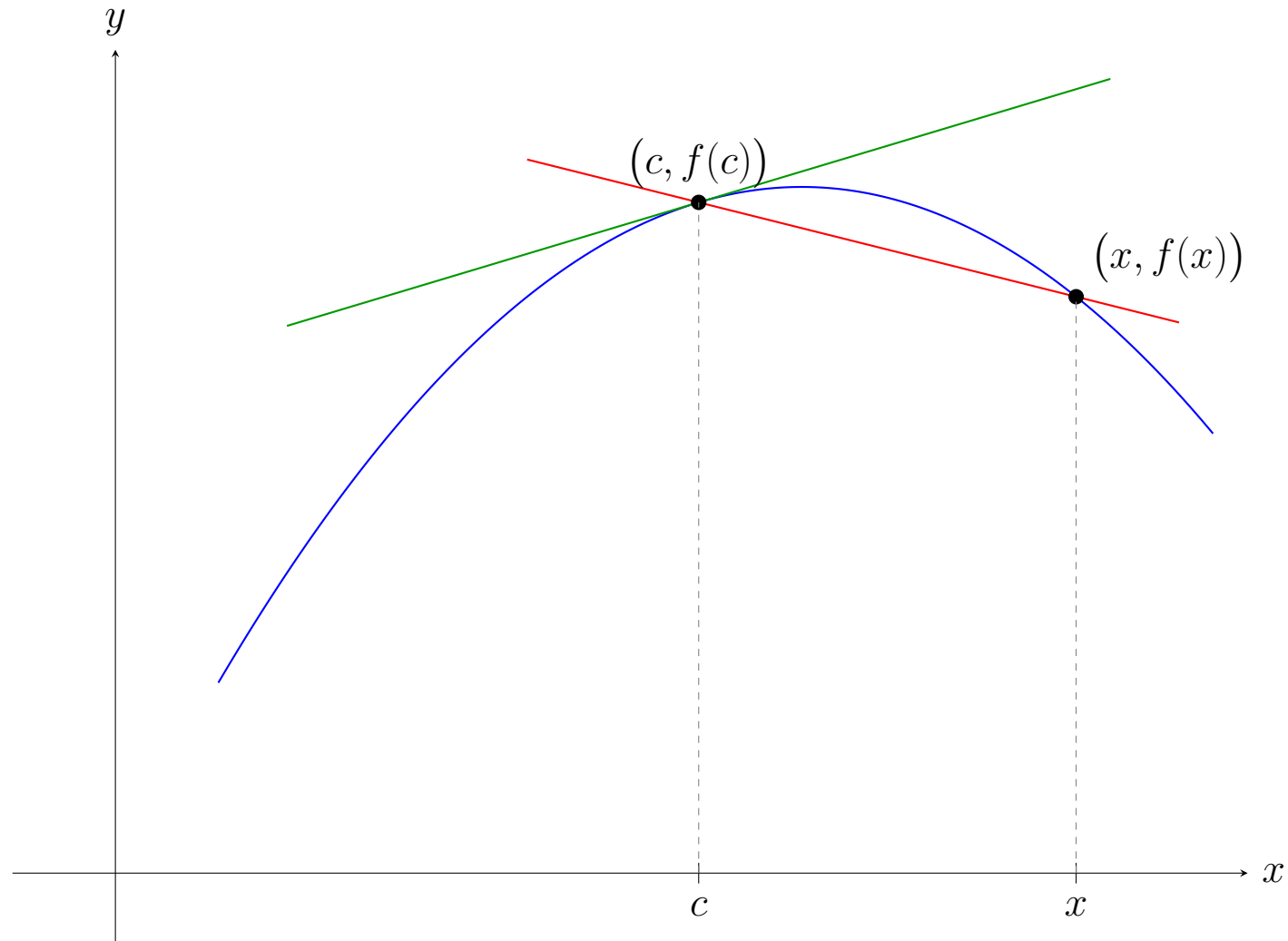


5 Differentiation and integration

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5.1 Derivatives



We can easily find the slope of any secant line:

$$s_c(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}.$$

The idea is then to take the limit of this function $s_c(x)$ as $x \rightarrow c$.

The geometric definition of the derivative of f at c is: the slope of the tangent line to the curve $y = f(x)$ at the point $(c, f(c))$.

Definition 5.1. Let $I \subseteq \mathbf{R}$ be an interval, $f : I \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}$ a function, $c \in I$.

We say that f is *differentiable at c* if there exists $L_c \in \mathbf{R}$ such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = L_c.$$

The number L_c is called the *derivative of f at c* .

If f is differentiable at c for all $c \in I$, we say that f is *differentiable on I* ; the *derivative of f* is the function $f' : I \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}$ defined by $f'(c) = L_c$.

By letting $h = x - c$, we can the derivative of f at c as

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c + h) - f(c)}{h} = L_c.$$

Example 5.2. The function $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ given by $f(x) = x^2$ is differentiable on \mathbf{R} .

Let $c \in \mathbf{R}$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{x^2 - c^2}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x + c) = 2c.$$

Therefore f is differentiable at every $c \in \mathbf{R}$, with derivative $f'(c) = 2c$.

Example 5.3. The function $g : \mathbf{R} \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}$ given by $g(x) = |x|$ is not differentiable at 0.

Sketch graph of absolute value function.

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|x|}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (-1) = -1, \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x|}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1) = 1.\end{aligned}$$

Since the two one-sided limits do not agree, the limit as $x \longrightarrow 0$ does not exist, so g is not differentiable at 0.

Theorem 5.4. *Let $I \subseteq \mathbf{R}$ be an interval, $f : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ a function, $c \in I$. If f is differentiable at c , then f is continuous at c .*

Proof. We want to show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c), \quad \text{that is } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) - f(c)) = 0.$$

Since f is differentiable at c , there exists $L \in \mathbf{R}$ such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = L.$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) - f(c)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left(\frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} (x - c) \right) = \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \right) \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x - c) \right) = L \cdot 0 = 0.$$

We conclude that f is continuous at c . □

Theorem 5.5 (Linearity). *Let $I \subseteq \mathbf{R}$ be an interval, $c \in I$, $f, g : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ two functions that are differentiable at c . Then*

- *$f + g : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is differentiable at c and $(f + g)'(c) = f'(c) + g'(c)$;*
- *for any $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$, $\lambda f : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is differentiable at c and $(\lambda f)'(c) = \lambda f'(c)$.*

Let **Fun** be the real vector space of all functions $\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$; let **Diff**_{*I*} be the subset of functions that are differentiable on *I*.

The Theorem says that **Diff**_{*I*} is a subspace of **Fun**, and that the map $T : \text{Diff}_I \rightarrow \text{Fun}$ given by $T(f) = f'$ is a linear transformation.

You get to prove this in [Exercise 5.1](#).

Theorem 5.6 (Product Rule). *Let $I \subseteq \mathbf{R}$ be an interval, $c \in I$, $f, g : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ two functions that are differentiable at c . Then the product $fg : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is differentiable at c and*

$$(fg)'(c) = f'(c)g(c) + f(c)g'(c).$$

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned}(fg)'(c) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{(f(x)g(x) - f(c)g(c))}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{(f(x) - f(c))g(x) + f(c)(g(x) - g(c))}{x - c} \\ &= \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \right) \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) + f(c) \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{g(x) - g(c)}{x - c} \right) = f'(c)g(c) + f(c)g'(c).\end{aligned}$$

Here we used the Algebra of Limits throughout; we also used [Theorem 5.4](#) to see that g is continuous at c . □

Example 5.7. For each $n \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 1}$ the function $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ given by $f(x) = x^n$ is differentiable on \mathbf{R} with derivative nx^{n-1} .

We can prove this by induction.

For the base case $n = 1$, the function is $f(x) = x$: let $c \in \mathbf{R}$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{x - c}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (1) = 1,$$

so the function $f(x) = x$ is differentiable at c and its derivative at c is $f'(c) = 1 = 1 \cdot x^{1-1}$.

For the induction step: fix $k \geq 1$ and assume the statement holds for the function $g(x) = x^k$. Consider the function $h(x) = x^{k+1} = f(x)g(x)$. By [Theorem 5.6](#), h is differentiable at c and its derivative is

$$h'(c) = f'(c)g(c) + f(c)g'(c) = c^k + ckc^{k-1} = (k + 1)c^k.$$

One of the big wins of derivatives is that they can be used to optimise functions.

Definition 5.8. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function, $c \in (a, b)$.

- We say that f has a *local maximum* at c if there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

for all $x \in [a, b]$, if $|x - c| < \delta$ then $f(x) \leq f(c)$.

- We say that f has a *local minimum* at c if there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

for all $x \in [a, b]$, if $|x - c| < \delta$ then $f(x) \geq f(c)$.

Recall that if f is continuous on $[a, b]$, it attains its extremal values on $[a, b]$ (by the Extremal Value Theorem).

Theorem 5.9. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be continuous, and suppose that f is differentiable at some $c \in (a, b)$. If f has a local maximum or minimum at c , then $f'(c) = 0$.*

Proof. We prove the statement for a local maximum (the other case is very similar).

Suppose f has a local maximum at $c \in (a, b)$, then there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for all $x \in [a, b]$, if $|x - c| < \delta$ then $f(x) \leq f(c)$.

Since f is differentiable at c we have

$$f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}.$$

If $c - \delta < x < c$ then $f(x) \leq f(c)$, so $f(x) - f(c) \leq 0$ and $x - c < 0$, so

$$f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \geq 0.$$

If $c < x < c + \delta$ then we still have $f(x) - f(c) \leq 0$, but now $x - c > 0$, so

$$f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \leq 0.$$

Since $f'(c) \geq 0$ and $f'(c) \leq 0$, we conclude that $f'(c) = 0$.

□

Recall that the Intermediate Value Theorem says that if $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is continuous on $[a, b]$, then f takes all values between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$.

If we know that f is differentiable on $[a, b]$, we can say something about the values of the derivative f' on the interval $[a, b]$:

Theorem 5.10 (Mean Value Theorem). *Let $a < b$, $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) . There exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that*

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}.$$

Example 5.11. If you drive 6 km in 5 minutes on a road with a speed limit of 60 km/h, should you get a speeding ticket?

Yes. Your average speed is 72 km/h, so by the Mean Value Theorem there is at least one point in your journey where your speed is 72 km/h. This is a fine of \$407, and 3 demerit points on your license.

We start by proving a special case of the Mean Value Theorem:

Theorem 5.12 (Rolle). *Let $a < b$, $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) . If $f(a) = f(b) = 0$, then there exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c) = 0$.*

Proof. By the Extreme Value Theorem, there exist $k, \ell \in [a, b]$ such that

$$f(k) \leq f(x) \leq f(\ell) \quad \text{for all } x \in [a, b].$$

There are three possibilities:

- $f(k) = f(\ell) = 0$.

Then $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$, hence $f'(x) = 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$.

- $f(k) \neq 0$.

In particular, $k \neq a, b$, so $k \in (a, b)$ and f has a local minimum at k . Hence by [Theorem 5.9](#) we get that $f'(k) = 0$.

- $f(\ell) \neq 0$.

Similar to the above, we get that $f'(\ell) = 0$. □

Now we can prove the Mean Value Theorem:

Proof of Theorem 5.10. Let $s : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be given by

$$s(x) = f(a) + \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} (x - a).$$

Since s is a polynomial function (of degree one), it is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) .

Let $h : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be given by $h(x) = f(x) - s(x)$. Then h is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) .

We have

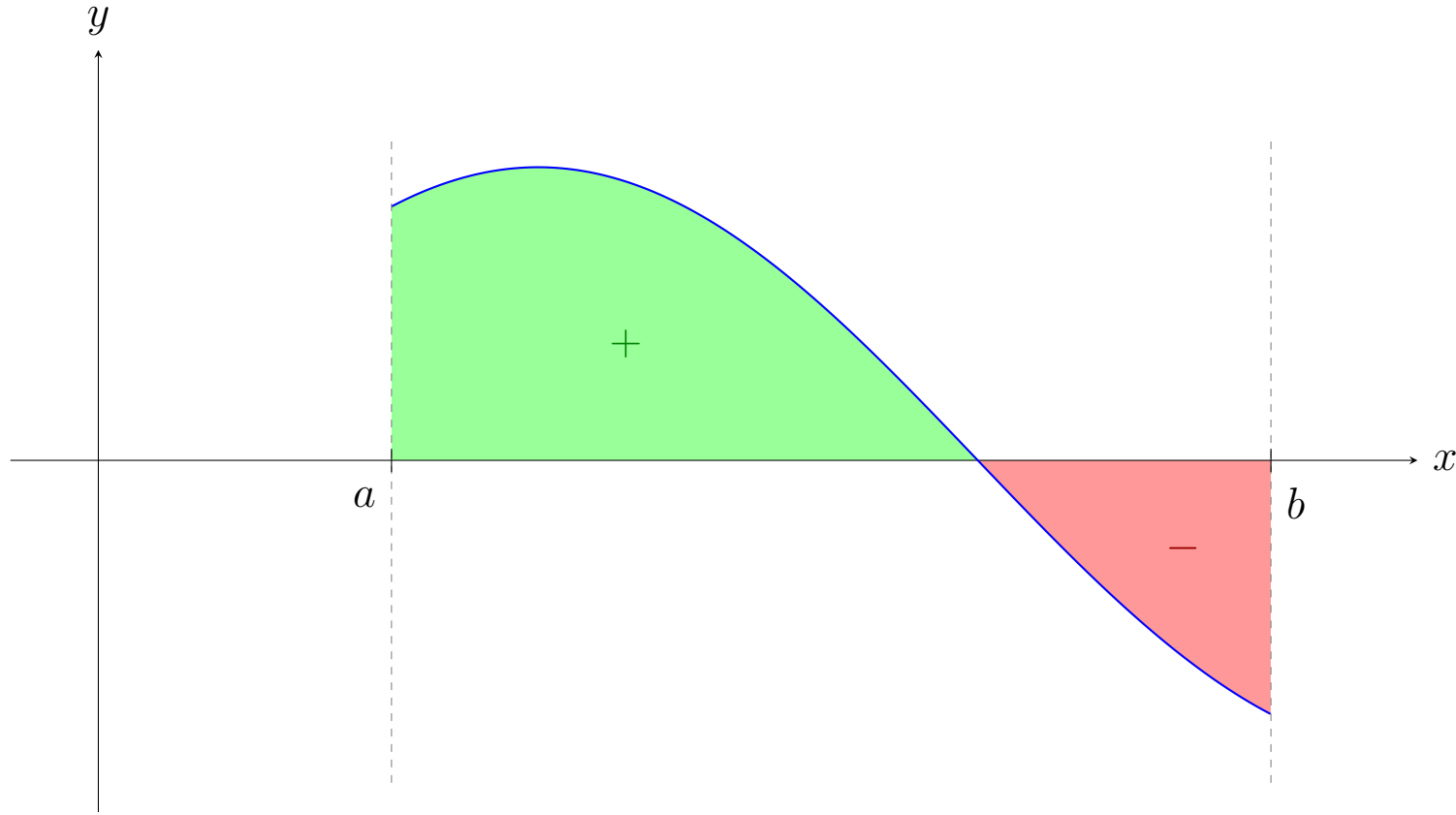
$$h(a) = f(a) - s(a) = f(a) - f(a) = 0, \quad h(b) = f(b) - s(b) = f(b) - f(b) = 0,$$

so we can apply Rolle's Theorem ([Theorem 5.12](#)) to h : there exists $c \in (a, b)$ such that $h'(c) = 0$. But $h'(c) = f'(c) - s'(c)$, so

$$f'(c) = s'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}.$$

□

5.2 Integrals



The geometric definition of the definite integral of a function f on a closed interval $[a, b]$ of finite length is the area of the region between the graph of f , the x -axis, and the vertical lines $x = a$ and $x = b$, where areas above the x -axis are taken with a positive sign, and areas below the x -axis with a negative sign.

Definition 5.13. A *partition* of the interval $[a, b]$ is a set

$$P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n\},$$

where $n \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 1}$ and

$$a = x_0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_{n-1} \leq x_n = b.$$

The intervals $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ are called *subintervals* of $[a, b]$.

Example 5.14. $P = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$ is a partition of $[3, 6]$ into subintervals

$$[3, 4], \quad [4, 5], \quad [5, 6].$$

$Q = \{3, \pi, \pi + 1, 4.5, 6\}$ is a partition of $[3, 6]$ into subintervals

$$[3, \pi], \quad [\pi, \pi + 1], \quad [\pi + 1, 4.5], \quad [4.5, 6].$$

Definition 5.15. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be bounded on $[a, b]$ and let $P = \{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$ be a partition of $[a, b]$.

The *lower Riemann sum* of f with respect to P is

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n m_k(x_k - x_{k-1}) = m_1(x_1 - x_0) + m_2(x_2 - x_1) + \cdots + m_n(x_n - x_{n-1}),$$

where for $k = 1, \dots, n$ we have

$$m_k = \inf \{f(x) : x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]\}.$$

The *upper Riemann sum* of f with respect to P is

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n M_k(x_k - x_{k-1}) = M_1(x_1 - x_0) + M_2(x_2 - x_1) + \cdots + M_n(x_n - x_{n-1}),$$

where for $k = 1, \dots, n$ we have

$$M_k = \sup \{f(x) : x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]\}.$$

Example 5.16. Find lower and upper bounds for the area under $f : [1, 4] \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}$, $f(x) = 25 - x^2$, for $1 \leq x \leq 4$.

Consider the partition $P = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ of $[1, 4]$. We have

$$m_1 = \inf \{f(x) : x \in [1, 2]\} = f(2) = 21$$

$$m_2 = \inf \{f(x) : x \in [2, 3]\} = f(3) = 16$$

$$m_3 = \inf \{f(x) : x \in [3, 4]\} = f(4) = 9$$

$$M_1 = \sup \{f(x) : x \in [1, 2]\} = f(1) = 24$$

$$M_2 = \sup \{f(x) : x \in [2, 3]\} = f(2) = 21$$

$$M_3 = \sup \{f(x) : x \in [3, 4]\} = f(3) = 16.$$

Therefore

$$L(f, P) = m_1(2 - 1) + m_2(3 - 2) + m_3(4 - 3) = 21 + 16 + 9 = 46,$$

$$U(f, P) = M_1(2 - 1) + M_2(3 - 2) + M_3(4 - 3) = 24 + 21 + 16 = 61,$$

so that the area is between 46 and 61.

Lemma 5.17. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be bounded on $[a, b]$. For every partition P of $[a, b]$ we have*

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

Proof. Write $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n\}$. For each $1 \leq k \leq n$ we have $m_k \leq M_k$, therefore

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n m_k(x_k - x_{k-1}) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n M_k(x_k - x_{k-1}) = U(f, P).$$

□

It feels like more should be true though: it should be the case that any lower sum (with respect to any partition) should be less than any upper sum (with respect to any other partition). This takes a bit more work.

Definition 5.18. If P and Q are partitions of $[a, b]$, we say that Q is a *refinement* of P if $P \subseteq Q$.

Example 5.19. For the interval $[1, 5]$, $Q = \{1, 2.5, 3, \pi, 4, 4.1, 5\}$ is a refinement of the partition $P = \{1, 3, 4, 5\}$.

Lemma 5.20. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be bounded on $[a, b]$, R a partition of $[a, b]$, and Q a refinement of R such that $Q \setminus R$ has a single element. Then

$$L(f, R) \leq L(f, Q) \quad \text{and} \quad U(f, Q) \leq U(f, R).$$

Proof. Let $t \in \mathbf{R}$ be such that $Q \setminus R = \{t\}$. Fix j such that $t \in (x_{j-1}, x_j)$. Let

$$m_t^- = \inf \{f(x) : x \in [x_{j-1}, t]\}, \quad m_t^+ = \inf \{f(x) : x \in [t, x_j]\}.$$

Then we have $m_j \leq m_t^-$ and $m_j \leq m_t^+$ and

$$m_j(x_j - x_{j-1}) = m_j(t - x_{j-1}) + m_j(x_j - t) \leq m_t^-(t - x_{j-1}) + m_t^+(x_j - t).$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} L(f, R) &= \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} m_k(x_k - x_{k-1}) + m_j(x_j - x_{j-1}) + \sum_{k=j+1}^n m_k(x_k - x_{k-1}) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} m_k(x_k - x_{k-1}) + m_t(t - x_{j-1}) + m_t'(x_j - t) + \sum_{k=j+1}^n m_k(x_k - x_{k-1}) \\ &= L(f, Q). \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 5.21. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be bounded on $[a, b]$, P a partition of $[a, b]$, and Q a refinement of P . Then*

$$L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q) \quad \text{and} \quad U(f, Q) \leq U(f, P).$$

Proof. We prove the statement for the lower Riemann sums L ; the upper sums U are very similar.

We proceed by induction on m , the cardinality of the set $Q \setminus P$.

The base case is $m = 0$: here $Q = P$ so trivially $L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q)$.

The induction step: fix $m \geq 0$ and suppose the statement is true for this value of m . In other words, we suppose that if R is any refinement of P such that $R \setminus P$ has m elements, then $L(f, P) \leq L(f, R)$.

Let Q be a refinement of P such that $Q \setminus P$ has $m + 1$ elements. Fix $t \in Q \setminus P$ and let $R = Q \setminus \{t\}$. By [Lemma 5.20](#), we have $L(f, R) \leq L(f, Q)$. Using the induction hypothesis, we conclude that $L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q)$. □

Theorem 5.22. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be bounded on $[a, b]$ and P, P' partitions of $[a, b]$. Then*

$$L(f, P) \leq U(f, P').$$

Proof. Let $Q = P \cup P'$, then Q is a refinement of both P and P' . By [Lemmas 5.17](#) and [5.21](#) we have

$$L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q) \leq U(f, Q) \leq U(f, P').$$

□

Definition 5.23. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be bounded on $[a, b]$.

The *lower Riemann integral* of f on $[a, b]$ is

$$L(f) = \sup \{L(f, P) : P \text{ is a partition of } [a, b]\}.$$

The *upper Riemann integral* of f on $[a, b]$ is

$$U(f) = \inf \{U(f, P) : P \text{ is a partition of } [a, b]\}.$$

Theorem 5.24. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be bounded on $[a, b]$. Then*

$$L(f) \leq U(f).$$

Proof. Let P and P' be arbitrary partitions of $[a, b]$. By [Theorem 5.22](#) we have

$$U(f, P') \geq L(f, P).$$

Since this holds for all partitions P' of $[a, b]$, we get that $L(f, P)$ is a lower bound for the set $\{U(f, P') : P' \text{ partition of } [a, b]\}$. Since $U(f)$ is the **greatest** lower bound of this set, we get

$$U(f) \geq L(f, P).$$

Since this holds for all partitions P of $[a, b]$, we get that $U(f)$ is an upper bound for the set $\{L(f, P) : P \text{ partition of } [a, b]\}$. Since $L(f)$ is the **least** upper bound of this set, we get

$$U(f) \geq L(f). \quad \square$$

But surely we actually have equality $L(f) = U(f)$?

Example 5.25. Consider the function $f : [1, 2] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbf{Q}, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbf{Q}. \end{cases}$$

Let $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a partition of $[1, 2]$. Since \mathbf{Q} is dense in \mathbf{R} ([Corollary 2.61](#)), each interval contains a rational number, where f takes value 1. Since $\mathbf{R} \setminus \mathbf{Q}$ is dense in \mathbf{R} (we haven't proved this yet), each interval contains an irrational number, where f takes value 0. Hence $m_i = 0$ and $M_i = 1$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$. Therefore $L(f, P) = 0$ and $U(f, P) = 1$.

As we range over all partitions P of $[1, 2]$ we get $L(f) = 0 < 1 = U(f)$.

Definition 5.26. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be bounded on $[a, b]$.

We say that f is *Riemann integrable* on $[a, b]$ if $L(f) = U(f)$, in which case we define the *Riemann integral* of f on $[a, b]$ to be

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = L(f) = U(f).$$

[Example 5.25](#) exhibited a non-integrable function.

Theorem 5.27. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be bounded on $[a, b]$. The function f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ if and only if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a partition P_ε of $[a, b]$ such that*

$$U(f, P_\varepsilon) - L(f, P_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon.$$

Proof. Suppose f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ and let $\varepsilon > 0$.

We have $L(f) + \varepsilon > L(f) = U(f)$, so $L(f) + \varepsilon$ is not a lower bound for $\{U(f, P) : P\}$. Therefore there exists a partition P'_ε such that $U(f, P'_\varepsilon) < L(f) + \varepsilon$.

This means that $U(f, P'_\varepsilon) - \varepsilon < L(f)$, so $U(f, P'_\varepsilon) - \varepsilon$ is not an upper bound for $\{L(f, P) : P\}$. Therefore there exists a partition P''_ε such that

$$U(f, P'_\varepsilon) - \varepsilon < L(f, P''_\varepsilon).$$

Now let $P_\varepsilon = P'_\varepsilon \cup P''_\varepsilon$ be the common refinement, then by [Lemma 5.21](#) we have

$$U(f, P_\varepsilon) - \varepsilon \leq U(f, P'_\varepsilon) - \varepsilon < L(f, P''_\varepsilon) \leq L(f, P_\varepsilon).$$

(continued). Conversely, suppose f satisfies the condition in the statement but is not Riemann integrable, in other words $L(f) < U(f)$. Let $\varepsilon = U(f) - L(f)$ and let P_ε be a partition such that

$$U(f, P_\varepsilon) - L(f, P_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon.$$

Since $U(f, P_\varepsilon) \geq U(f)$ and $L(f, P_\varepsilon) \leq L(f)$, we get

$$\varepsilon > U(f, P_\varepsilon) - L(f, P_\varepsilon) \geq U(f) - L(f) = \varepsilon,$$

contradiction. □

Theorem 5.28. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$. If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then it is integrable on $[a, b]$.*

We are missing some crucial ingredients for this proof, so we omit it for the time being.

Theorem 5.29. Let $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be integrable on $[a, b]$, $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$.

$$(a) \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx \text{ for all } c \in [a, b].$$

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

$$(c) \int_a^b \lambda f(x) dx = \lambda \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

$$(d) \left| \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \int_a^b |f(x)| dx.$$

$$(e) \text{ If } f(x) \leq g(x) \text{ for all } x \in [a, b], \text{ then } \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \int_a^b g(x) dx.$$

Here is a proof of part (a). We use [Theorem 5.27](#).

Let $\varepsilon > 0$.

Since f is integrable on $[a, b]$, by [Theorem 5.27](#) there exists a partition $P = P_\varepsilon$ of $[a, b]$ such that

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

Let $P' = P \cup \{c\}$, then P' is a refinement of P and

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

Let $P'_1 = P' \cap [a, c]$ and $P'_2 = P' \cap [c, b]$, then

$$U(f, P') = U(f, P'_1) + U(f, P'_2) \quad \text{and} \quad L(f, P') = L(f, P'_1) + L(f, P'_2).$$

Therefore

$$(U(f, P'_1) - L(f, P'_1)) + (U(f, P'_2) - L(f, P'_2)) < \varepsilon,$$

but both of these summands are non-negative, so each is $< \varepsilon$. Hence, by [Theorem 5.27](#), f is integrable on $[a, c]$ and on $[c, b]$.

Moreover,

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \leq U(f, P') = U(f, P'_1) + U(f, P'_2) < L(f, P'_1) + L(f, P'_2) + \varepsilon \leq \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx + \varepsilon$$

and

$$\int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx \leq U(f, P'_1) + U(f, P'_2) < L(f, P'_1) + L(f, P'_2) + \varepsilon = L(f, P') + 2\varepsilon \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx + \varepsilon.$$

Theorem 5.30 (Fundamental Theorem of Calculus I). *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be integrable. Let $F : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be differentiable such that $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. Then*

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

Proof. Let $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a partition of $[a, b]$. Let $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and consider the interval $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$. By the Mean Value Theorem ([Theorem 5.10](#)), there exists $c_i \in (x_{i-1}, x_i)$ such that

$$f(c_i) = F'(c_i) = \frac{F(x_i) - F(x_{i-1})}{x_i - x_{i-1}}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} m_i &\leq f(c_i) \leq M_i \\ m_i(x_i - x_{i-1}) &\leq F(x_i) - F(x_{i-1}) \leq M_i(x_i - x_{i-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Summing over all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ we get

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i(x_i - x_{i-1}) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (F(x_i) - F(x_{i-1})) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n M_i(x_i - x_{i-1}) = U(f, P).$$

Note that the sum in the middle simplifies to $F(b) - F(a)$, hence

$$L(f, P) \leq F(b) - F(a) \leq U(f, P).$$

The two inequalities hold for all partitions P of $[a, b]$, so

$$L(f) \leq F(b) - F(a) \leq U(f).$$

But f is integrable on $[a, b]$, so

$$L(f) = U(f) = \sum_a^b f(x) dx \quad \Rightarrow \quad F(b) - F(a) = \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

□

Theorem 5.31 (Fundamental Theorem of Calculus II). *Let $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be integrable. Define $G : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ by*

$$G(x) = \int_a^x g(t) dt.$$

Then

(a) *the function G is continuous on $[a, b]$;*

(b) *if g is continuous at $c \in [a, b]$, then G is differentiable at c and $G'(c) = g(c)$.*

Proof. (a) The function g is integrable hence bounded, so there exists $M \in \mathbf{R}$ such that

$$|g(t)| \leq M \quad \text{for all } t \in [a, b].$$

Let $x \leq c$ with $x, c \in [a, b]$, then

$$|G(c) - G(x)| = \left| \int_a^c g(t) dt - \int_a^x g(t) dt \right| = \left| \int_x^c g(t) dt \right| \leq \int_x^c |g(t)| dt \leq \int_x^c M dt = M(c - x).$$

If instead $x > c$ then we interchange x and c as integration limits; the upshot is that

$$|G(c) - G(x)| \leq M|c - x| \quad \text{for all } x, c \in [a, b].$$

Do you see why this implies that G is continuous at any $c \in [a, b]$?

(b) For any $x \in [a, b]$ we have

$$\frac{G(x) - G(c)}{x - c} = \frac{1}{x - c} \left(\int_a^x g(t) dt - \int_a^c g(t) dt \right) = \frac{1}{x - c} \int_c^x g(t) dt.$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since g is continuous at c , there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for all $t \in [a, b]$, if $|t - c| < \delta$ then $|g(t) - g(c)| < \varepsilon$.

Let $x \in [a, b]$ be such that $0 < |x - c| < \delta$. Suppose $x > c$ (the case $x < c$ is similar). For all $t \in [c, x]$ we have $|g(t) - g(c)| < \varepsilon$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} g(c) - \varepsilon &< g(t) < g(c) + \varepsilon \\ (g(c) - \varepsilon)(x - c) &= \int_c^x (g(c) - \varepsilon) dt < \int_c^x g(t) dt < \int_c^x (g(c) + \varepsilon) dt = (g(c) + \varepsilon)(x - c) \\ g(c) - \varepsilon &< \frac{1}{x - c} \int_c^x g(t) dt < g(c) + \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

meaning that

$$\left| \frac{G(x) - G(c)}{x - c} - g(c) \right| = \left| \left(\frac{1}{x - c} \int_c^x g(t) dt \right) - g(c) \right| < \varepsilon,$$

hence $G'(c)$ exists and equals $g(c)$. □

Example 5.32. Fix $k \in \mathbf{R}$ and let $g : [a, b] \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be the constant function $g(x) = k$.

We have

$$G(x) = \int_a^x k \, dt = k(x - a) \quad \text{for all } x \in [a, b].$$

This is differentiable at every $c \in [a, b]$ with derivative $G'(c) = k$.