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Defn Let $f: (a,b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then f is absolutely integrable on $[a,b]$ if $|f|$ is integrable on $[a,b]$.
 f is said to be conditionally integrable on $[a,b]$ if f is integrable on $[a,b]$ but not absolutely integrable.

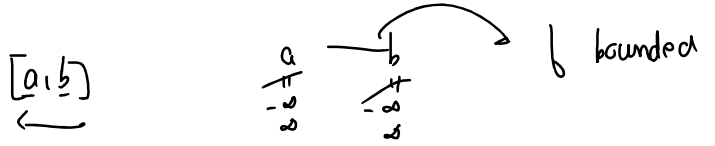
$|f|$ - integrable $f \rightarrow$ not integrable ?

Example

$$|f|(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

$$U(P,b) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 1 \cdot \Delta x_i = x_n - x_0 = b - a$$

$$L(P,b) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 0 \cdot \Delta x_i = 0 = a - b$$



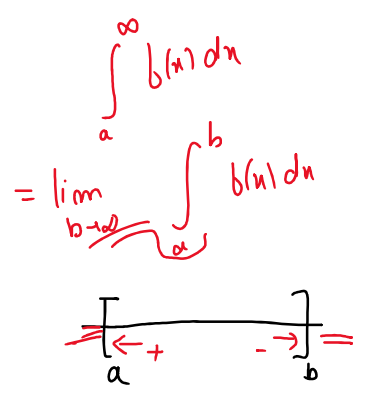
Improper Riemann integrals

We extend the concept of Riemann integrals to functions

- (i) $f^{m,n}$ defined on unbounded intervals
- (ii) unbounded $f^{m,n}$

Proposition Let $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be integrable. Then

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt = \lim_{c \rightarrow a^+} \left(\lim_{d \rightarrow b^-} \int_c^d f(t) dt \right)$$



$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow a^+} \left(\lim_{d \rightarrow b^-} \int_c^d f(x) dx \right)$$



Pf. Let $g(x) := \int_a^x f(t) dt$. Then g is cont'n on $[a, b]$. Therefore

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt = g(b) - g(a) = \lim_{c \rightarrow a^+} \left(\lim_{d \rightarrow b^-} [g(d) - g(c)] \right)$$

Def. Let $(a, b) \neq \emptyset$, possibly unbounded and $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$(a, a) \neq \emptyset$
 $[a, a) = \emptyset$

(i) We say that f is locally integrable on (a, b) if f is integrable on each closed sub-interval $[c, d] \subset (a, b)$.

(ii) We say that the improper Riemann integral of f exists on (a, b) if

$$\lim_{c \rightarrow a^+} \left(\lim_{d \rightarrow b^-} \int_c^d f(t) dt \right)$$

exists. The limit is denoted by $\int_a^b f(t) dt$.

Proposition The order in which limits are taken in the last defn does not matter.

Proof Let $t_0 \in (a, b)$ be fixed. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{c \rightarrow a^+} \left(\lim_{d \rightarrow b^-} \int_c^d f(t) dt \right) &= \lim_{c \rightarrow a^+} \left(\int_c^{t_0} f(t) dt + \lim_{d \rightarrow b^-} \int_{t_0}^d f(t) dt \right) \\ &= \lim_{c \rightarrow a^+} \int_c^{t_0} f(t) dt + \lim_{d \rightarrow b^-} \int_{t_0}^d f(t) dt \\ &= \lim_{d \rightarrow b^-} \left(\lim_{c \rightarrow a^+} \int_c^{t_0} f(t) dt + \int_{t_0}^d f(t) dt \right) \\ &= \lim_{d \rightarrow b^-} \left(\lim_{c \rightarrow a^+} \int_c^d f(t) dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{d \rightarrow b^-} \left(\lim_{c \rightarrow a^+} \int_c^d f(x) dx \right)$$

Notation

$$\lim_{\substack{c \rightarrow a^+ \\ d \rightarrow b^-}} \int_c^d f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Examples

Check if the following improper integrals exist / converge:

(i)

$$\int_0^1 x^{-1/2} dx$$

Soln (i)

$(0, 1]$

$$\lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \int_c^1 x^{-1/2} dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{x^{-1/2+1}}{-1/2+1} \right]_c^1$$

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

$$f(0) = 0^{-1/2} = \infty$$

$$f(1) = 1$$

$(0, 1]$

$$= \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} 2 \left[x^{1/2} \right]_c^1$$

$$= \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} 2 \left[1 - c^{1/2} \right] = 2 \cdot 1 = 2$$

$\therefore \int_0^1 x^{-1/2} dx$ exists and is equal to 2.

(ii)

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-x} dx$$

$(0, \infty)$

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$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^d e^{-x} dx = \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \left[-e^{-x} \right]_0^d$$

$$= \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} - \left[-e^{-d} - 1 \right]$$

$$= 0 + 1 = 1$$

(iii)

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x(x-1)}$$

$(0, 1)$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x(x-1)}$$

$$f(0) = \frac{1}{0(-1)} = \frac{1}{0}$$

$$f(1) = \infty$$

$$\frac{1}{x(x-1)} = -\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x-1}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x-1} dx$$

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$$\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x} = \frac{x - (x-1)}{x(x-1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x(x-1)} &= \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x-1} - \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x} & \frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x} &= \frac{x-(x-1)}{x(x-1)} \\
 &= \lim_{d \rightarrow 1} \int_0^d \frac{dx}{x-1} - \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \int_c^1 \frac{dx}{x} & &= \frac{1}{-} \\
 &= \lim_{d \rightarrow 1} \left[\ln|x-1| \right]_0^d - \lim_{c \rightarrow 0} \left[\ln|x| \right]_c^1 \\
 &= \lim_{d \rightarrow 1} \left[\ln|d-1| - \ln|1| \right] \\
 &= \lim_{d \rightarrow 1} \ln|d-1| -
 \end{aligned}$$

Thm * If f is absolutely integrable on (a, b) then the improper integral of f on (a, b) exists and we have

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

Thm (Integral test) Assume that $f: [1, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is continuous and decreasing. Let $a_n = f(n)$ and $b_n = \int_n^{n+1} f(x) dx$. Then

- (i) $\sum a_n$ converges if the improper integral $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ exists.
- (ii) $\sum a_n$ diverges if the improper integral $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ does not exist.

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad a_n &= f(n) & b_n &= \int_n^{n+1} f(x) dx \\
 \sum a_n &= \sum f(n) & \sum b_n &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_n^{n+1} f(x) dx \\
 & & &= \int_1^2 f(x) dx + \int_2^3 f(x) dx + \dots + \int_n^{\infty} f(x) dx \\
 & & &= \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Series comparison test
 $a_n \leq b_n \quad n \geq N_0$
 ① $\sum a_n$ converge if $\sum b_n$ converge
 ②

$a_n \leq b_n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
 \Rightarrow converge if $\sum b_n$ converge

We have $u = b + |f(x)|$

$\therefore \int_a^b |f(x)| dx$ exists, therefore

$\int_a^b (f(x) + |f(x)|) dx$ exists (By comparison)

$\therefore b = \int_a^b (f(x) + |f(x)|) dx - \int_a^b f(x) dx$, therefore improper integral of b exists and we have

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