

Lecture 3: Riemann Integral

- Partition: Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$. A partition of $[a, b]$ is a list of the form x_0, \dots, x_n where $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$.

- Lower and Upper Riemann sums

For a partition P :

$$- L(f, P, [a, b]) = \sum (x_j - x_{j-1}) \inf_{x_{j-1}, x_j} f \quad (\text{Lower sum})$$

$$- U(f, P, [a, b]) = \sum (x_j - x_{j-1}) \sup_{x_{j-1}, x_j} f \quad (\text{Upper sum})$$

$$- L(f, [a, b]) = \sup_P L(f, P, [a, b])$$

$$- U(f, [a, b]) = \inf_P U(f, P, [a, b])$$

- Riemann integrable

A bounded function on a closed bounded interval I is called Riemann integrable on I if

$$L(f, [a, b]) = U(f, [a, b]) = \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

Example:

Define the Dirichlet function $D: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$D(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

For any interval $[a, b] \subset [0, 1]$

$$\inf_{[a, b]} D(x) = 0, \quad \sup_{[a, b]} D(x) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow L(D, [0, 1]) = 0$$

$$U(D, [0, 1]) = 1$$

Assignment for students:

1. Example 1.4, 1.10 Molly

7. 1.15 Molly

2. 1.5, Ashley

8. 1.16 Ashley

3. 1.6, Malindi

9. 1.17 Malindi

4. 1.8, Molly

5. 1.11 Ashley

6. 1.13 Malindi