

point,  $f(x) \geq \frac{1}{k} > \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  and at all other points,

$f(x) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ . Let the finite number of rational points for which  $f(x) > \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  be  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  where

$$x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$$

Let us enclose the points by subintervals  $[x_1 - \frac{\delta_1}{2}, x_1 + \frac{\delta_1}{2}]$ ,

$[x_2 - \frac{\delta_2}{2}, x_2 + \frac{\delta_2}{2}]$ , ...,  $[x_n - \frac{\delta_n}{2}, x_n + \frac{\delta_n}{2}]$  such that

$$\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \dots + \delta_n < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Since each of these subintervals contain rational as well as irrational points, the oscillation of  $f$  in each

of these intervals is less than 1

~~$$P = (0, x_1 - \frac{\delta_1}{2}, x_1 + \frac{\delta_1}{2}, x_2 - \frac{\delta_2}{2}, x_2 + \frac{\delta_2}{2}, \dots, x_n - \frac{\delta_n}{2}, x_n + \frac{\delta_n}{2}, 1)$$~~

Let  $P = (0, x_1 - \frac{\delta_1}{2}, x_1 + \frac{\delta_1}{2}, x_2 - \frac{\delta_2}{2}, x_2 + \frac{\delta_2}{2}, \dots, x_n + \frac{\delta_n}{2}, 1)$ . Then

$P$  is a partition of  $[0, 1]$  dividing  $[0, 1]$  into  $2n+1$  subintervals,  $n$  of which enclose the points  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

In each of the remaining  $(n+1)$  subintervals, the oscillation of  $f$  is less than  $\frac{\epsilon}{2}$  and sum of these

subintervals is less than 1.

$$\text{So, } U(P, f) - L(P, f) < 1 \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \cdot 1 = \epsilon$$

Therefore,  $\exists$  a partition  $P$  of  $[0, 1]$  such that

$U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \epsilon$ . This being a sufficient

condition for integrability,  $f$  is integrable on  $[0, 1]$

Let  $P = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , where  $0 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = 1$

be an arbitrary partition of  $[0, 1]$ . Let

$$m_r = \inf_{x \in [x_{r-1}, x_r]} f(x) \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Since every subinterval  $[x_{r-1}, x_r]$  contains irrational points,  $m_r = 0$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Therefore  $L(P, f) = 0$

Consequently,  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \sup \{ L(P, f) : P \in \mathcal{P}[a, b] \} = 0$

Since  $f \in \mathcal{R}[0, 1]$ ,  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 f(x) dx$

and therefore  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 0$

Note: The function  $f$  is continuous at 0 and at every irrational point in  $[0, 1]$  and discontinuous at every non-zero rational points of  $[0, 1]$ . This example shows that a function bounded and continuous on a closed and bounded interval  $[a, b]$  except for an infinite set of points  $S \subset [a, b]$  having infinite number of limit points, is also Riemann integrable.

Remarks: We have seen that a bounded function  $f$

(i) continuous on a closed interval  $[a, b]$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$

(ii) continuous on  $[a, b]$  except at a finite number of points is integrable on  $[a, b]$ .

(iii) continuous on  $[a, b]$  with infinite number of points of discontinuities is integrable on  $[a, b]$  provided the set of points of discontinuity has only a finite number of limit points.

we have proved that (iii) is not the most general case by an example 5.

In fact, we have earlier stated the most general Theorem of Lebesgue without proof which is Theorem 1-5.2.

### 1.7 Properties of Riemann integrable functions.

Theorem 1.7.1 Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be both integrable on  $[a, b]$ . Then  $f+g$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$

$$\text{and } \int_a^b (f(x)+g(x)) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_a^b g(x) dx$$

Proof: Since  $f, g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ ,  $f$  and  $g$  are both bounded on  $[a, b]$ . So,  $\exists$  positive real numbers  $k_1, k_2$  such that

$$|f(x)| < k_1 \text{ and } |g(x)| < k_2 \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

$$\text{So, } |f(x)+g(x)| \leq |f(x)| + |g(x)| < k_1 + k_2 \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

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

Let us choose  $\epsilon > 0$

Since  $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ ,  $\exists$  a partition  $P_1$  of  $[a, b]$  such that

$$U(P_1, f) - L(P_1, f) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Since  $g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ ,  $\exists$  a partition  $P_2$  of  $[a, b]$  such that

$$U(P_2, g) - L(P_2, g) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Let  $P_0 = P_1 \cup P_2$ . Then  $P_0$  is a refinement of  $P_1$

as well as  $P_2$  and  $L(P_1, f) \leq L(P_0, f) \leq U(P_0, f) \leq U(P_1, f)$

$$L(P_2, g) \leq L(P_0, g) \leq U(P_0, g) \leq U(P_1, g)$$

$$\text{So, } U(P_0, f) - L(P_0, f) \leq U(P_1, f) - L(P_1, f) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow U(P_0, g) - L(P_0, g) \leq U(P_2, g) - L(P_2, g) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Let  $P_0 = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , where  $a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = b$

$$\text{Let } M_r = \sup_{x \in [x_{r-1}, x_r]} (f+g)(x), \quad m_r = \inf_{x \in [x_{r-1}, x_r]} (f+g)(x)$$

$$M_r' = \sup_{x \in [x_{r-1}, x_r]} f(x), \quad m_r' = \inf_{x \in [x_{r-1}, x_r]} f(x)$$

$$M_r'' = \sup_{x \in [x_{r-1}, x_r]} g(x), \quad m_r'' = \inf_{x \in [x_{r-1}, x_r]} g(x)$$

Then  $M_r \leq M_r' + M_r''$ ,  $m_r \geq m_r' + m_r''$ , for  $r=1, 2, \dots, n$

$$\begin{aligned} U(P_0, f+g) &= M_1(x_1 - x_0) + \dots + M_n(x_n - x_{n-1}) \\ &\leq [M_1'(x_1 - x_0) + \dots + M_n'(x_n - x_{n-1})] + [M_1''(x_1 - x_0) + \dots + M_n''(x_n - x_{n-1})] \\ &= U(P_0, f) + U(P_0, g) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $L(P_0, f+g) \geq L(P_0, f) + L(P_0, g)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } U(P_0, f+g) - L(P_0, f+g) &\leq U(P_0, f) + U(P_0, g) - (L(P_0, f) + L(P_0, g)) \\ &= (U(P_0, f) - L(P_0, f)) + (U(P_0, g) - L(P_0, g)) \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for a chosen  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists$  a ~~partition~~ partition

partition  $P_0$  of  $[a, b]$  such that

$$U(P_0, f+g) - L(P_0, f+g) < \epsilon$$