |U_n(x_0) - Q_n(x_0)| \leq 2\varepsilon$ , it follows that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$|U_{n+k}(x_0) - Q_{n+k}(x_0)| \leq 2\varepsilon \quad (\text{recall } U_n \uparrow, Q_n \downarrow)$$

and thus  $|R(x_0) - g(x_0)| \leq 2\varepsilon$ . Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary

$$h(x_0) = g(x_0).$$

It follows that

$$|U_n(f) - L_n(f)| = \int (U_n - Q_n) dx \rightarrow \int (h - g) dx = 0$$

(this uses monotone convergence theorem - see above)

and thus  $f$  is Riemann integrable.