

Thm. 33.6

Let f be defined on $[a, b]$ and let $a < c < b$. If f is integrable on $[a, c]$ and $[c, b]$, then f is integrable on $[a, b]$ with $\int_a^b f = \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f$.

Proof:

f is bounded on $[a, c]$ and on $[c, b]$, so it is bounded on $[a, b]$.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. By theorem 32.5, there are partitions P_1 and P_2 of $[a, c]$ and $[c, b]$ respectively with $U(f, P_1) - L(f, P_1) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$, and $U(f, P_2) - L(f, P_2) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$.

Then $P = P_1 \cup P_2$ is a partition of $[a, b]$ with $U(f, P) = U(f, P_1) + U(f, P_2)$ and $L(f, P) = L(f, P_1) + L(f, P_2)$.

Thus $U(f, P) - L(f, P) = U(f, P_1) + U(f, P_2) - L(f, P_1) - L(f, P_2) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$, and hence f is integrable on $[a, b]$.

Also, $\int_a^b f \leq U(f, P) = U(f, P_1) + U(f, P_2) < L(f, P_1) + L(f, P_2) + \varepsilon$
 $\leq \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f + \varepsilon$

for any $\varepsilon > 0$, and hence $\int_a^b f \leq \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f$. Similarly,
 $\int_a^b f \geq L(f, P) = L(f, P_1) + L(f, P_2) > U(f, P_1) + U(f, P_2) - \varepsilon$
 $\geq \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f - \varepsilon$

for any $\varepsilon > 0$, and hence $\int_a^b f \geq \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f$.

Thus $\int_a^b f = \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f$. $\square$

Def.

A function f is piecewise monotonic on $[a, b]$ if there is a partition P of $[a, b]$ such that f is monotonic on each subinterval (t_{k-1}, t_k) .

f is piecewise continuous on $[a, b]$ such that f is uniformly continuous on each open subinterval (t_{k-1}, t_k) .

Remark

Let f be uniformly continuous on (a, b) . Then $f(a + \frac{1}{n})$ and $f(b - \frac{1}{n})$ must converge, say to L_1 and L_2 respectively. If we extend f to f_1 by setting $f_1(x) = f(x)$ for $x \in (a, b)$, $f_1(a) = L_1$ and $f_1(b) = L_2$, then one can show that f_1 is a continuous extension of f to $[a, b]$.

Thm. 33.8

If f is piecewise continuous on $[a, b]$, or if f is a bounded piecewise monotonic function on $[a, b]$, then f is integrable on $[a, b]$.

Proof

Suppose f is piecewise continuous on $[a, b]$ and let P consist of the subintervals on which f is uniformly continuous. Consider a subinterval (t_{k-1}, t_k) . By our remark above, we can extend f to a continuous function f_k on $[t_{k-1}, t_k]$. By thm 33.2, f_k is integrable on $[t_{k-1}, t_k]$. We have $f = f_k$ except possibly on the endpoints. By exercise 32.7, f is integrable on $[t_{k-1}, t_k]$. Then thm. 33.6 implies f is integrable on $[a, b]$. (...)

Now suppose f is bounded and piecewise monotone on $[a, b]$, and let P be a partition for which f is monotone on each subinterval (t_{k-1}, t_k) . We can then extend f to a monotonic function f_k on $[t_{k-1}, t_k]$ (for example, if f is increasing on (t_{k-1}, t_k) , let $f_k(t_k) = \sup\{f(x) : x \in (t_{k-1}, t_k)\}$, etc.). Then by thm. 33.1, f_k is integrable on $[t_{k-1}, t_k]$, and so f is integrable on $[t_{k-1}, t_k]$, and so f is integrable there too (exercise 32.7). By thm. 33.6, f is integrable on $[a, b]$. $\square$

Thm 34.1: Fundamental Theorem of Calculus I

If g is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) , and g' is integrable on $[a, b]$, then

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

Proof:

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. By thm. 32.5, there is a partition P of $[a, b]$ with

$$U(g', P) - L(g', P) < \varepsilon. \quad (*)$$

Applying the mean value theorem to g on each interval $[t_{k-1}, t_k]$ yields $x_k \in (t_{k-1}, t_k)$ such that

$$g'(x_k) = \frac{g(t_k) - g(t_{k-1})}{t_k - t_{k-1}},$$

and so $g(t_k) - g(t_{k-1}) = g'(x_k)(t_k - t_{k-1})$. Summing over all k yields

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (g(t_k) - g(t_{k-1})) = \sum_{k=1}^n g'(x_k)(t_k - t_{k-1}) = g(b) - g(a).$$

Thus since $m(g', [t_{k-1}, t_k]) \leq g'(x_k) \leq M(g', [t_{k-1}, t_k])$, we have $L(g', P) \leq g(b) - g(a) \leq U(g', P)$. $(*) (*)$

On the other hand, we have $L(g', P) \leq \int_a^b g' \leq U(g', P)$.

Subtracting $(*) (*)$ from this and using $(*)$ yields

$$-\varepsilon < L(g', P) - U(g', P) \leq \int_a^b g' - (g(b) - g(a)) \leq U(g', P) - L(g', P) < \varepsilon,$$

and so $0 \leq |\int_a^b g' - (g(b) - g(a))| < \varepsilon$.

Since this holds for every $\varepsilon > 0$, we must have $|\int_a^b g' - (g(b) - g(a))| = 0$, and so

$$\int_a^b g' - (g(b) - g(a)) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b g' = g(b) - g(a). \quad \square$$

Thus, if we are trying to integrate an integrable function f , we should look for a function F such that $F' = f$. Then $\int_a^b F'$ is called an antiderivative of f .

It is common to write $F(b) - F(a)$ for $\int_a^b F'$.

Ex. $\int_0^b x^3 dx$. Can we find $F(x)$ with $F'(x) = x^3$?

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^4 \text{ works.}$$

By FTC I, we have

$$\int_0^b x^3 dx = \frac{1}{4}x^4 \Big|_0^b = \frac{1}{4}b^4 - 0 = \frac{1}{4}b^4.$$

Note: Consider $\int_a^b f$. If it is unknown that f is integrable, but we do find F with $F' = f$, this does not imply that f is actually integrable.

$$\text{For example, } F(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin(\frac{1}{x^2}) & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$F \text{ is differentiable everywhere: } f = \begin{cases} 2x \sin(\frac{1}{x^2}) - 2\cos(\frac{1}{x^2})/x & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

f is not bounded near 0 $\Rightarrow$ not integrable.

For a bounded counterexample, see Volterra's function (not course material).