

Problems on The Riemann Integral

1. Let f be continuous function on an interval $[a, b]$. Prove that

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f\left(a + \frac{k}{n}(b-a)\right).$$

2. Let f be continuous function on an interval $[a, b]$. Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=a(n)}^{b(n)} f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) = \int_a^b f(x)dx.$$

3. Prove that a bounded real valued function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ iff for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a partition \mathcal{P} of $[a, b]$ such that $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{P}, f) - \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}, f) < \epsilon$. Is this result true for any refinement of \mathcal{P} ? Is this result true for unbounded functions? Justify.
4. If $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$, prove that $f^2 \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$. Is the converse true? Justify.
5. Let f be a bounded function on $[a, b]$ and let $D = \{x \in [a, b] : f \text{ is discontinuous at } x\}$. Prove that if D has content zero, then $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$.
6. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded function. Prove that $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ iff it is continuous almost everywhere.
7. Let $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ and $g : [c, d] \rightarrow [a, b]$ be a C^1 -diffeomorphism. Prove that $f \circ g \in \mathcal{R}[c, d]$.
8. Let $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ be bounded with $\text{Range}(f) \subset [c, d]$. If $g : [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous, then prove that $g \circ f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$.
9. Check the Riemann integrability of f , where $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$(i) f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & , x \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [a, b] \\ x^3 & , x \in \mathbb{Q}^c \cap [a, b] \end{cases} \quad (ii) f(x) = \begin{cases} a & , x \in [0, \frac{a+b}{2}) \\ \frac{a+b}{2} & , x = \frac{a+b}{2} \\ b & , x \in (\frac{a+b}{2}, b] \end{cases}, \text{ where } 0 < a < b$$

$$(iii) f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , x \in \mathbb{Q}^c \cap [a, b] \\ \frac{1}{q} & , x = \frac{p}{q} \text{ in } [a, b] \text{ with } p \in \mathbb{Z}, q \in \mathbb{N}; p, q \text{ have no common factor.} \end{cases}$$

$$(iv) f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin(\frac{1}{x}) & , x \neq 0 \\ 0 & , x = 0 \end{cases}, \text{ where } [a, b] = [-1, 1]$$

$$(v) f(x) = \begin{cases} x \operatorname{sgn}(\sin \frac{1}{x}) & , x \neq 0 \\ 0 & , x = 0 \end{cases}, \text{ where } [a, b] = [-1, 1] \text{ and } \operatorname{sgn} \text{ represents the signum function.}$$

$$(vi) f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{if } x \text{ is algebraic} \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \text{ where } [a, b] = [0, 1]$$

$$(vii) f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin^{2n}(24\pi x), \text{ where } [a, b] = [0, 1]$$

Also Find $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{P}, f)$, $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}, f)$ for some partition \mathcal{P} of $[a, b]$ and both upper, lower integrals.

10. Let $\{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n, \dots\}$ be an enumeration of the rationals in the interval $[0, 1]$. Define, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and for each $x \in [0, 1]$, $f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{if } x = r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$, Check the Riemann integrability of $f_n(x)$.
11. Prove that every Riemann integrable function is Darboux integrable and conversely.
12. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous and non-negative. If $\int_a^b f(x)dx = 0$ then prove that $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. What happen if the continuity of f been removed?
13. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. Suppose that for every $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$, the product fg is Riemann integrable and $\int_a^b (fg)(x)dx = 0$. Prove that $f(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.
14. Let f be bounded real valued function on $[a, b]$. If $\lim_{\|\mathcal{P}\| \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{P}, f) = I$, then prove that $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ with $\int_a^b f(x)dx = I$ and conversely, where $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{P}, f)$ is the Riemann sum.
15. Let f be continuously differentiable real valued function on $[a, b]$ such that, $|f'(x)| \leq k \forall x \in [a, b]$. For a partition $\mathcal{P} = \{a = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n = b\}$. Check whether $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{P}, f) - \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}, f) \leq k \|\mathcal{P}\| (b-a)$ or not, where $\|\mathcal{P}\|$ is the maximum length of the subinterval $[x_{k-1}, x_k]$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$.
16. Let $f : [\frac{1}{2}, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a strictly increasing function and $g(x) = f(x) + f(\frac{1}{x})$, $x \in [1, 2]$. Then prove that for any partition \mathcal{P} of $[1, 2]$, $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{P}, g) \geq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}, g)$, for all choice of f .

17. Let f be a monotone function on $[0, 1]$, defined by $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} I(x - x_n)$, where $I : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be unit jump function and $x_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Find $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$.
18. Let f, g, h be bounded real-valued functions on $[a, b]$ satisfying $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$ for all $x \in [a, b]$ with $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b h(x) dx = I$, Prove that $g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ with $\int_a^b g(x) dx = I$.
19. If $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ and if F is an anti-derivative of f on $[a, b]$, prove that $\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$.
20. Let $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$. Define F on $[a, b]$ by $\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(x)$. Prove that F is continuous on $[a, b]$. Furthermore, if f is continuous at a point $c \in [a, b]$, then F is differentiable at c and $F'(c) = f(c)$. Does integrability of f always imply the existence of an anti-derivative of f ?
21. Let f be continuous real valued function on $[a, b]$. Prove that there exists $c \in [a, b]$ such that $\int_a^b f(x) dx = f(c)(b - a)$. What happen if the continuity of f been removed? In that case find the supremum and infimum for the integral of f .
22. Let f, g be differentiable functions on $[a, b]$ with $f', g' \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$. Prove that $\int_a^b f(x)g'(x) dx = f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a) - \int_a^b f'(x)g(x) dx$.
23. Let ϕ be differentiable on $[a, b]$ with $\phi' \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$. If f is continuous on $\phi([a, b])$, then prove that $\int_a^b f(\phi(t))\phi'(t) dt = \int_{\phi(a)}^{\phi(b)} f(x) dx$.
24. Suppose $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and $g, h : [c, d] \rightarrow [a, b]$ are differentiable. For $x \in [c, d]$ define $H(x) = \int_{g(x)}^{h(x)} f(t) dt$. Find $H'(x)$. What can you say about the continuity, uniform continuity and differentiability of both $H(x)$ and $H'(x)$?
25. Suppose $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous real valued function and define H on $[a, b]$ by $H(x) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$. Find $H'(x)$.
26. Let f be a continuous real valued function on $[a, b]$, $g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ with $g(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. Prove that there exists $c \in [a, b]$ such that $\int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx = f(c) \int_a^b g(x) dx$. Also discuss the case when f is increasing and decreasing on $[a, b]$ respectively.
27. Let ϕ be a real valued differentiable function on $[a, b]$ with $\phi'(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in [a, b]$. Let ψ be the inverse function of ϕ on $I = \phi([a, b])$. If $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on I , then prove that $\int_a^b f(\phi(x)) dx = \int_{\phi(a)}^{\phi(b)} f(t)\psi'(t) dt$.
28. Suppose f is continuous on $[0, 1]$. Prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 f(x^n) dx = f(0)$. Also prove that if $M = \max\{|f(x)| : x \in [a, b]\}$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_0^1 |f(x)|^n dx \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = M$.
29. Let f be increasing function on $[a, b]$ and let $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$. Prove that $F'_+(c) = f(c+)$ and $F'_-(c) = f(c-)$ for every $c \in (a, b)$.
30. Let $f, g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$. Prove that $\left| \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx \right|^2 \leq \left(\int_a^b f^2(x) dx \right) \left(\int_a^b g^2(x) dx \right)$.
31. Let φ be a non-negative and continuous function on $[0, \infty[$ and such that $\varphi(x) \leq \int_0^x \varphi(t) dt$, for all $x \in [0, \infty[$. Prove that $\varphi \equiv 0$.
32. Let f be a strictly increasing continuous function mapping $[0, 1]$ onto $[0, 1]$. Give a geometric argument showing $\int_0^1 f(x) dx + \int_0^1 f^{-1}(u) du = 1$.
33. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_{-x}^x f(t) dt}{\int_0^{2x} f(t+1) dt} = \frac{f(0)}{f(1)}$, where f is continuous on \mathbb{R} .
34. Evaluate:
- (i) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n}\right)$ (ii) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sum_{r=1}^k (n+r)^m}{n^{m-1}} - kn \right)$, where m, k be fixed positive integers.
- (iii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_0^{x^2} e^{\sqrt{1+t}} dt}{x^2}$ (iv) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_0^x e^{t^2} dt}{x}$ (v) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_0^{x^2} \sin \sqrt{t} dt}{x^3}$ (vi) $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{e^{2 \tan^{-1} t}}{1+t^2} dt$
- (vii) $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\int_0^x (2x-t)^n f(t) dt \right)$, where $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ (viii) $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\int_{-x}^x \frac{1-e^{-xy}}{y} dy \right)$
- (ix) $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\int_{x^2}^{x^3} \tan(xy^2) dy \right)$, where $x > 1$
35. Prove the following inequalities by mean value theorem:

$$(i) \frac{\pi^3}{96} < \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{x^2}{5+3\sin x} dx < \frac{\pi^3}{24} \quad (ii) -\frac{1}{2} < \int_0^1 \frac{x^3 \cos 5x}{2+x^2} dx < \frac{1}{2}$$