

Theorem 1.7.7 Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be both integrable on $[a, b]$ and \exists a positive real number k such that $g(x) \geq k$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.

Then f/g is integrable on $[a, b]$

Proof: Since $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$, f is bounded on $[a, b]$. So, \exists a positive real number B such that $|f(x)| < B$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. Since $g(x) \geq k$, $\forall x \in [a, b]$, $\frac{1}{g(x)} \leq \frac{1}{k}$, $\forall x \in [a, b]$. Therefore $|\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}| = \frac{|f(x)|}{g(x)} < \frac{B}{k}$, $\forall x \in [a, b]$.

This shows that f/g is bounded on $[a, b]$.

Since $g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ and $g(x) \geq k > 0$, $\forall x \in [a, b]$, $\frac{1}{g} \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$. Since f and $\frac{1}{g}$ are both integrable on $[a, b]$, $\frac{f}{g}$ is integrable on $[a, b]$ by Theorem 1.7.5.

1.8 Let a function $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be integrable on $[a, b]$.

Then for each $x \in [a, b]$, f is integrable on $[a, x]$.

So, $\int_a^x f(t) dt$ exists and it depends on x . So, we

can define a function $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$, $x \in [a, b]$.

F on $[a, b]$ by $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$

Theorem 1.8.1 If $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be integrable on

$[a, b]$ then the function F defined by $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$, $x \in [a, b]$ is uniformly continuous on $[a, b]$.

Proof: Let x_1, x_2 be any two points in $[a, b]$.

$$F(x_2) - F(x_1) = \int_a^{x_2} f(t) dt - \int_a^{x_1} f(t) dt = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(t) dt$$

$$\text{So, } |F(x_2) - F(x_1)| = \left| \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(t) dt \right|$$

Since f is integrable on $[a, b]$, f is bounded on $[a, b]$.

So, \exists a real number $k > 0$ such that $|f(x)| < k$,

$$\forall x \in [a, b]. \quad \forall x_2 > x_1, \quad \left| \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(t) dt \right| \leq \int_{x_1}^{x_2} |f(t)| dt \leq (x_2 - x_1) k$$

$$\forall x_1 > x_2, \quad \left| \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(t) dt \right| = \left| \int_{x_2}^{x_1} f(t) dt \right| \leq \int_{x_2}^{x_1} |f(t)| dt \leq (x_1 - x_2) k$$

$$\text{Consequently, } |F(x_2) - F(x_1)| \leq |x_2 - x_1| k$$

Let us choose $\epsilon > 0$. Then $|F(x_2) - F(x_1)| < \epsilon$

for all x_1, x_2 in $[a, b]$ satisfying $|x_2 - x_1| < \frac{\epsilon}{k}$

Let $\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{k}$. Then $|F(x_2) - F(x_1)| < \epsilon, \forall x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$.

satisfying $|x_2 - x_1| < \delta$

This proves that F is uniformly continuous on $[a, b]$

Note: As F is uniformly continuous on $[a, b]$,

so F is continuous on $[a, b]$.

Worked Example

$$1. \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1, & 0 < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Prove that f is integrable on $[-1, 1]$. Show that

the function F defined by $F(x) = \int_{-1}^x f(t) dt$ is continuous on $[-1, 1]$

Solution: f is bounded on $[-1, 1]$ and is continuous on $[-1, 1]$ except at only one point, 0.

So, f is integrable on $[-1, 1]$

$$\text{For, } -1 \leq x \leq 0, \quad F(x) = \int_{-1}^x f(t) dt = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } 0 < x \leq 1, \quad F(x) &= \int_{-1}^x f(t) dt = \int_{-1}^0 f(t) dt + \int_0^x f(t) dt \\ &= 0 + \int_0^x 1 dt = x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, we have } F(x) &= 0, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ &= x, \quad 0 < x \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, F is continuous on $[-1, 1]$

Note: Here f is not continuous on $[-1, 1]$ but F is continuous on $[-1, 1]$

We observe that the function F is continuous on $[a, b]$ when f is integrable on $[a, b]$.

If, however f is continuous on $[a, b]$ then F will be differentiable on $[a, b]$ as we shall see in the next theorem.

Theorem 1.8.2 If a function $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be integrable on $[a, b]$ then the function F defined by $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$, $x \in [a, b]$ is differentiable at any point $c \in [a, b]$ at

f is continuous and $F'(c) = f(c)$

Proof: Let $c \in [a, b]$. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since f is continuous at c , $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $|f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon \quad \forall x \in [c, c+\delta)$

Let us choose h satisfying $0 < h < \delta$.

Then $f(c) - \epsilon < f(x) < f(c) + \epsilon \quad \forall x \in [c, c+h]$.

$$\text{So, } \int_c^{c+h} (f(c) - \epsilon) dx \leq \int_c^{c+h} f(x) dx \leq \int_c^{c+h} (f(c) + \epsilon) dx$$

$$\text{or, } (f(c) - \epsilon)h \leq F(c+h) - F(c) \leq (f(c) + \epsilon)h$$

$$\text{or, } \left| \frac{F(c+h) - F(c)}{h} - f(c) \right| \leq \epsilon. \text{ This holds}$$

for all h satisfying $0 < h < \delta$.

$$\text{This implies } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(c+h) - F(c)}{h} = f(c)$$

That is $RF'(c) = f(c) \dots (i)$ ($RF'(c)$ is the right hand derivative)

Let $c \in [a, b]$. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since f is continuous at c , \exists a positive δ_1 such that $|f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon \quad \forall x \in (c - \delta_1, c]$.

Let us choose h satisfying $0 < h < \delta_1$. Then

$$f(c) - \epsilon < f(x) < f(c) + \epsilon \quad \forall x \in [c-h, c]$$

$$\text{So, } \int_{c-h}^c (f(c) - \epsilon) dx \leq \int_{c-h}^c f(x) dx \leq \int_{c-h}^c (f(c) + \epsilon) dx$$

$$\text{or, } (f(c) - \epsilon)h \leq F(c) - F(c-h) \leq (f(c) + \epsilon)h$$

$$\text{or, } \left| \frac{F(c) - F(c-h)}{h} - f(c) \right| \leq \epsilon. \text{ This holds}$$

for all h satisfying $0 < h < \delta_1$