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## Mathematics 3A03
Real Analysis I

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Lecture 6
Integration
Tuesday 20 January 2026

Announcements

- Participation deadline for Assignment 1 was just before this class started.

- Solutions to Assignment 1 will be posted today. Make sure to read the solutions even if you are confident your proofs are correct.

- I posted a handout addressing a student's question in the last class: Can one prove monotonicity via the Mean Value Theorem without Darboux's theorem?

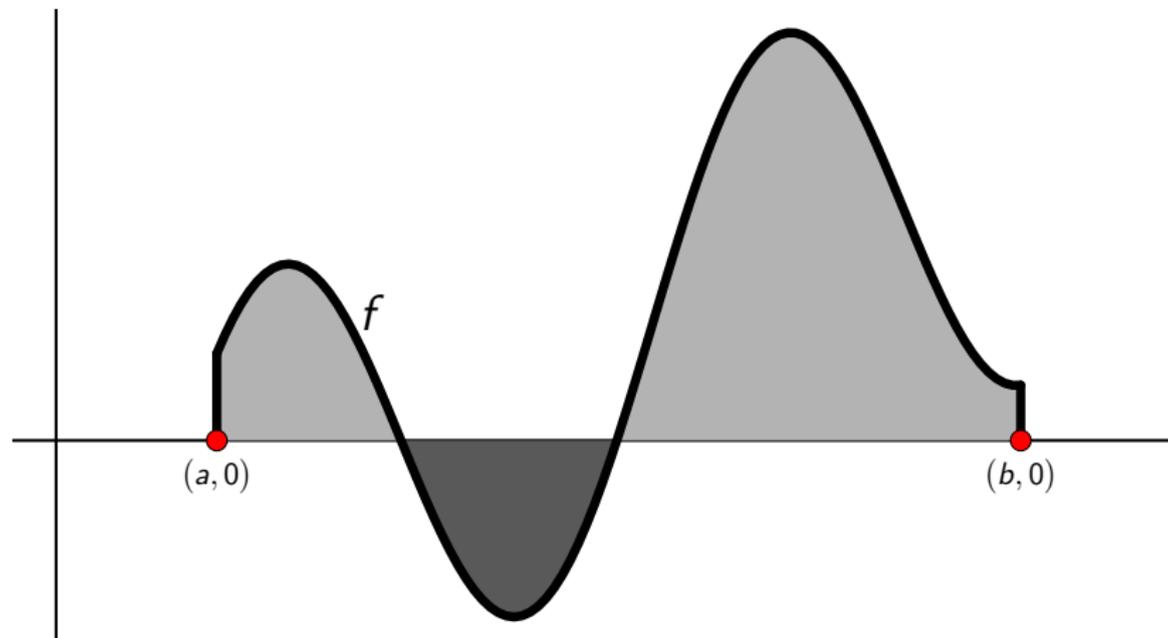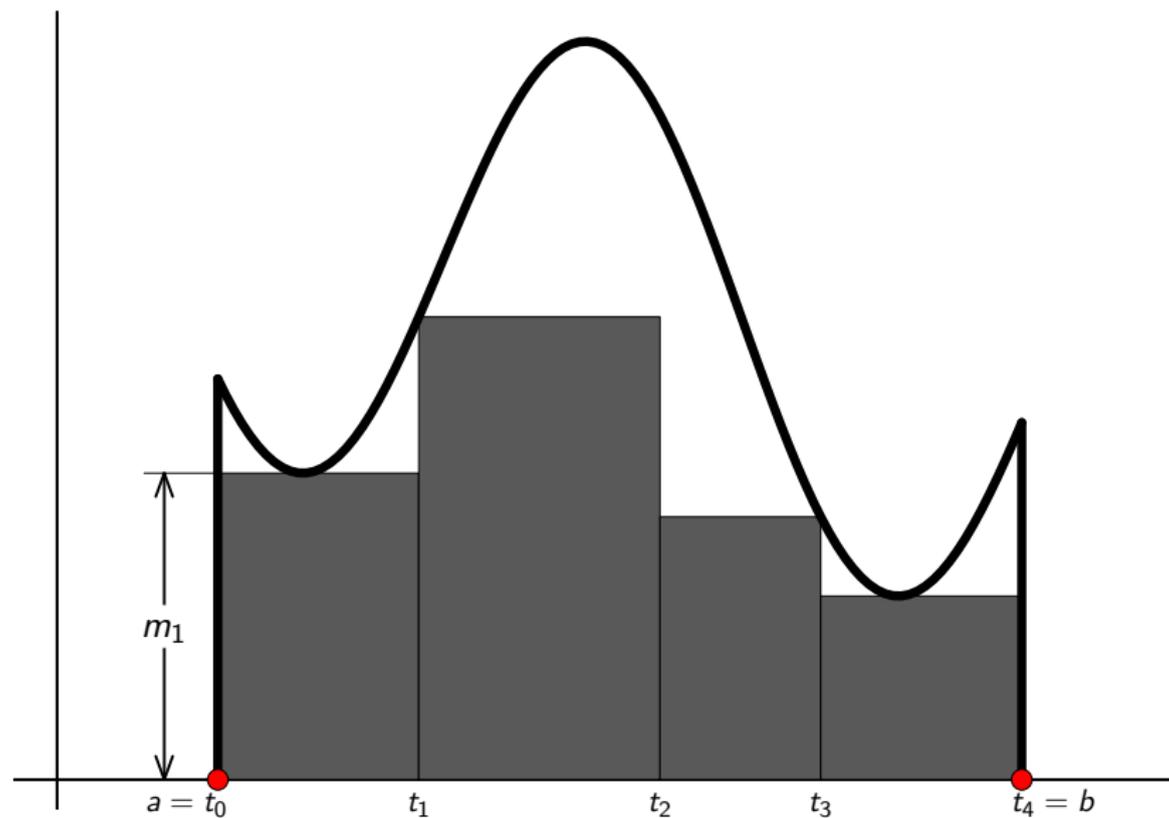# Integration

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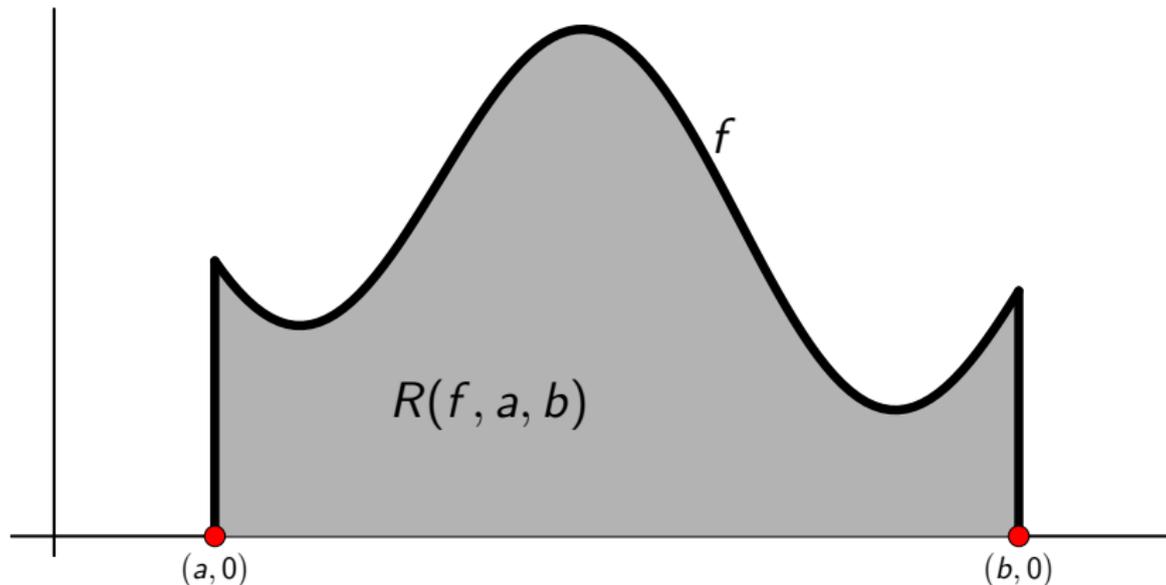
- "Area of region $R(f, a, b)$" is actually a very subtle concept.
- We will only scratch the surface of it (greater depth in Math 4A).
- Our treatment is similar to that in Michael Spivak's "Calculus" (2008); BS refer to this approach as the Darboux integral (BS §7.4, p. 225).
- The Darboux and Riemann approaches to the integral are equivalent.
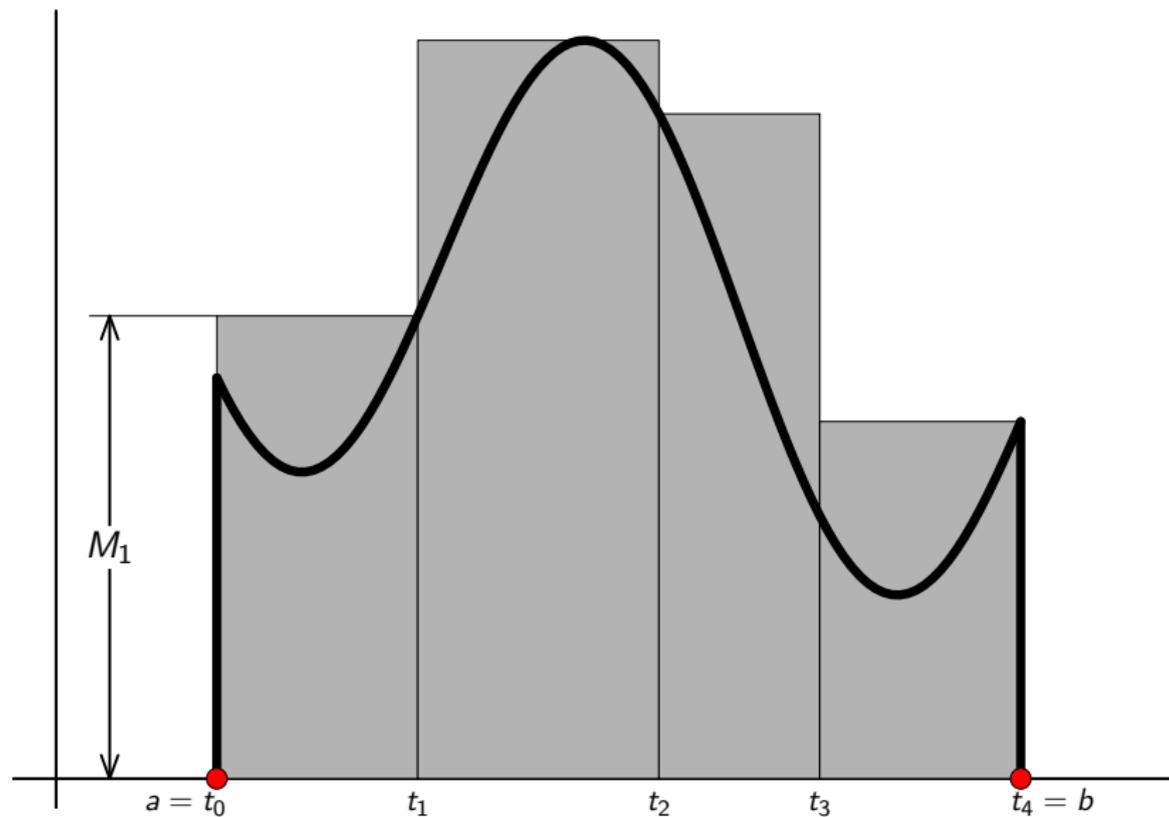
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- Contribution to "area of $R(f, a, b)$" is positive or negative depending on whether f is positive or negative.

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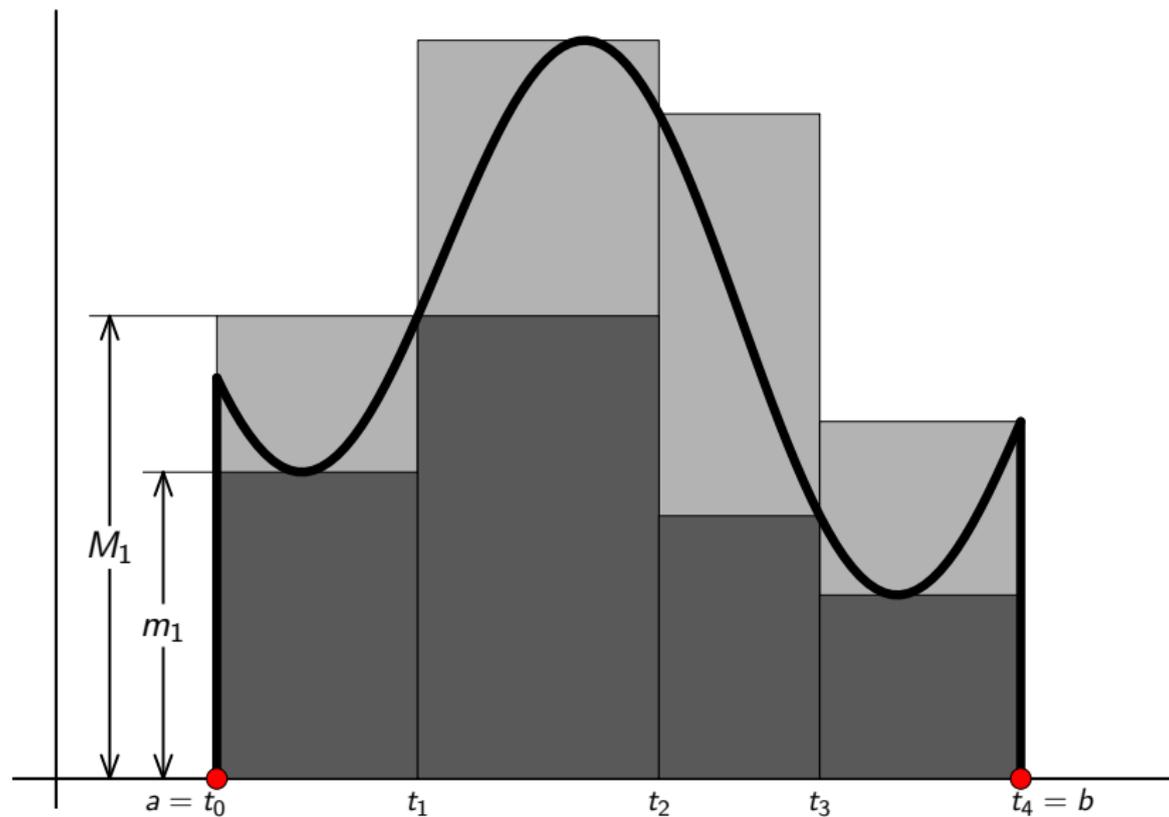
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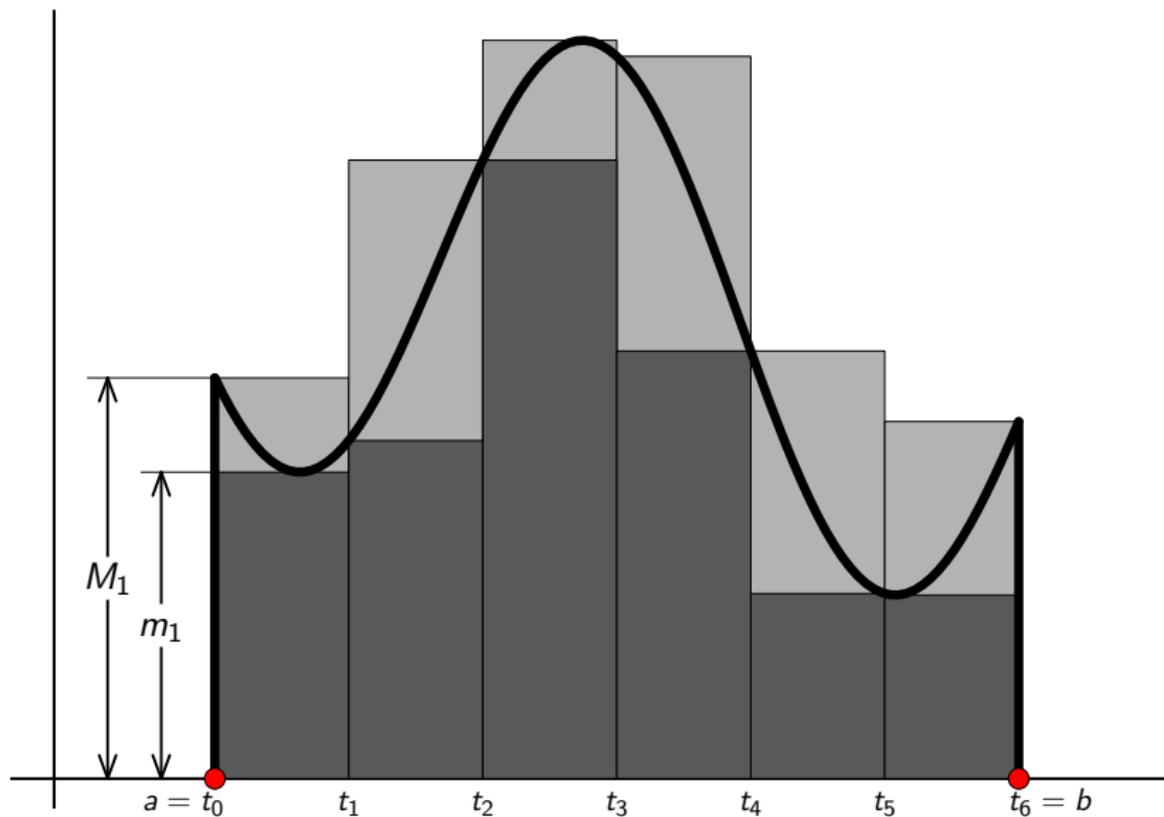
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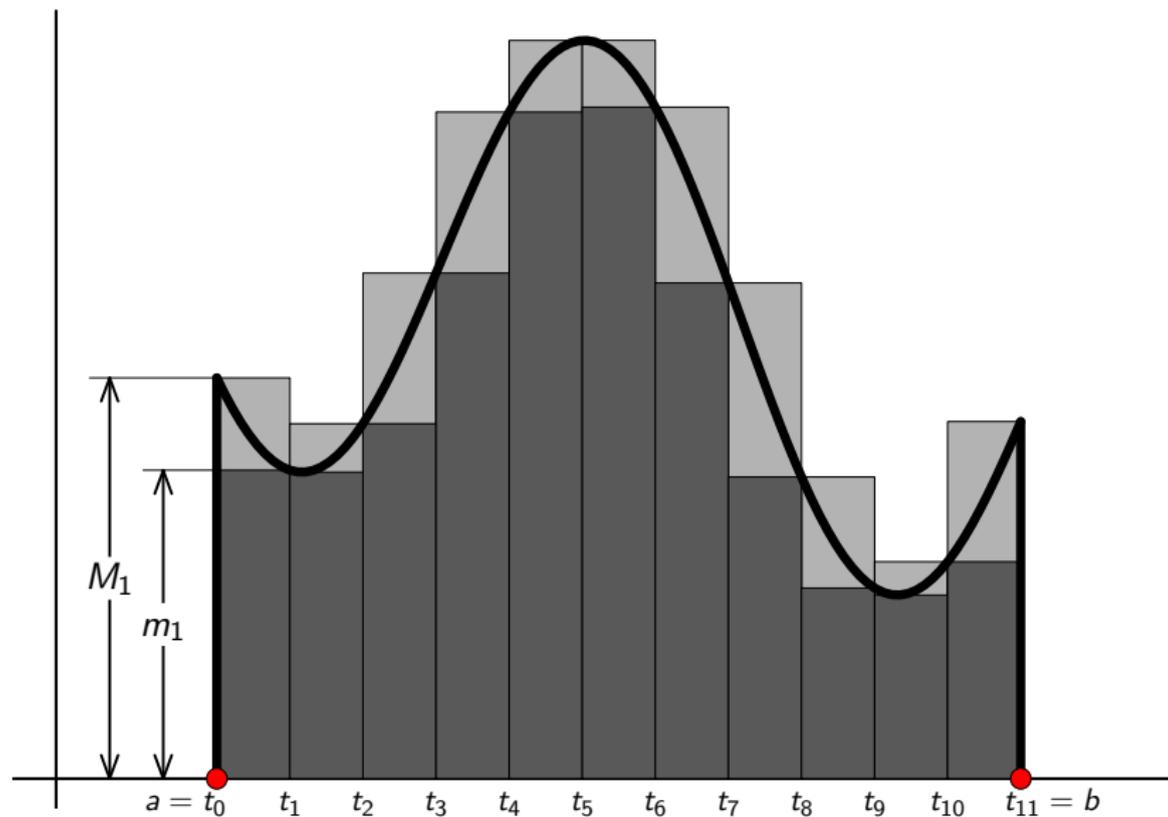
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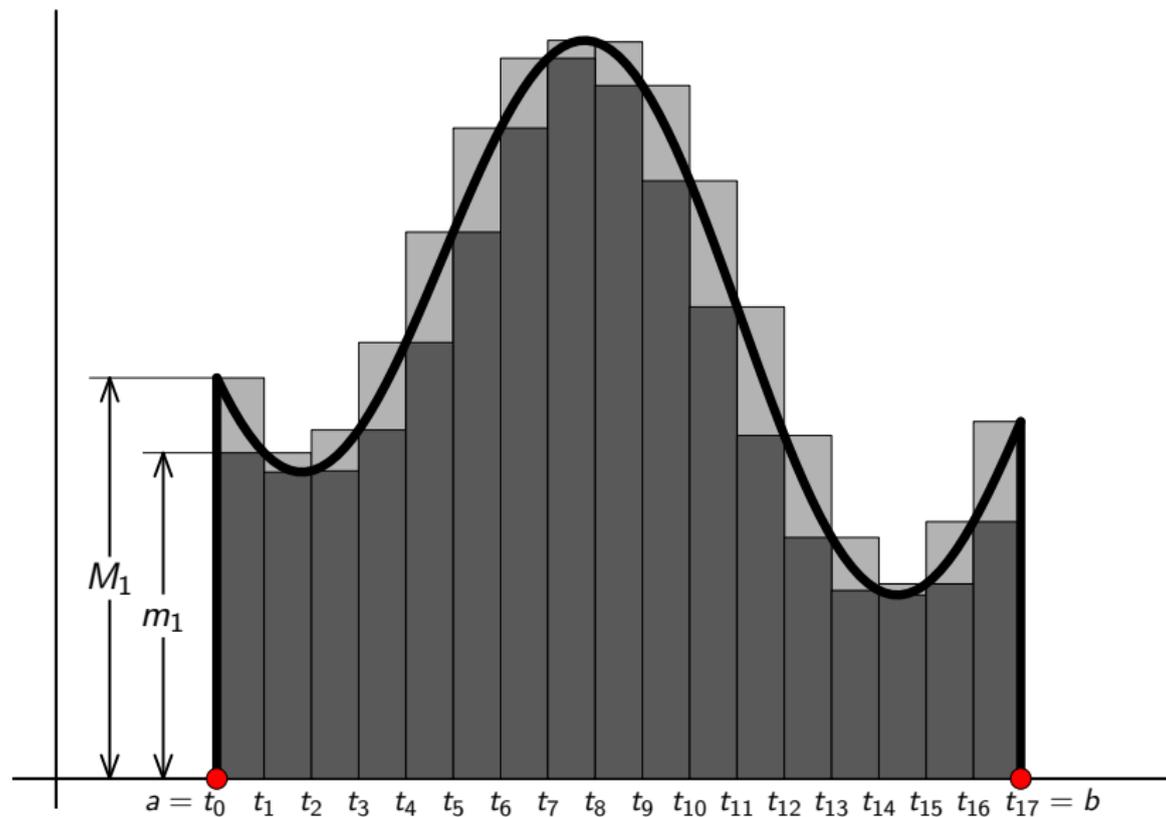
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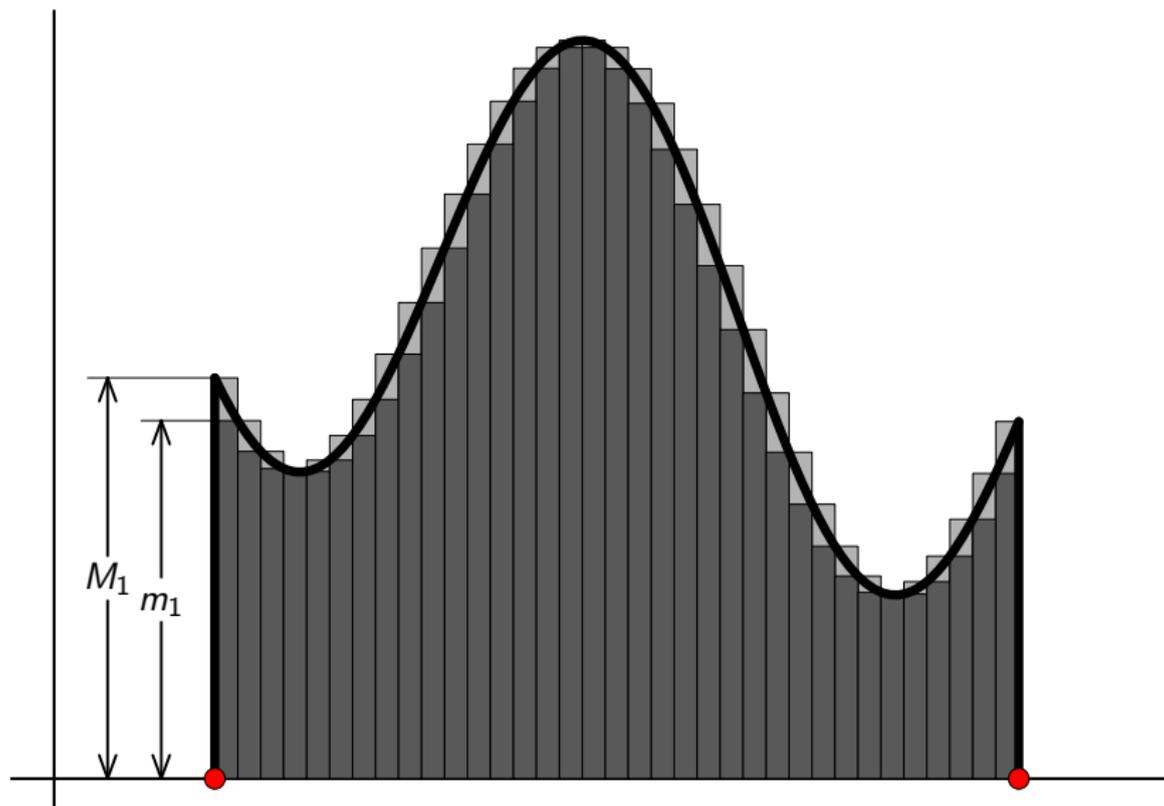
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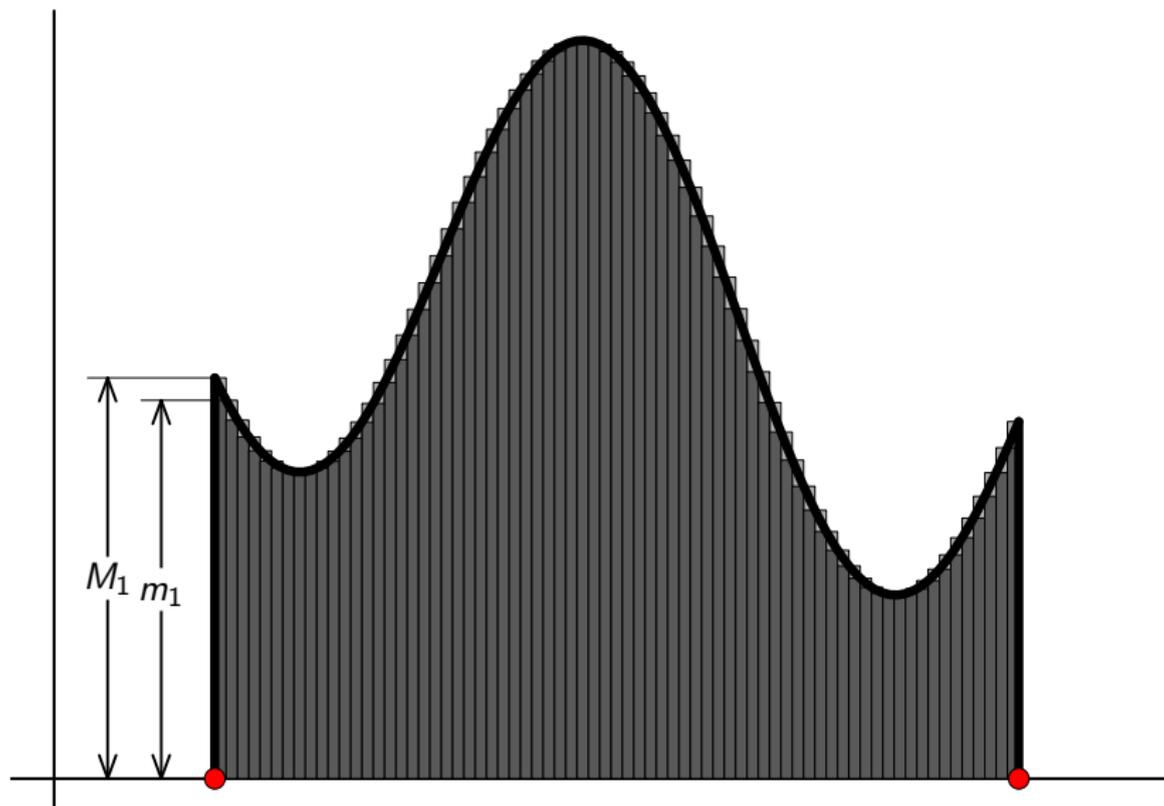
Rigorous development of the integral

Definition (Partition)

Let $a < b$. A **partition** of the interval $[a, b]$ is a finite collection of points in $[a, b]$, one of which is a, and one of which is b.

We normally label the points in a partition

$$a = t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_{n-1} < t_n = b,$$

so the ith subinterval in the partition is

$$[t_{i-1}, t_i].$$

Rigorous development of the integral

Definition (Lower and upper sums)

Suppose f is bounded on $[a, b]$ and $P = \{t_0, \ldots, t_n\}$ is a partition of $[a, b]$. Recalling the motivating sketch, let
$$m_i = \inf \{ f(x) : x \in [t_{i-1}, t_i] \},$$
$$M_i = \sup \{ f(x) : x \in [t_{i-1}, t_i] \}.$$

The lower sum of f for P, denoted by $L(f, P)$, is defined as

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i(t_i - t_{i-1}).$$

The upper sum of f for P, denoted by $U(f, P)$, is defined as

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} M_i(t_i - t_{i-1}).$$

Rigorous development of the integral

Relationship between motivating sketch and rigorous definition of lower and upper sums:

- The lower and upper sums correspond to the total areas of rectangles lying below and above the graph of f in our motivating sketch.

- However, these sums have been defined precisely <u>without any appeal</u> to a concept of "area".

- The requirement that f be bounded on $[a, b]$ is <u>essential</u> in order to be sure that all the m_i and M_i are well-defined.

- It is also <u>essential</u> that the m_i and M_i be defined as inf's and sup's (rather than maxima and minima) because f was <u>not</u> assumed to be continuous.

Rigorous development of the integral

Relationship between motivating sketch and rigorous definition of lower and upper sums:

- Since $m_i \leq M_i$ for each i, we have

$$m_i(t_i - t_{i-1}) \leq M_i(t_i - t_{i-1}), \qquad i = 1, \ldots, n.$$

$\therefore$ For <u>any</u> partition P of $[a, b]$ we have

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

because

$$L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i(t_i - t_{i-1}),$$

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} M_i(t_i - t_{i-1}).$$

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Relationship between motivating sketch and rigorous definition of lower and upper sums:

- More generally, if P_1 and P_2 are <u>any</u> two partitions of $[a, b]$, it *ought* to be true that

$$L(f, P_1) \leq U(f, P_2),$$

  because $L(f, P_1)$ should be $\leq$ area of $R(f, a, b)$, and $U(f, P_2)$ should be $\geq$ area of $R(f, a, b)$.

- But "ought to" and "should be" prove nothing, especially since we haven't yet even defined "area of $R(f, a, b)$".

- Before we can *define* "area of $R(f, a, b)$", we need to prove that $L(f, P_1) \leq U(f, P_2)$ for any partitions $P_1, P_2 \ldots$

Rigorous development of the integral

Lemma (Partition Lemma)

*If partition $P \subseteq$ partition Q (i.e., if every point of P is also in Q),
then* $\quad L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q) \quad$ *and* $\quad U(f, P) \geq U(f, Q)$.

$P = \{t_0, t_1, t_2\}$
$Q = \{u_0(= t_0), u_1, u_2(= t_1), u_3, u_4, u_5(= t_2)\}$

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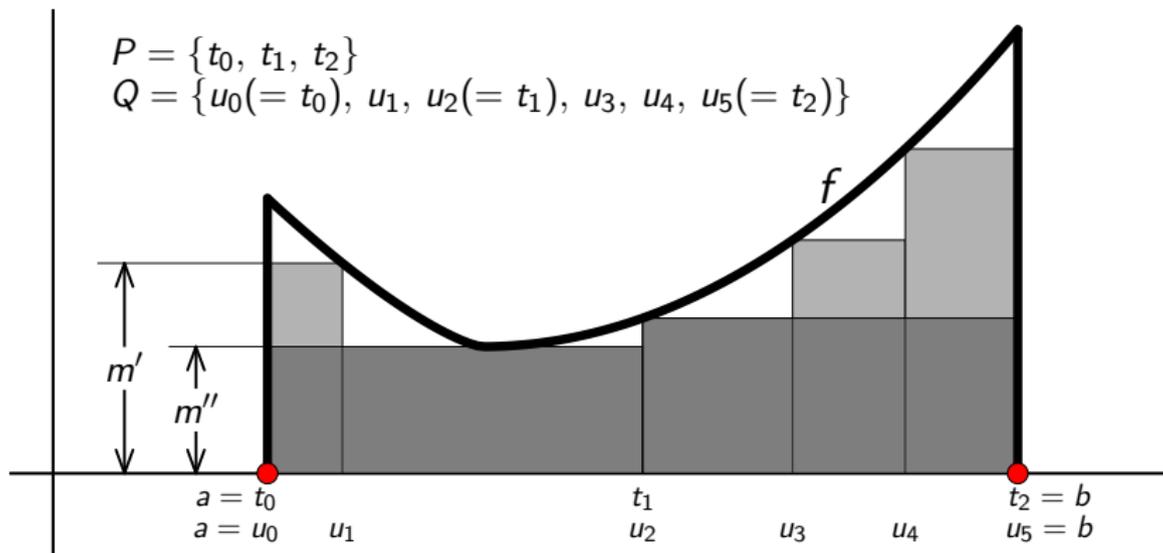
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Proof of <u>Partition Lemma</u>

As a first step, consider the special case in which the finer partition Q contains only one more point than P:

$$P = \{t_0, \ldots, t_n\},$$
$$Q = \{t_0, \ldots, t_{k-1}, u, t_k, \ldots, t_n\},$$

where

$$a = t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_{k-1} < u < t_k < \cdots < t_n = b.$$

Because $[t_{k-1}, t_k]$ is split by u, we have two lower bounds:

$$m' = \inf \{\, f(x) \,:\, x \in [t_{k-1}, u] \,\},$$
$$m'' = \inf \{\, f(x) \,:\, x \in [u, t_k] \,\}.$$

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Rigorous development of the integral

Proof of <u>Partition Lemma</u> (cont.)

Then $\quad L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i(t_i - t_{i-1})$,

and $\quad L(f, Q) = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} m_i(t_i - t_{i-1}) + m'(u - t_{k-1})$
$$+ m''(t_k - u) + \sum_{i=k+1}^{n} m_i(t_i - t_{i-1}).$$

$\therefore$ To prove $L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q)$, it is enough to show

$$m_k(t_k - t_{k-1}) \leq m'(u - t_{k-1}) + m''(t_k - u).$$

. . . continued. . .

Rigorous development of the integral

Proof of <u>Partition Lemma</u> (cont.)

Now note that since

$$\{ f(x) : x \in [t_{k-1}, u] \} \quad \subseteq \quad \{ f(x) : x \in [t_{k-1}, t_k] \},$$

the RHS might contain some additional _smaller_ numbers, so we must have

$$\begin{aligned} m_k &= \inf \{ f(x) : x \in [t_{k-1}, t_k] \} \\ &\leq \inf \{ f(x) : x \in [t_{k-1}, u] \} = m'. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $m_k \leq m'$, and, similarly, $m_k \leq m''$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \quad m_k(t_k - t_{k-1}) &= m_k(t_k - u + u - t_{k-1}) \\ &= m_k(u - t_{k-1}) + m_k(t_k - u) \\ &\leq m'(u - t_{k-1}) + m''(t_k - u), \end{aligned}$$

. . . continued. . .

Rigorous development of the integral

Proof of <u>Partition Lemma</u> (cont.)

which proves (in this special case where Q contains only one more point than P) that $L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q)$.

We can now prove the general case by adding one point at a time.

If Q contains ℓ more points than P, define a sequence of partitions

$$P = P_0 \subset P_1 \subset \cdots \subset P_\ell = Q$$

such that P_{j+1} contains exactly one more point than P_j. Then

$$L(f, P) = L(f, P_0) \leq L(f, P_1) \leq \cdots \leq L(f, P_\ell) = L(f, Q),$$

so $L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q)$.

(Proving $U(f, P) \geq U(f, Q)$ is similar: check!) $\qquad \square$

Rigorous development of the integral

Theorem (Partition Theorem)

Let P_1 and P_2 be any two partitions of $[a, b]$. If f is bounded on $[a, b]$ then

$$L(f, P_1) \leq U(f, P_2).$$

Proof.

This is a straightforward consequence of the partition lemma.

Let $P = P_1 \cup P_2$, *i.e.*, P is the partition obtained by combining all the points of P_1 and P_2.

Then

$$L(f, P_1) \leq L(f, P) \leq U(f, P) \leq U(f, P_2).$$

□

Rigorous development of the integral

Important inferences that follow from the partition theorem:

- For <u>any</u> partition P', the upper sum $U(f, P')$ is an upper bound for the set of <u>all</u> lower sums $L(f, P)$.

  $\therefore$ $\sup \{L(f, P) : P \text{ a partition of } [a, b]\} \leq U(f, P')$ $\forall P'$

  $\therefore$ $\sup \{L(f, P)\} \leq \inf \{U(f, P)\}$

  $\therefore$ For <u>any</u> partition P',

  $$L(f, P') \leq \sup \{L(f, P)\} \leq \inf \{U(f, P)\} \leq U(f, P')$$

- If $\sup \{L(f, P)\} = \inf \{U(f, P)\}$ then we can define "area of $R(f, a, b)$" to be this number.

  - Is it possible that $\sup \{L(f, P)\} < \inf \{U(f, P)\}$?

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Integration II
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Announcements

- Assignment 2 has been posted on the course website.
    - The participation deadline is Tuesday 3 Feb 2026 @ 2:25pm.

Rigorous development of the integral

Example

$\exists$? $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ (bounded) $\nmid$ $\sup\{L(f, P)\} < \inf\{U(f, P)\}$

$$\text{Let} \qquad f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [a, b], \\ 0 & x \in \mathbb{Q}^{c} \cap [a, b]. \end{cases}$$

Consider any partition P of $[a, b]$.
If $P = \{t_0, \ldots, t_n\}$ then $m_i = 0 \; \forall i \qquad (\because \quad [t_{i-1}, t_i] \cap \mathbb{Q}^{c} \neq \varnothing)$,
$\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad$ and $M_i = 1 \; \forall i \qquad (\because \quad [t_{i-1}, t_i] \cap \mathbb{Q} \neq \varnothing)$.

$\therefore \quad L(f, P) = 0 \quad$ and $\quad U(f, P) = b - a \quad$ for **<u>any</u>** partition P.

$\therefore \quad \sup\{L(f, P)\} = 0 < b - a = \inf\{U(f, P)\}$. $\qquad\qquad \square$

Can we define "area of $R(f, a, b)$" for such a weird function?
Yes, but not in this course!

Rigorous development of the integral

Definition (Integrable)

A function $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ is said to be ***integrable*** on $[a, b]$ if it is
<u>bounded</u> on $[a, b]$ <u>and</u>

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

In this case, this common number is called the ***integral*** of f on
$[a, b]$ and is denoted

$$\int_a^b f$$

Note: If f is integrable then for <u>any</u> partition P we have

$$L(f, P) \leq \int_a^b f \leq U(f, P),$$

and $\int_a^b f$ is the <u>unique</u> number with this property.

Rigorous development of the integral

- *Notation:*

  $$\int_a^b f(x)\,dx \qquad \text{means precisely the same as} \qquad \int_a^b f\,.$$

  - The symbol "dx" has no meaning in isolation just as "$x \to$" has no meaning except in $\lim_{x \to a} f(x)$.

- It is not clear from the definition which functions are integrable.

- The definition of the integral does not itself indicate how to compute the integral of any given integrable function. So far, without a lot more effort, we can't say much more than these two things:

  1 If $f(x) \equiv c$ then f is integrable on $[a, b]$ and $\int_a^b f = c \cdot (b - a)$.
  2 The weird example function is <u>not</u> integrable.

Rigorous development of the integral

- Bartle and Sherbert refer to functions that are integrable according to our definition as **Darboux integrable** (BS §7.4, p. 225).

- BS develop the integral using one value of the function within each subinterval of a partition, rather than starting with upper and lower sums. They refer to functions that are integrable in this sense as **Riemann integrable**.

- BS also prove (BS Theorem 7.4.11, p. 232) that a function is Riemann integrable if and only if it is Darboux integrable. So the two definitions are, in fact, equivalent.

- In Math 4A03 you will define **Lebesgue integrable**, a more subtle concept that makes it possible to attach meaning to "area of $R(f, a, b)$" for the weird example function (among others), and to precisely characterize functions that are Riemann integrable.

Rigorous development of the integral

Theorem (Equivalent "ε-P" criterion for integrability)

A <u>bounded</u> function $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ is integrable on $[a, b]$ iff for all $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a partition P of $[a, b]$ such that

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

(BS Theorem 7.4.8, p. 229)

<u>Note:</u> This theorem is just a restatement of the definition of integrability. It is often more convenient to work with $\varepsilon > 0$ than with sup's and inf's.

Rigorous development of the integral

Proof of equivalence of "sup $=$ inf" and "ε-P" definitions of integrability.

($\implies$) Suppose the bounded function f is integrable, *i.e.*,

$$\sup\{L(f,P) : P \text{ a partition of } [a,b]\}$$
$$= \inf\{U(f,P) : P \text{ a partition of } [a,b]\} = \int_a^b f$$

Given $\varepsilon > 0$, since $\displaystyle\int_a^b f$ is the least upper bound of the lower sums,

there is a partition P_1 such that

$$\int_a^b f \ = \ \sup_{P'}\{L(f,P')\} \ < \ L(f,P_1) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2},$$

i.e., such that $$- L(f,P_1) \ < \ -\int_a^b f + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}. \qquad (\heartsuit)$$

. . . *continued*. . .

Rigorous development of the integral

Proof of equivalence of "sup = inf" and "ε-P" definitions of integrability.

Similarly, there is a partition P_2 such that

$$U(f, P_2) \; < \; \inf_{P'}\{U(f, P')\} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \; = \; \int_a^b f + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \qquad (\diamondsuit)$$

Therefore, putting together inequalities $(\diamondsuit)$ and $(\heartsuit)$, we have

$$U(f, P_2) - L(f, P_1) \; < \; \int_a^b f + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} - \int_a^b f + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \; = \; \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \; = \; \varepsilon \,.$$

But that's not quite what we need. We need, for a *single* partition P,

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

How should we proceed?   *Hint:* Recall the partition lemma . . .

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Proof of equivalence of "$\sup = \inf$" and "ε-P" definitions of integrability.

Let $P = P_1 \cup P_2$. Then the partition lemma implies that
$L(f, P) \geq L(f, P_1)$, and $U(f, P) \leq U(f, P_2)$, so

$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) \leq U(f, P_2) - L(f, P_1)$$
$$< \int_a^b f + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} - \int_a^b f + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon,$$

which completes the proof that $\sup = \inf \implies \varepsilon$-$P$.

($\impliedby$) We now need to show that if a bounded function f satisfies the
ε-P definition of integrability then it also satisfies the $\sup = \inf$ definition
of integrability.

Given $\varepsilon > 0$, we can choose a partition P (depending on ε) such that

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

. . . continued. . .

Rigorous development of the integral

Proof of equivalence of "sup = inf" and "ε-P" definitions of integrability.

Now, for any partition, and in particular for P, we have

$$L(f, P) \;\leq\; \sup_{P'}\{L(f, P')\} \leq \inf_{P'}\{U(f, P')\} \leq U(f, P)\,,$$

We can temporarily write this more simply as

$$L \;\leq\; S \;\leq\; I \;\leq\; U$$

Subtracting S from this chain of inequalities implies

$$L - S \;\leq\; 0 \;\leq\; I - S \;\leq\; U - S$$

Now note that $L \leq S$ implies $U - S \leq U - L$, so we have

$$0 \;\leq\; I - S \;\leq\; U - L$$

i.e., $\quad 0 \;\leq\; \inf_{P'}\{U(f, P')\} - \sup_{P'}\{L(f, P')\} \;\leq\; U(f, P) - L(f, P) \;<\; \varepsilon\,.$

But by hypothesis, such a partition P can be found for <u>any</u> given $\varepsilon > 0$.
Therefore, $\inf_{P'}\{U(f, P')\} = \sup_{P'}\{L(f, P')\}$. $\qquad\qquad\square$

Rigorous development of the integral

Example

Suppose $b > 0$ and $f(x) = x$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Prove, using only the definition of the integral via $\sup = \inf$ or $\varepsilon\text{-}P$, that

$$\int_0^b f = \frac{b^2}{2}.$$

(This exercise, which is on Assignment 2, should help you appreciate the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.)

Note: If working through the above example doesn't convince you of the power of the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, try computing $\int_0^b x^2\, dx$ directly from the definition of the integral.

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Lecture 8
Integration III
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Announcements

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Last time. . .

Rigorous development of the integral:

- Definition: integrable.

- Example: non-integrable function.

- Theorem: Equivalent "ε-P" definition of integrable.

- *Note:* The different equivalent definitions are most convenient in different contexts, *e.g.*,
  - Proving non-integrability of the weird example was easiest using the sup-inf definition.
  - Computing the value of $\int_0^b x \, \mathrm{d}x$ is easiest using the ε-P definition.

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Integral theorems

Theorem (continuous $\implies$ integrable)

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ then f is integrable on $[a, b]$.

Rough work to prepare for proof:
$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (M_i - m_i)(t_i - t_{i-1})$$

Given $\varepsilon > 0$, choose a partition P that is so fine that $M_i - m_i < \varepsilon$ for all i (possible because f is continuous and <u>bounded</u>). Then
$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^{n} (t_i - t_{i-1}) = \varepsilon(b - a).$$
Not quite what we want. So choose the partition P such that $M_i - m_i < \varepsilon/(b - a)$ for all i. To get <u>that</u>, choose P such that
$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(b - a)} \qquad \text{if } |x - y| < \max_{1 \le i \le n} (t_i - t_{i-1}),$$
which we can do because f is <u>uniformly</u> continuous on $[a, b]$.

Integral theorems

Proof that <u>continuous</u> $\implies$ integrable   (cont.)

Since f is continuous on the <u>closed interval</u> $[a, b]$, it is bounded on $[a, b]$ (which is the first requirement to be integrable on $[a, b]$).

Also, since f is continuous on $[a, b]$, it is <u>uniformly</u> continuous on $[a, b]$. $\therefore \forall \varepsilon > 0 \; \exists \delta > 0$ such that $\forall x, y \in [a, b]$,

$$|x - y| < \delta \quad \implies \quad |f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(b - a)}\,.$$

Now choose a partition of $[a, b]$ such that the length of each subinterval $[t_{i-1}, t_i]$ is less than δ, i.e., $t_i - t_{i-1} < \delta$. Then, for any $x, y \in [t_{i-1}, t_i]$, we have $|x - y| < \delta$ and therefore

. . . continued. . .

Integration theorems

Proof that <u>continuous $\implies$ integrable</u>   (cont.)

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(b-a)} \qquad \forall x, y \in [t_{i-1}, t_i].$$

$$\therefore \qquad M_i - m_i \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2(b-a)} < \frac{\varepsilon}{b-a} \qquad i = 1, \ldots, n.$$

Since this is true for all i, it follows that

$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (M_i - m_i)(t_i - t_{i-1})$$

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{b-a} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (t_i - t_{i-1}) = \frac{\varepsilon}{b-a}(b-a) = \varepsilon.$$
$\square$

Properties of the integral

Theorem (Integral segmentation)

Let $a < c < b$. If f is integrable on $[a, b]$, then f is integrable on $[a, c]$ and on $[c, b]$. Conversely, if f is integrable on $[a, c]$ and $[c, b]$ then f is integrable on $[a, b]$. Finally, if f is integrable on $[a, b]$ then

$$\int_a^b f = \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f. \qquad (\heartsuit)$$

(a good exercise)

This theorem motivates these definitions:

$$\int_a^a f = 0 \qquad \text{and} \quad \text{if } a > b \quad \text{then} \qquad \int_a^b f = -\int_b^a f.$$

Then $(\heartsuit)$ holds for any $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Properties of the integral

Theorem (Algebra of integrals – a.k.a. $\int_a^b$ is a linear operator)

If f and g are integrable on $[a, b]$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$ then $f + g$ and cf are integrable on $[a, b]$ and

1 $\displaystyle \int_a^b (f + g) = \int_a^b f + \int_a^b g;$

2 $\displaystyle \int_a^b cf = c \int_a^b f.$

(proofs are relatively easy; good exercises) (BS Theorem 7.1.5, p. 204)

Properties of the integral

Theorem (Integral of a product)

If f and g are integrable on [a, b] then fg is integrable on [a, b].

(compared to integral of a sum, proof is much harder; tough exercise)

Note:

- There is no "product rule" for integrals. While f and g integrable does imply fg integrable, we <u>cannot</u> write the integral of the product fg in terms of the integrals of the factors f and g.

- The closest we can come to a product formula is integration by parts, which arises from the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus together with the product rule for *derivatives*.

Properties of the integral

Lemma (Integral bounds)

Suppose f is integrable on $[a, b]$. If $m \leq f(x) \leq M$ for all $x \in [a, b]$ then
$$m(b - a) \leq \int_a^b f \leq M(b - a).$$

Proof.

For any partition P, we must have $m \leq m_i \; \forall i$ and $M \geq M_i \; \forall i$.

$$\therefore \quad m(b - a) \; \leq \; L(f, P) \; \leq \; U(f, P) \; \leq \; M(b - a) \qquad \forall P$$

$$\therefore \quad m(b - a) \; \leq \; \sup\{L(f, P)\} \; = \; \int_a^b f \; = \; \inf\{U(f, P)\}$$
$$\leq \; M(b - a).$$

$\square$

Properties of the integral

Theorem (Integrals are continuous)

If f is integrable on $[a, b]$ and F is defined on $[a, b]$ by

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f,$$

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

Proof

Let's first consider $x_0 \in [a, b)$ and show F is continuous from above at x_0, *i.e.*, $\lim_{x \to x_0^+} F(x) = F(x_0)$.   If $x \in (x_0, b]$ then

$$(\heartsuit) \quad \implies \quad F(x) - F(x_0) = \int_a^x f - \int_a^{x_0} f = \int_{x_0}^x f \quad (*)$$

Properties of the integral

Proof that <u>integrals are continuous</u> (cont.)

Since f is integrable on $[a, b]$, it is bounded on $[a, b]$, so $\exists M > 0$ such that

$$-M \leq f(x) \leq M \qquad \forall x \in [a, b],$$

from which the integral bounds lemma implies

$$-M(x - x_0) \leq \int_{x_0}^{x} f \leq M(x - x_0),$$

$$\therefore \quad (*) \implies -M(x - x_0) \leq F(x) - F(x_0) \leq M(x - x_0).$$

$\therefore$ For any $\varepsilon > 0$, we can ensure $|F(x) - F(x_0)| < \varepsilon$ by requiring $0 \leq x - x_0 < \varepsilon/M$, which proves $\lim_{x \to x_0^+} F(x) = F(x_0)$.

A similar argument starting from $x_0 \in (a, b]$ and $x \in [a, x_0)$ yields $\lim_{x \to x_0^-} F(x) = F(x_0)$. Thus, "integrals are continuous". $\qquad \square$

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Lecture 9
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- Assignment 2 has been posted on the course web site.
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    - The poll for Assignment 2 participation will open after class on Friday 30 Jan 2026.

Last time. . .

Rigorous development of the integral:

- continuous $\implies$ integrable.

- Integral segmentation.

- Algebra of integrals.

- Integral bounds lemma.

- Integrals are continuous.

Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Theorem (First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus – FFTC)

Let f be *integrable* on $[a, b]$, and define F on $[a, b]$ by
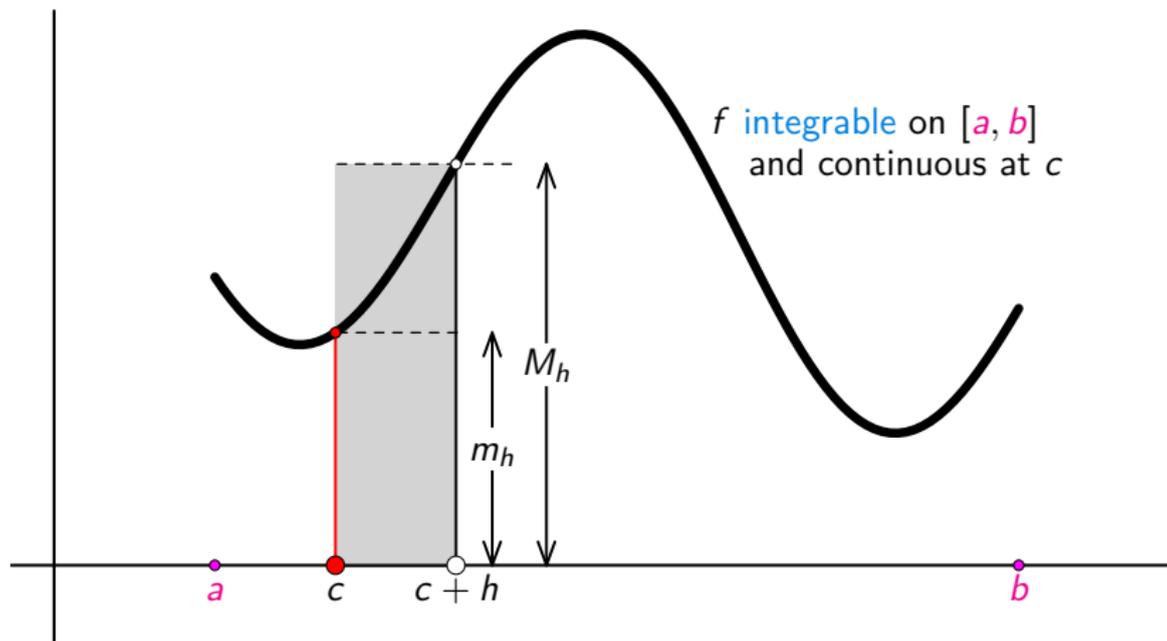
$$F(x) = \int_a^x f.$$

If f is <u>continuous</u> at $c \in [a, b]$, then F is <u>differentiable</u> at c, and

$$F'(c) = f(c).$$

- If $c = a$ or $c = b$, then $F'(c)$ is understood to mean the right- or left-hand derivative of F.
- The "integrals are continuous" theorem implies that F is <u>continuous</u> on <u>all</u> of $[a, b]$. The FFTC says, in addition, that F is <u>differentiable</u> at the <u>single point</u> c.
- The FFTC implies that <u>if</u> f is continuous on <u>all</u> of $[a, b]$ then F is differentiable on <u>all</u> of $[a, b]$.

Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

f integrable on $[a, b]$
and continuous at c

$$F(c + h) - F(c) \simeq f(c + h) \cdot h$$

$$\text{and} \quad \lim_{h \to 0} f(c + h) = f(c)$$

$$\implies \quad \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{F(c + h) - F(c)}{h} = f(c)$$

Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

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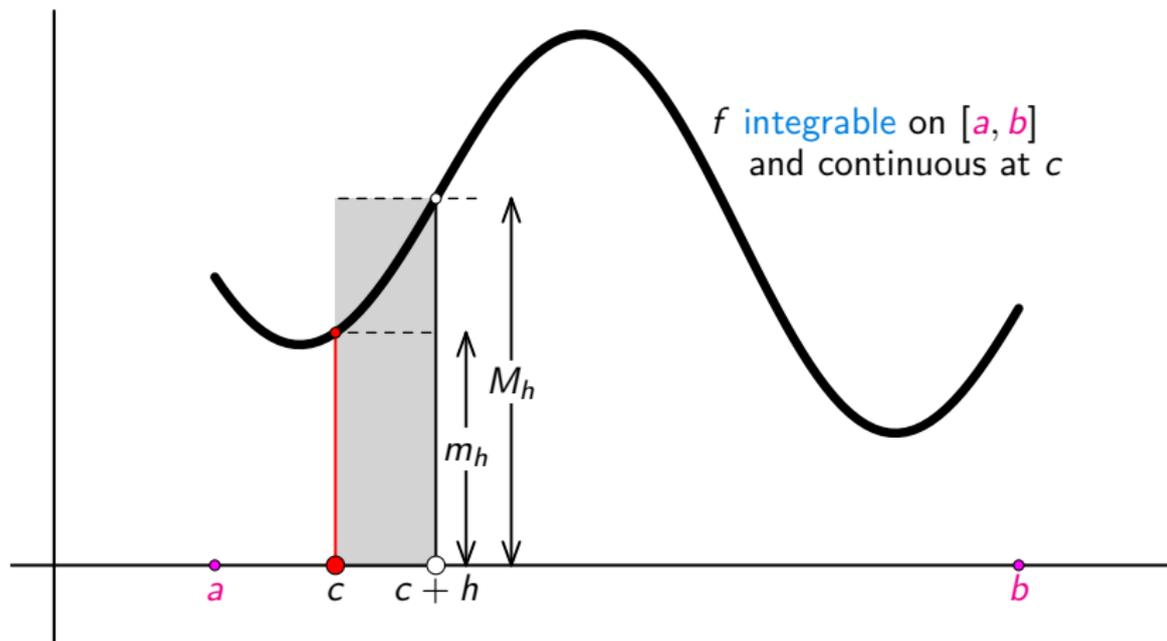M_h

m_h

$a \quad c \quad c + h \quad \quad b$

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Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

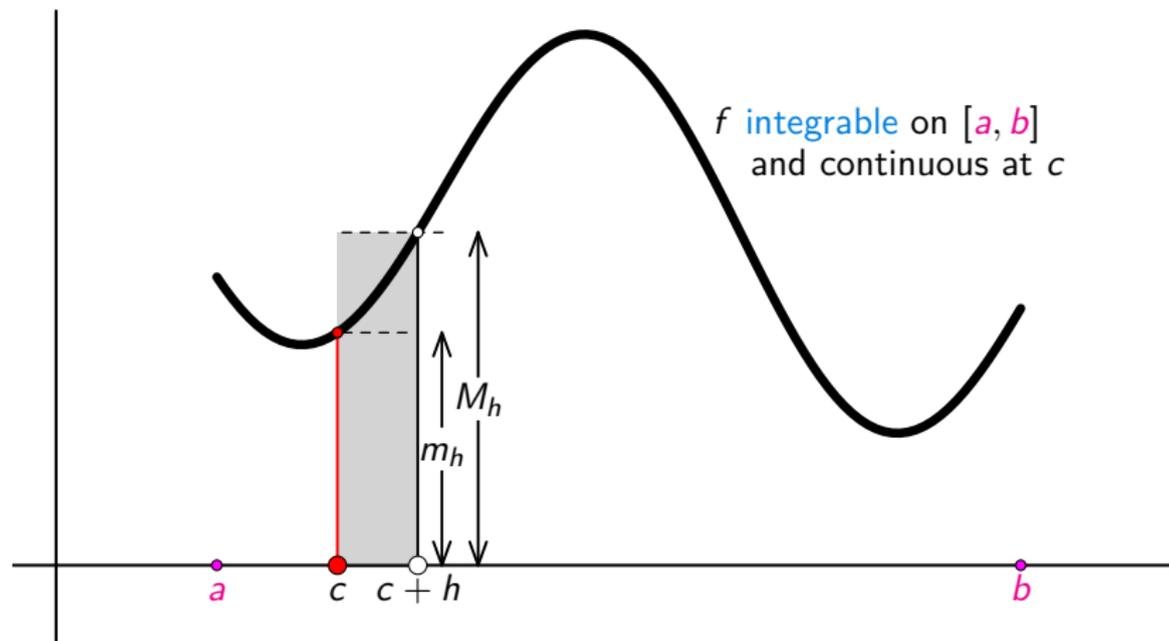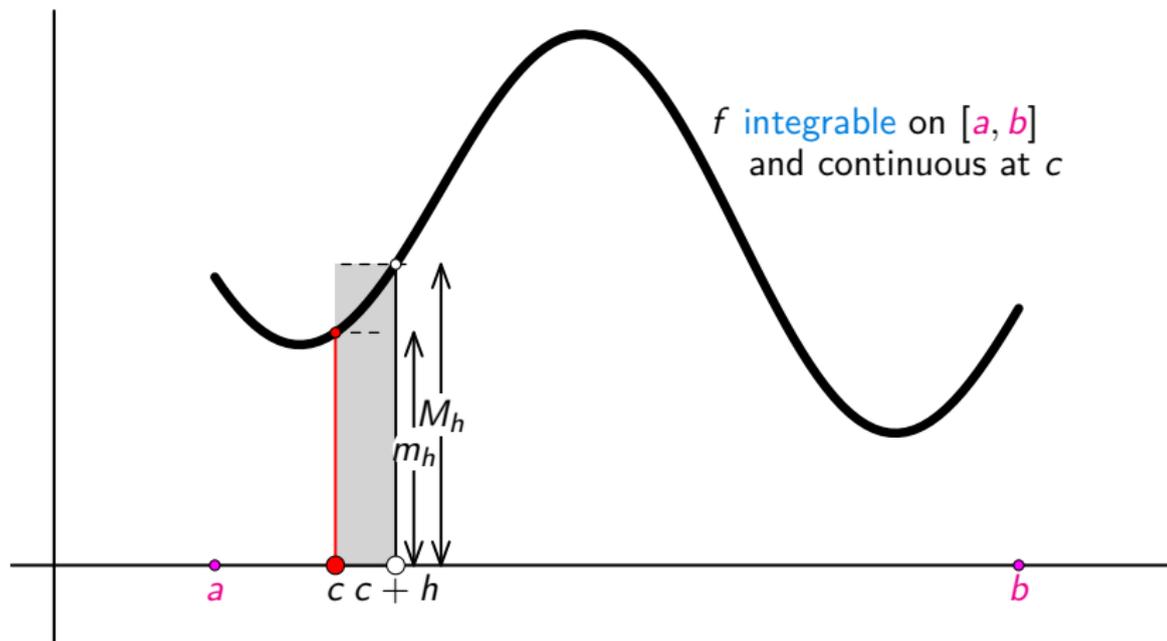### Proof of Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Suppose $c \in [a, b)$, and $0 < h \le b - c$. Then the integral segmentation theorem implies that

$$F(c + h) - F(c) = \int_a^{c+h} f - \int_a^c f = \int_c^{c+h} f.$$

Motivated by the sketch, define

$$m_h = \inf \{ f(x) : x \in [c, c + h] \},$$

$$M_h = \sup \{ f(x) : x \in [c, c + h] \}.$$

Then the integral bounds lemma implies

$$m_h \cdot h \le \int_c^{c+h} f \le M_h \cdot h,$$

. . . continued. . .

Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Proof of <u>First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus</u> (cont.)

and hence

$$m_h \leq \frac{F(c+h) - F(c)}{h} \leq M_h.$$

This inequality is true for <u>any</u> integrable function. However, because f is <u>continuous</u> at c, we have

$$\lim_{h \to 0^+} m_h = f(c) = \lim_{h \to 0^+} M_h,$$

so the squeeze theorem (BS Theorem 4.2.6, p. 114) implies

$$F'_+(c) = \lim_{h \to 0^+} \frac{F(c+h) - F(c)}{h} = f(c).$$

A similar argument for $c \in (a, b]$ and $-(c-a) \leq h < 0$ yields $F'_-(c) = f(c).$ ☐

Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Corollary

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $f = g'$ for some function g, then

$$\int_a^b f \; = \; g(b) - g(a) \, .$$

Proof.

Let $F(x) = \int_a^x f$. Then $\forall x \in [a, b]$, $F'(x) = f(x)$ (by FFTC).

$$\implies F' \; = \; f = g' \, .$$

$\therefore \; \exists c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $F = g + c$ (Assignment 1).

$\therefore \; F(a) = g(a) + c$.   But $F(a) = \int_a^a f = 0$, so $c = -g(a)$.

$\therefore \; F(x) = g(x) - g(a)$.

This is true, in particular, for $x = b$, so $\int_a^b f = g(b) - g(a)$. $\square$

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Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Theorem (Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus)

If f is integrable on $[a, b]$ and $f = g'$ for some function g, then

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

Notes:

- This looks like the corollary to the first fundamental theorem, except that f is assumed only to be integrable, <u>not</u> continuous.

- Recall from Darboux's theorem that if $f = g'$ for some g then f has the intermediate value property, but f need not be continuous.

- g' exists on $[a, b] \implies$ Mean Value Theorem applies to g.

- The proof of the second fundamental theorem is completely different from the corollary to the first, because we cannot use the first fundamental theorem (which assumed f is continuous).

Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Proof of <u>Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus</u>

Let $P = \{t_0, \ldots, t_n\}$ be any partition of $[a, b]$. By the Mean Value Theorem, for each $i = 1, \ldots, n$, $\exists x_i \in [t_{i-1}, t_i]$ such that

$$g(t_i) - g(t_{i-1}) = g'(x_i)(t_i - t_{i-1}) = f(x_i)(t_i - t_{i-1}).$$

Define m_i and M_i as usual. Then $m_i \leq f(x_i) \leq M_i \;\forall i$, so

$$m_i(t_i - t_{i-1}) \leq f(x_i)(t_i - t_{i-1}) \leq M_i(t_i - t_{i-1}),$$

i.e., $\quad m_i(t_i - t_{i-1}) \leq g(t_i) - g(t_{i-1}) \leq M_i(t_i - t_{i-1}).$

$$\therefore \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i(t_i - t_{i-1}) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Big(g(t_i) - g(t_{i-1}) \Big) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} M_i(t_i - t_{i-1})$$

i.e., $\qquad L(f, P) \leq \qquad g(b) - g(a) \qquad \leq U(f, P)$

for <u>any</u> partition P. $\qquad \therefore \quad g(b) - g(a) = \int_a^b f.$ $\qquad\square$

What useful things can we do with integrals?

- Compute areas of complicated shapes: find anti-derivatives and use the second fundamental theorem of calculus.

- Define trigonometric functions (rigorously).

- Define logarithm and exponential functions (rigorously).

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Lecture 10
Integration V
Thursday 29 January 2026

Announcements

- Assignment 2 has been posted on the course web site.
    - The participation deadline is Tuesday 3 Feb 2026 @ 2:25pm.
    - The poll for Assignment 2 participation will open after class on Friday 30 Jan 2026.

- You should have received feedback on submissions for Assignment 1, via crowdmark.

- Remember that there are no marks for these submissions. They are for feedback only.

- Do not be alarmed by a grade of "0". Crowdmark requires a total score. Your mark is 0/0 (only in a math course. . .).

Last time. . .

Rigorous development of the integral

- First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

- Corollary to FFTC.

- Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

- What can we do with the integral?

Common sufficient conditions for RI

step function

piecewise continuous
(finitely many
discontinuities)

monotone
on $[a, b]$

bounded and
continuous a.e.
(discontinuities
of measure 0)

Smoothness & integrability (for f)

$f \in C^1[a, b]$
(continuously
differentiable)

f differentiable
on $[a, b]$

f continuous
on $[a, b]$

f Riemann integrable
on $[a, b]$

f Lebesgue integrable
on $[a, b]$

Derivative pathologies

f differentiable and
f' continuous a.n.

f differentiable and
f' not
Riemann integrable

Legend

implication

$\neq\Rightarrow$ non-implication

RI = Riemann Integrable
a.e. = almost everywhere
a.n. = almost nowhere

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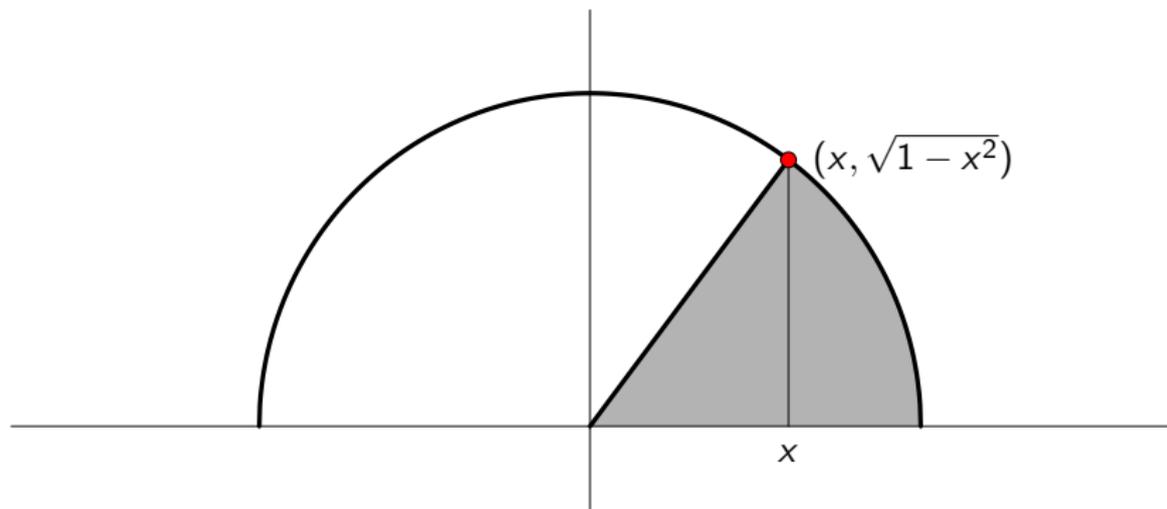- Click on Math 3A03

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What is π ?

$$f(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

Area $\dfrac{\pi}{2}$
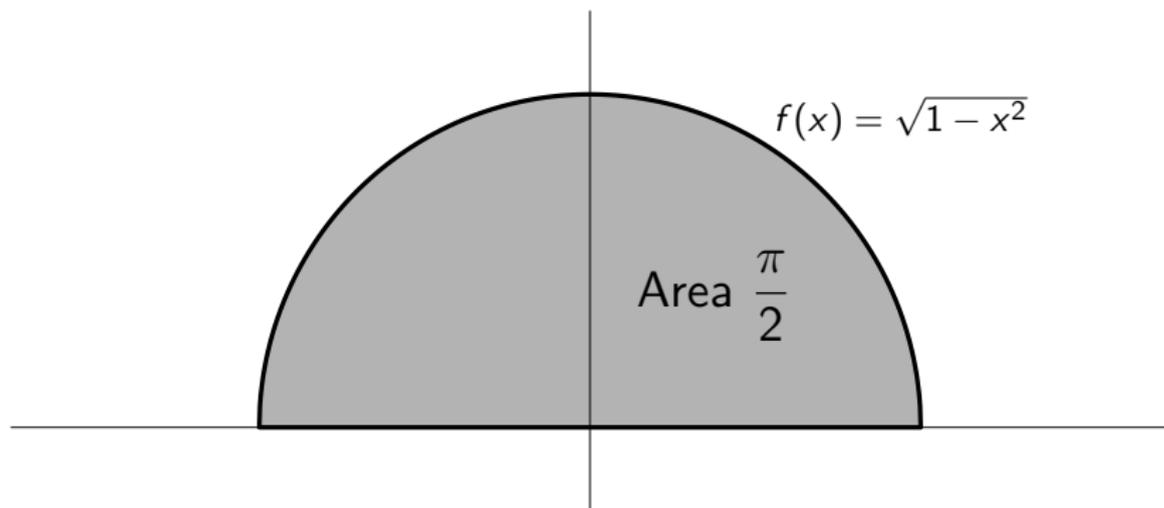
Definition

$$\pi \;\equiv\; 2 \int_{-1}^{1} \sqrt{1 - x^2} \; dx \,.$$

What are cos and sin ?

Definition (Sectoral area)

If $x \in [-1, 1]$ then $\quad \mathcal{A}(x) = \dfrac{x\sqrt{1-x^2}}{2} + \displaystyle\int_x^1 \sqrt{1-t^2} \; dt$.

<u>*Note*</u>: $\mathcal{A}(-1) = \pi/2, \quad \mathcal{A}(1) = 0$.

What are cos and sin ?
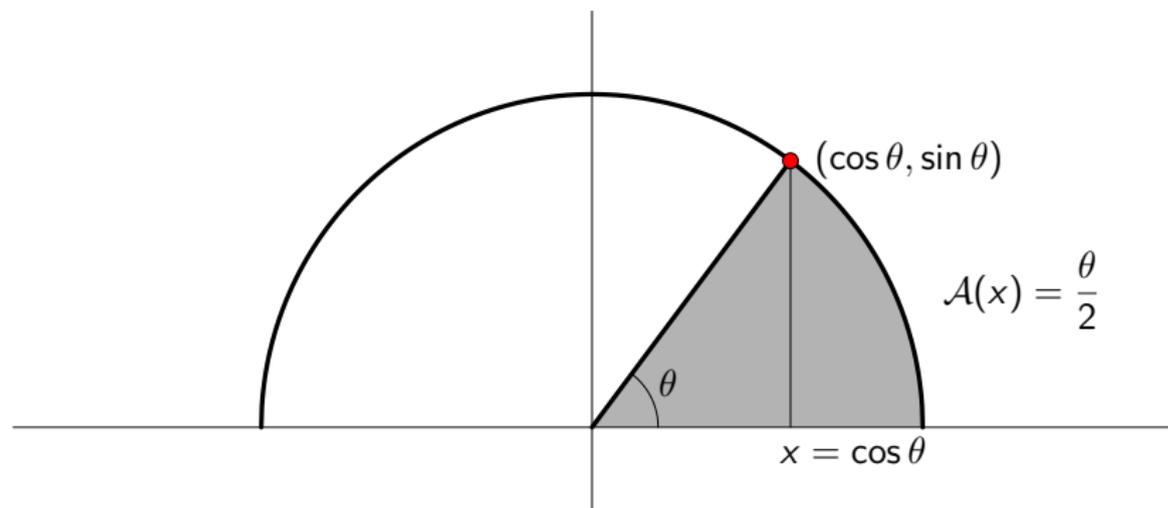
Length of circular arc swept out by angle θ: θ

Area of sectoral region swept out by angle θ: $\theta/2$

So, if $\theta \in [0, \pi]$ then we <u>define</u> $\cos \theta$ to be the unique number in $[-1, 1]$ such that $\mathcal{A}(\cos \theta) = \theta/2$, and we <u>define</u> $\sin \theta$ to be $\sqrt{1 - (\cos \theta)^2}$.

<u>*We must prove*</u>: given $x \in [0, \pi]$ $\exists! \, y \in [-1, 1]$ such that $\mathcal{A}(y) = x/2$.

What are cos and sin ?

Proof that $\forall x \in [0, \pi] \; \exists! \, y \in [-1, 1]$ such that $\mathcal{A}(y) = x/2$:

<u>Existence</u>: $\mathcal{A}(1) = 0$, $\mathcal{A}(-1) = \pi/2$, and $\mathcal{A}$ is continuous. Hence by the intermediate value theorem $\exists \, y \in [-1, 1]$ such that $\mathcal{A}(y) = x/2$.

<u>Uniqueness</u>: $\mathcal{A}$ is differentiable on $(-1, 1)$ and $\mathcal{A}'(x) < 0$ on $(-1, 1)$. $\therefore$ On $(-1, 1)$, $\mathcal{A}$ is decreasing, and hence one-to-one.

Definition (cos and sin)

If $x \in [0, \pi]$ then $\cos x$ is the unique number in $[-1, 1]$ such that $\mathcal{A}(\cos x) = x/2$, and $\sin x = \sqrt{1 - (\cos x)^2}$.

These definitions are easily extended to all of $\mathbb{R}$:

- For $x \in [\pi, 2\pi]$, define $\cos x = \cos(2\pi - x)$ and $\sin x = -\sin(2\pi - x)$.
- Then, for $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus [0, 2\pi]$ define $\cos x = \cos(x \mod 2\pi)$ and $\sin x = \sin(x \mod 2\pi)$.

Trigonometric theorems

Given the rigorous definition of cos and sin, we can prove:

1. cos and sin are differentiable on $\mathbb{R}$. Moreover, $\cos' = -\sin$ and $\sin' = \cos$.

2. sec, tan, csc and cot can all be defined in the usual way and have all the usual properties.

3. The inverse function theorem allows us to define, and compute the derivatives of, all the inverse trigonometric functions.

4. If f is twice differentiable on $\mathbb{R}$, $\quad f'' + f = 0, \quad f(0) = a$ and $f'(0) = b$, $\quad$ then $\quad f = a\cos + b\sin$.

5. For all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y\,,$$
$$\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y\,.$$

Something deep that you know enough to prove

Extra Challenge Problem:

Prove that π is irrational.

Warning: This is really really hard...
          We will come back to it later in the course.

What are log and exp ?

Consider the function
$$f(x) = 10^x .$$

What exactly is this function?

In our mathematically naïve previous life, we just <u>assumed</u> that $f(x)$ is well-defined $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, and that f has a well-defined inverse function,
$$f^{-1}(x) = \log_{10}(x) .$$

But how are 10^x and $\log_{10}(x)$ defined for <u>irrational</u> x ?

Let's review what we know. . .

What are log and exp ?

$$n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \implies \quad 10^n = \underbrace{10 \cdots 10}_{n \text{ times}}$$

$$n, m \in \mathbb{N} \quad \implies \quad 10^n \cdot 10^m = 10^{n+m}$$

When we extend 10^x to $x \in \mathbb{Q}$, we want this product rule to be preserved:

$$10^0 \cdot 10^n = 10^{0+n} = 10^n \quad \implies \quad 10^0 = 1$$

$$10^{-n} \cdot 10^n = 10^0 = 1 \quad \implies \quad 10^{-n} = \frac{1}{10^n}$$

$$\underbrace{10^{1/n} \cdots 10^{1/n}}_{n \text{ times}} = 10^{\underbrace{1/n \cdots 1/n}_{n \text{ times}}} = 10^1 = 10 \quad \implies \quad 10^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{10}$$

What are log and exp ?

Finally, to define 10^q for all $q \in \mathbb{Q}$, note that we must have

$$\left(10^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)^m = \underbrace{10^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdots 10^{\frac{1}{n}}}_{m \text{ times}} = 10^{\underbrace{\frac{1}{n} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}}_{m \text{ times}}} = 10^{\frac{m}{n}} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad 10^{\frac{m}{n}} \stackrel{\textbf{def}}{=} \left(\sqrt[n]{10}\right)^m$$

Now we're stuck. *How do we extend this scheme to irrational x?*

We need a more sophisticated idea.

Let's try to find a function on all of $\mathbb{R}$ that satisfies

$$f(x + y) = f(x) \cdot f(y), \qquad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R},$$
$$\text{and} \qquad f(1) = 10.$$

It then follows that $\quad f(0) = 1 \quad$ and, $\forall x \in \mathbb{Q}, \quad f(x) = [f(1)]^x$.

What additional properties can we impose on $f(x)$ that will lead us to a sensible definition of $f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$?

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Lecture 11
Integration VI
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Last time. . .

- Rigorous definition of trig functions.

- Working towards rigorous definition of 10^x for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

What are log and exp ?

One approach is to insist that f is *differentiable*.

Then we can compute

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x) \cdot f(h) - f(x)}{h}$$
$$= f(x) \cdot \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(h) - 1}{h} \quad = \quad f(x) \cdot f'(0) \quad \equiv \quad \alpha \, f(x)$$

So $f'(x) = \alpha f(x)$, *i.e.*, we have f' in terms of unknowns f and α.
So what?!?

Let's look at the inverse function, f^{-1} (think "$\log_{10}$"):

$$(f^{-1})'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))} = \frac{1}{\alpha \, f(f^{-1}(x))} = \frac{1}{\alpha \, x}$$

Holy \$#@%! We have a simple <u>formula</u> for the derivative of f^{-1}!

What are log and exp ?

Since we want $\log_{10} 1 = 0$, we should <u>define</u> $\log_{10} x$ as
$(1/\alpha) \int_1^x t^{-1} \, dt$. *Great idea, but we don't know what α is.*

So, let's ignore α ...

(and hope that what we end up with is log to some "natural" base).

Definition (Logarithm function)

If $x > 0$ then
$$\log x = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} \, dt \, .$$

This function is strictly increasing ($\log'(x) > 0$ for all $x > 0$) and
hence one-to-one, so we can now define:

Definition (Exponential function)

$$\exp = \log^{-1} \, .$$

What are log and exp ?

With these rigorous defintions of log and exp, we can <u>prove</u> the following as <u>theorems</u>:

1 If $x, y > 0$ then $\log(xy) = \log x + \log y$.

2 If $x, y > 0$ then $\log(x/y) = \log x - \log y$.

3 If $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x > 0$ then $\log(x^n) = n \log x$.

4 For all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\exp'(x) = \exp(x)$.

5 For all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $\exp(x + y) = \exp(x) \cdot \exp(y)$.

6 For all $x \in \mathbb{Q}$, $\exp(x) = [\exp(1)]^x$.

The last theorem above motivates:

Definition

$$e \equiv \exp(1),$$
$$e^x \equiv \exp(x) \qquad \textbf{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

What are log and exp ?

We can now give a rigorous definition of 10^x for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$.
In fact, we can do this for any $a > 0$.

Definition (a^x)

If $a > 0$ and x is <u>any real number</u> then

$$a^x \equiv e^{x \log a}.$$

We then have the following <u>theorems</u> for any $a > 0$:

1. $(a^x)^y = a^{xy}$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$;
2. $a^0 = 1$; $a^1 = a$;
3. $a^{x+y} = a^x \cdot a^y$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$;
4. $a^{-x} = 1/a^x$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$;
5. if $a > 1$ then a^x is increasing on $\mathbb{R}$;
6. if $0 < a < 1$ then a^x is decreasing on $\mathbb{R}$.

Using the integral to define useful functions rigorously

- Just as we defined 10^x via the definition of $\log x = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t}\,dt$, we could have defined the trigonometric functions starting from

$$\arcsin x = \int_0^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}\,dt\,, \qquad -1 < x < 1,$$

  rather than the definition of cos via $\mathcal{A}(x)$. Many common functions are defined as integrals of rational functions of square roots.

- Any compositions of trig functions, log, exp, rational functions and radicals, are called *elementary functions*.

- Most functions that turn up a lot in applications can be defined rigorously via integrals of elementary functions. Such functions are collectively called *special functions*.

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Approximation by Polynomial Functions

Definition (Taylor polynomial)

If f is n times differentiable at a then the **Taylor polynomial of degree n for f at a** is

$$P_{n,a}(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \cdots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x - a)^n\,.$$

Theorem (Taylor's theorem)

Suppose $f', \ldots, f^{(n+1)}$ are defined on $[a, x]$, and that $R_{n,a}(x)$ is defined by $f(x) = P_{n,a}(x) + R_{n,a}(x)$.   *Then*

$$R_{n,a}(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!}(x - a)^{n+1}\,, \qquad \text{for some } \xi \in (a, x)\,. \quad (\heartsuit)$$

Note: The form of the remainder term here is known as the **Lagrange form** of the remainder.

Approximation by Polynomial Functions

Proof of <u>Taylor's Theorem</u>.

Let's prove this by induction, starting from the base case, $n = 0$.
For $n = 0$, the statement of Taylor's theorem is:

> Suppose f' is defined on $[a, x]$, and that $R_{0,a}(x)$ is defined
> by $f(x) = P_{0,a}(x) + R_{0,a}(x)$. Then
>
> $$R_{0,a}(x) = f'(\xi)(x - a), \qquad \text{for some } \xi \in (a, x).$$

But $P_{0,a}(x) = f(a)$, so the claim for $n = 0$ is that

$$f(x) = f(a) + f'(\xi)(x - a), \qquad \text{for some } \xi \in (a, x).$$

Thus, for $n = 0$, Taylor's Theorem reduces to the Mean Value
Theorem! So the base case ($n = 0$) is true.

Approximation by Polynomial Functions

Proof of <u>Taylor's Theorem</u>.

Now suppose $n \geq 1$. By the induction hypothesis, we have

$$R_{n-1,a}(x) = \frac{f^{(n)}(\xi)}{n!}(x-a)^n, \qquad \text{for some } \xi \in (a,x).$$

From this, how can we infer something related to $(\heartsuit)$? By definition,

$$f(x) = P_{n,a}(x) + R_{n,a}(x) = P_{n-1,a}(x) + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n + R_{n,a}(x)$$

$$= \left[P_{n-1,a}(x) + R_{n-1,a}(x) \right] + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n + \left[R_{n,a}(x) - R_{n-1,a}(x) \right]$$

$$\therefore \ 0 = \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n + R_{n,a}(x) - R_{n-1,a}(x)$$

$$= \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n + R_{n,a}(x) - \frac{f^{(n)}(\xi)}{n!}(x-a)^n, \quad \text{for some } \xi \in (a,x).$$

Thus, $R_{n,a}(x) = \left[\frac{f^{(n)}(\xi)}{n!} - \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} \right](x-a)^n$, so $R_{n,a}(a) = 0$.

In fact, $R_{n,a}^{(k)}(a) = 0 \ \ \forall k = 0, 1, \ldots, n-1.$ $\qquad \ldots$ continued$\ldots$

Approximation by Polynomial Functions

Proof of <u>Taylor's Theorem</u>.

Now, since $a < x$, proving $(\heartsuit)$ is equivalent to proving

$$\frac{R_{n,a}(x)}{(x-a)^{n+1}} = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!}, \qquad \text{for some } \xi \in (a, x). \qquad (\spadesuit)$$

To make the notation less cumbersome, write $G(x) = (x-a)^n$ (and note that $G^{(k)}(a) = 0 \; \forall k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$).

Then, for any $x > a$, we have

$$\frac{R_{n,a}(x)}{G(x)} = \frac{R_{n,a}(x) - R_{n,a}(a)}{G(x) - G(a)} = \frac{R'_{n,a}(\xi_1)}{G'(\xi_1)} \qquad \exists \xi_1 \in (a, x)$$

by Cauchy MVT (proved in Assignment 1). Similarly,

$$\frac{R'_{n,a}(\xi_1)}{G'(\xi_1)} = \frac{R'_{n,a}(\xi_1) - R'_{n,a}(a)}{G'(\xi_1) - G'(a)} = \frac{R''_{n,a}(\xi_2)}{G''(\xi_2)} \qquad \exists \xi_2 \in (a, \xi_1) \subset (a, x)$$

$$= \cdots = \frac{R^{(n+1)}_{n,a}(\xi_{n+1})}{G^{(n+1)}(\xi_{n+1})} \qquad \exists \xi_{n+1} \in (a, \xi_n) \subset (a, x)$$

Approximation by Polynomial Functions

Proof of Taylor's Theorem.

But
$$R_{n,a}^{(n+1)}(x) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x^{n+1}}\Big(R_{n,a}(x)\Big) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x^{n+1}}\Big(f(x) - P_{n,a}(x)\Big) = \Big(f^{(n+1)}(x) - 0\Big)$$

and
$$G^{(n+1)}(x) = \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x^{n+1}}\Big((x-a)^{n+1}\Big) = (n+1)!$$

Therefore,
$$\frac{R_{n,a}(x)}{(x-a)^{n+1}} = \frac{R_{n,a}^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{G^{(n+1)}(\xi)} = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} \qquad \exists \xi \in (a,x),$$

which verifies $(\heartsuit)$, as required.   □

Note: From Taylor's theorem with $a = 0$ and $f = \exp$, it follows that
$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + R_n(x)$, where $R_n(x) = \dfrac{e^t}{(n+1)!}$ for some
$t \in (0, x)$.

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