

Chapter Six

RIEMANN INTEGRATION

⚡ Important Points from the Chapter

1. **Partition** A finite set $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = b\}$ of points is called a partition or subdivision of the closed interval $[a, b]$, iff

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < \dots < x_n = b.$$

2. **Refinement of a Partition** A refinement P_2 of a partition P_1 of $[a, b]$ is a partition of the same closed interval $[a, b]$ such that $P_2 \subseteq P_1$.

3. **Darboux Sums** Let f be a bounded function defined on $[a, b]$ and $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = b\}$ be a partition of $[a, b]$.

$$\text{Let } m_k = \text{glb} \{f(x) : x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]\}$$

$$\text{and } M_k = \text{lub} \{f(x) : x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]\}, \forall k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

$$\text{Then, the two sums are } L(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n m_k (x_k - x_{k-1})$$

$$\text{and } U(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n M_k (x_k - x_{k-1}), \text{ where } L(f, P) \text{ and } U(f, P) \text{ are called}$$

lower and upper Darboux sums respectively of f for the partition P .

4. **Lower Riemann-Integral** The supremum of the set of all lower sums is called the lower Riemann-integral of f on $[a, b]$ and there exist numbers m and M such that $m \leq f(x) \leq M, \forall x \in [a, b]$.

$$\text{It is defined as } \int_a^b f(x) dx = \text{lub} \{L(f, P)\}.$$

5. **Riemann-Integral** A function f bounded on $[a, b]$ is said to be Riemann-integrable on $[a, b]$, if its upper and lower integrals are equal, i.e. R -integrable $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx$, it is denoted by $\int_a^b f$.

(2006, 05)

The function f is integrand where a, b are the limits of integration. The set of all Riemann-integrable function denoted by $R[a, b]$.

6. **Norm** For a partition $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = b\}$ of $[a, b]$, there are n -subintervals $[x_{k-1}, x_k]$ where $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. The length of the greatest subinterval is called the norm of the partition P and is denoted by $\|P\|$.

7. **Oscillatory Sum** For a given bounded function $f: [a, b] \rightarrow R$ and a partition P of $[a, b]$, $U(f, P) - L(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n (M_k - m_k) (x_k - x_{k-1})$ is called the oscillatory sum and $(M_k - m_k)$ is called the oscillation of the function in the subinterval $[x_{k-1}, x_k]$.
8. **Darboux's Theorem** Given a bounded function $f: [a, b] \rightarrow R$, and a real number $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a real $\delta > 0$ such that the relations
- (i) $L(f, P) > \int_a^b f(x) dx - \varepsilon$ (ii) $U(f, P) < \int_a^b f(x) dx + \varepsilon$
- hold for every partition P of $[a, b]$ for which $\|P\| < \delta$.

Very Short Answer Questions

Q 1. Prove that the lower Riemann integral cannot exceed the upper Riemann-integral. (2006)

Sol. Let us consider the interval $[a, b]$ and P_1, P_2 be two partitions of $[a, b]$.

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

fix P_2 and consider the lub $\{L(f, P_1)\}$ for all P_1 . Then,

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \leq U(f, P_2)$$

Taking glb $\{U(f, P_2)\}$ for all P_2 , then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Thus, the lower Riemann-integral cannot exceed the upper Riemann-integral.

Hence proved.

Q 2. Prove that a constant function is R-integrable.

(2015, 1999, 97, 95)

Sol. Let us consider a constant function $f(x) = k, \forall x \in [a, b]$ is bounded over $[a, b]$ and $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k = b\}$ be the partition of $[a, b]$.

Then, $M_k = \text{lub} \{f(x) : x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]\} = k$

and $m_k = \text{glb} \{f(x) : x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]\} = k$

Therefore, $L(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n m_k \delta_k = k \sum_{k=1}^n \delta_k = k(b-a)$

and $U(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n M_k \delta_k = k \sum_{k=1}^n \delta_k = k(b-a)$

for every partition P of $[a, b]$.

Thus, we have

$$\int_a^b f = \text{glb of the set of all } U(f, P) = k(b-a)$$

and $\int_a^b f = \text{lub of the set of all } L(f, P) = k(b - a)$

Hence, a constant function is R -integrable over $[a, b]$

and $\int_a^b f = k(b - a).$ Hence proved.

Q 3. Prove that every monotonic function is Riemann-integrable. (2006)

Or If f is monotonic on $[a, b]$, then show that f is Riemann-integrable on $[a, b]$. (2017)

Sol. Let f be a monotonic increasing function for a positive integer $\varepsilon > 0$ and partition P of $[a, b]$ such that the length of each subintervals $[x_{k-1}, x_k], \forall k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ is less than

$$\frac{\varepsilon}{f(b) - f(a)} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$M_k = \text{lub of } f(x) \text{ in } (x_{k-1}, x_k) = f(x_k)$$

$$\text{and } m_k = \text{glb of } f(x) \text{ in } (x_{k-1}, x_k) = f(x_{k-1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } U(f, P) - L(f, P) &= \sum_{k=1}^n (M_k - m_k) \delta_k \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n (f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})) \frac{\varepsilon}{f(b) - f(a)} \quad [\text{from Eq. (i)}] \\ &< \sum_{k=1}^n \varepsilon < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Hence, f is R -integrable on $[a, b]$.

If f be a monotonic decreasing function, then the proof is similar as above.

Q 4. If $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{when } x \text{ is rational} \\ 0, & \text{when } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$, then show that $f(x)$ is not R -integrable. (2005)

Or Let $f(x)$ be defined in $[0, 1]$ as follows

$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{when } x \text{ is rational} \\ 0, & \text{when } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$. Show that f is not Riemann-integrable on $[0, 1]$. (2017)

Sol. Here, $f(x) = 1$, when x is rational and 0 when x is irrational

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \sum_{k=1}^n M_k \delta_k = 1 \cdot (b - a) = (b - a) \quad \dots(i)$$

and
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \sum_{k=1}^n m_k \delta_k = 0 \cdot (b - a) = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

From Eqs. (i) and (ii), we get

$$\int_a^{\bar{b}} f(x) dx \neq \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Hence, f is not R -integrable.

Q 5. Prove that the necessary and sufficient condition for R -integrability of a bounded function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ on $[a, b]$ is that $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, there exists a partition P of $[a, b]$ such that $U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \varepsilon$. (2015, 14, 1998)

Sol. If f is R -integrable on $[a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b f = \int_a^{\bar{b}} f$$

By Darboux's theorem, for $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a partition P of $[a, b]$ such that P and all its refinements

$$L(P, f) > \int_a^b f - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ and } U(P, f) < \int_a^b f + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

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

Conversely, if for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a partition P such that $U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \varepsilon$, then

$$\int_a^{\bar{b}} f \leq U(P, f) < L(P, f) + \varepsilon < \int_a^b f + \varepsilon$$

i.e.
$$\int_a^{\bar{b}} f - \int_a^b f < \varepsilon, \forall \varepsilon > 0 \Rightarrow \int_a^{\bar{b}} f \leq \int_a^b f$$

But
$$\int_a^b f \leq \int_a^{\bar{b}} f \text{ and thus } \int_a^{\bar{b}} f = \int_a^b f$$

Hence, f is R -integrable.

Hence proved.

Q 6. Evaluate $\int_0^a x^2 dx$ and show that $f \in R [0, a]$. (2014)

Sol. Let $P = \left\{ \frac{ra}{n} : r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \right\}$ be a partition of $[0, a]$. Then,

$$m_k = \frac{(r-1)^2 a^2}{n^2}, M_k = \frac{r^2 a^2}{n^2} \text{ and } \delta_k = \frac{a}{n}.$$

Therefore,
$$L(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n m_k \delta_k = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(r-1)^2 a^2}{n^2} \cdot \frac{a}{n}$$

$$= \frac{a^3}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n (r-1)^2 = \frac{a^3}{n^3} \left[\frac{n(n-1)(2n-1)}{6} \right]$$

$$= \frac{a^3}{6} \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(2 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \right]$$

and
$$U(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n M_k \delta_k = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{r^2 a^2}{n^2} \cdot \frac{a}{n}$$

$$= \frac{a^3}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n r^2 = \frac{a^3}{n^3} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} = \frac{a^3}{6} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$\therefore \int_0^a f = \lim_{\|P\|} L(f, P) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^3}{6} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(2 - \frac{1}{n}\right) = \frac{a^3}{3}$

and
$$\int_0^{\bar{a}} f = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} U(f, P) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^3}{6} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = \frac{a^3}{3}$$

Thus,
$$\int_0^a f = \int_0^{\bar{a}} f$$

Therefore, $f \in R [0, a]$ and $\int_0^a f = \frac{a^3}{3}$.

Hence proved.

Q 7. A function f is defined on $[0, 1]$ by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2rx, & \text{where } \frac{1}{r+1} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{r}, \forall r = 1, 2, \dots, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Prove that $f \in R [0, 1]$ and evaluate $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$. (2013)

Sol. Since, $f\left(\frac{1}{r} - 0\right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2r \left(\frac{1}{r} - h\right) = 2$

and $f\left(\frac{1}{r} + 0\right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2(r-1) \left(\frac{1}{r} + h\right) = 2 - \frac{2}{r}$

$\therefore f$ is discontinuous at $x = \frac{1}{r}$, where $r = 2, 3, \dots$

However, $f(1) = 2$ and $f(1-0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2(1-h) = 2$, which shows that f is continuous at $x = 1$.

Since, the set $\left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots\right\}$ of points of discontinuity of f has only one limiting point viz. 0.

Hence, $f \in R [0, 1]$.

Now,
$$\int_{1/(n+1)}^1 f(x) dx = \int_{1/2}^1 f + \int_{1/3}^{1/2} f + \int_{1/4}^{1/3} f + \dots + \int_{1/(n+1)}^{1/n} f$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^n \int_{1/(r+1)}^{1/r} f$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{and } \int_{1/(r+1)}^{1/r} f(x) dx &= \int_{1/(r+1)}^{1/r} 2rx dx = r \left[\frac{1}{r^2} - \frac{1}{(r+1)^2} \right] \\
 \text{yield } \int_{1/(n+1)}^1 f(x) dx &= 1 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{1^2} - \frac{1}{2^2} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{3^2} \right) + 3 \left(\frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{4^2} \right) \\
 &\quad + \dots + n \left(\frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{n}{(n+1)^2} \\
 &= \left(\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r^2} \right) - \frac{n}{(n+1)^2} = \left(\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r^2} \right) - \frac{1/n}{(1 + 1/n)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \left(\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r^2} \right) - 0 = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

Q 8. Show that $f(x) = x^3$ is R -integrable in $[0, a]$. Also, find the value of integral. (2012, 1998)

Sol. Let $f(x) = x^3$, $\forall x \in [0, a]$ is continuous on $[0, a]$.

Further, if $F(x) = \frac{x^4}{4}$ for $x \in [0, a]$

Then, $F'(x) = x^3 = f(x)$ for $x \in [0, a]$

Hence, by the fundamental theorem of integral calculus,

$$\int_0^a x^3 dx = F(a) - F(0) = \frac{a^4}{4} - 0 = \frac{a^4}{4}$$

If $P = \{0 = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = a\}$ be the partition of $[0, a]$ into n congruent subintervals, then $\delta_k = \frac{a - 0}{n} = \frac{a}{n}$

Since, f is increasing on $[0, a]$.

Then, $m_k = \text{glb} \{f(x) : x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]\} = x_{k-1}^3$

and $M_k = \text{lub} \{f(x) : x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]\} = x_k^3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore L(f, P) &= \sum_{k=1}^n m_k \delta_k = \sum_{k=1}^n (x_{k-1}^3 \cdot \delta_k) \\
 &= \left(0^3 + \frac{a^3}{n^3} + \frac{2^3 a^3}{n^3} + \frac{3^3 a^3}{n^3} + \dots + \frac{(n-1)^3 a^3}{n^3} \right) \frac{a}{n} \\
 &= \frac{a^4}{n^4} (1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + (n-1)^3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{a^4}{n^4} \left(\frac{(n-1)n}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{a^4}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } U(f, P) &= \sum_{k=1}^n M_k \delta_k = \sum_{k=1}^n (x_k^3 \delta_k) \\ &= \left(\frac{a^3}{n^3} + \frac{2^3 a^3}{n^3} + \frac{3^3 a^3}{n^3} + \dots + \frac{n^3 a^3}{n^3} \right) \frac{a}{n} \\ &= \frac{a^4}{n^4} (1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3) \\ &= \frac{a^4}{n^4} \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{a^4}{4} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \int_0^a f &= \text{lub of the set of all } L(f, P) \\ &= \text{lub} \left[\frac{a^4}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 \right] = \frac{a^4}{4}, \text{ as } ||P|| \rightarrow 0 \text{ or } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \int_0^{\bar{a}} f &= \text{glb of the set of all } U(f, P) \\ &= \text{glb} \left[\frac{a^4}{4} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{a^4}{4} \text{ as } ||P|| \rightarrow 0 \text{ or } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Consequently, } \int_0^a f = \int_0^{\bar{a}} f$$

$$\text{Hence, } f \text{ is } R\text{-integrable and } \int_0^a f = \frac{a^4}{4}. \quad \text{Hence proved.}$$

Q 9. If $f(x) = x$, $\forall x \in [0, 1]$, then show that f is R -integrable on $[0, 1]$, and $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}$.

Sol. Let $P = \left\{ 0, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, \dots, \frac{r-1}{n}, \frac{r}{n}, \dots, \frac{n}{n} = 1 \right\}$ be the partition of $[0, 1]$.

Then, $m_r = \frac{r-1}{n}$, $M_r = \frac{r}{n}$ and $\delta_r = \frac{1}{n}$ for $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } L(f, P) &= \sum_{r=1}^n m_r \delta_r = \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{r-1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{r=1}^n (r-1) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} [1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-1)] \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{(n-1)n}{2} = \frac{n-1}{2n} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2n} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } U(f, P) &= \sum_{r=1}^n M_r \delta_r = \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{r}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{r=1}^n r = \frac{1}{n^2} (1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{(n+1)}{2n} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \int_0^1 x \, dx = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} L(f, P) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{and } \int_0^1 x \, dx = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} U(f, P) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

Hence, $f(x)$ is R -integrable and the value of $\int_0^1 f(x) \, dx = \frac{1}{2}, \forall x \in [0, 1]$.

Q 10. Calculate the value of upper and lower integrals for the function f defined on $[0, 2]$ as follows.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + x^2, & \text{when } x \text{ is rational} \\ x^2 + x^3, & \text{when } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases} \quad (1996)$$

Sol. We have, $(x + x^2) - (x^2 + x^3) = x - x^3 = x(1 - x^2)$

Thus, $x + x^2 > x^2 + x^3$ in $(0, 1)$ and $x + x^2 < x^2 + x^3$ in $(1, 2)$

Now, for every k with usual notations,

$$m_k = x^2 + x^3, \forall x \in (0, 1) = x + x^2, \forall x \in (1, 2)$$

$$\text{and } M_k = x + x^2, \forall x \in (0, 1) = x^2 + x^3, \forall x \in (1, 2)$$

$$\text{Hence, } \int_0^2 f(x) \, dx = \int_0^1 (x^2 + x^3) \, dx + \int_1^2 (x + x^2) \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left[\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 + \left[\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_1^2 \\ &= \left[\left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \right) - (0 + 0) \right] + \left[\left(\frac{4}{2} + \frac{8}{3} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \right) \right] = \frac{53}{12} = 4 \frac{5}{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also, } \int_0^2 f(x) \, dx = \int_0^1 (x + x^2) \, dx + \int_1^2 (x^2 + x^3) \, dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 + \left[\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_1^2 = \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \right) - (0 + 0) \right] + \left[\left(\frac{8}{3} + \frac{16}{4} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \right) \right]$$

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Q 11. Prove that a continuous function is Riemann-integrable on $[a, b]$. (2013, 10, 09, 07)

Sol. Let us consider a function $f(x)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$ is bounded in $[a, b]$, and $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k = b\}$ is the partition of $[a, b]$. $[x_{k-1}, x_k]$ is a subinterval, where $k = 1, 2, \dots$. Suppose that the oscillation of $f(x)$ in each of such intervals is less than $\frac{\varepsilon}{b-a}$, for $\varepsilon > 0$ and small.

$$\text{Now, } U(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n M_k \delta_k, L(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n m_k \delta_k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } U(f, P) - L(f, P) &= \sum_{k=1}^n (M_k - m_k) \delta_k \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{(b-a)} \sum_{k=1}^n \delta_k \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{(b-a)} (b-a) \\ &\leq \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the function $f(x)$ is R -integrable.

Hence proved.

Q 12. State and prove Fundamental theorem of integral calculus. (2005)

Sol. Statement Let f be a continuous function on $[a, b]$ and let ϕ be a differentiable function on $[a, b]$ such that $\phi'(x) = f(x), \forall a \leq x \leq b$. Then, $\int_a^b f(t) dt = \phi(b) - \phi(a)$.

Proof Since, f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then the integral function F of f defined by

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt, x \in [a, b]$$

is differentiable and

$$F'(x) = f(x) \quad x \in [a, b] \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{But we have } \phi'(x) = f(x), x \in [a, b] \quad \dots(ii)$$

From Eqs. (i) and (ii), we get

$$F'(x) = \phi'(x), \forall x \in [a, b]$$

$$\Rightarrow F'(x) - \phi'(x) = 0, \forall x \in [a, b]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} [F(x) - \phi(x)] = 0, \forall x \in [a, b]$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) - \phi(x) = C, \text{ where } C \text{ is constant.}$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) = \phi(x) + C$$

$$\therefore F(a) = \phi(a) + C \text{ and } F(b) = \phi(b) + C$$

$$\Rightarrow F(b) - F(a) = \phi(b) - \phi(a) \quad \dots(\text{iii})$$

But $F(b) = \int_a^b f(t) dt$

and $F(a) = \int_a^b f(t) dt = 0$

$$\therefore F(b) - F(a) = \int_a^b f(t) dt - 0 = \int_a^b f(t) dt \quad \dots(\text{iv})$$

From Eqs. (iii) and (iv), we get

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt = \phi(b) - \phi(a) \quad \text{Hence proved.}$$

Q 13. If f is R -integrable on $[a, b]$ and $c \in (a, b)$, then prove that f is R -integrable on both $[a, c]$ and $[c, b]$ and $\int_a^b f = \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f$.

(2015, 1998)

Sol. f is bounded on $[a, c]$ and $[c, b]$ iff f is bounded on $[a, b]$. Suppose $f \in R[a, b]$. Then, for a real number $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a partition P of $[a, b]$ such that

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

Let $P^* = P \cup \{c\}$ be a refinement of P , then

$$U(f, P^*) - L(f, P^*) \leq U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \varepsilon$$

Let us divide partition P^* of $[a, b]$ into P_1 of $[a, c]$ and P_2 of $[c, b]$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } U(f, P^*) - L(f, P^*) &= \{U(f, P_1) + U(f, P_2)\} - \{L(f, P_1) + L(f, P_2)\} \\ &= \{U(f, P_1) - L(f, P_1)\} + \{U(f, P_2) - L(f, P_2)\} \\ &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Since, $U(f, P_1) - L(f, P_1) \geq 0$ and $U(f, P_2) - L(f, P_2) \geq 0$.

Also, each of these ε .

Therefore, $f \in R[a, c]$ and $f \in R[c, b]$

Since, $U(f, P_1) + U(f, P_2) = U(f, P^*)$

$$\therefore \text{glb } [U(f, P_1)] + \text{glb } [U(f, P_2)] = \text{glb } [U(f, P^*)]$$

$$\therefore \int_a^b f = \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f$$

Conversely, if $f \in R[a, c]$ and $f \in R[c, b]$, the partition P_1 on $[a, c]$ and partition P_2 on $[c, b]$ are such that

$$U(f, P_1) - L(f, P_1) < \varepsilon/2, U(f, P_2) - L(f, P_2) < \varepsilon/2$$

Let $P = P_1 \cup P_2$, then P is a partition on $[a, b]$ and

$$\begin{aligned} U(f, P) - L(f, P) &= \{U(f, P_1) + U(f, P_2)\} - \{L(f, P_1) + L(f, P_2)\} \\ &= \{U(f, P_1) - L(f, P_1)\} + \{U(f, P_2) - L(f, P_2)\} < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Hence, f is R -integrable on $[a, b]$

Hence proved.

Short Answer Questions

Q 1. If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$, then prove that $F(x)$ always possess a derivative $F'(x)$ and moreover $F' = f$ on $[a, b]$. (2015, 05)

Sol. Let $x, (x+h) \in [a, b]$. Then,

$$F(x+h) - F(x) = \int_a^{x+h} f(t) dt - \int_a^x f(t) dt = \int_x^{x+h} f(t) dt + \int_x^x f(t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x+h) - F(x) = \int_x^{x+h} f(t) dt \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{But } f \text{ is a continuous function, so } \int_x^{x+h} f(t) dt = hf(c) \quad \dots(ii)$$

where, $c \in [x, x+h] \subseteq [a, b]$.

From Eqs. (i) and (ii), we get

$$F(x+h) - F(x) = hf(c)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(c) = \lim_{c \rightarrow x} f(c) \quad [\because \text{if } h \rightarrow 0, \text{ then } c \rightarrow x]$$

$$= f(x) \quad [\because f \text{ is continuous}]$$

Hence, $F'(x) = f(x)$

Hence proved.

■ **Note** Since, derivability \Rightarrow continuity, the integral function, F is continuous on $[a, b]$.

Q 2. Let f be defined on $[a, b]$ such that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{ where } x \text{ is a rational number} \\ 3/2 & , \text{ where } x \text{ is an irrational number} \end{cases}$$

Show that f is not Riemann-integrable on $[a, b]$. (2008)

Sol. Let the subinterval (x_{k-1}, x_k) , $\forall k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ for any partition P of $[a, b]$ contains both rational and irrational numbers.

Hence, in each subintervals (x_{k-1}, x_k) , the upper bound $M_k = \frac{3}{2}$ and the lower bound $m_k = 1$.

$$\text{Then, } \int_a^b f(x) dx = \text{glb } \{U(f, P) = \text{glb } \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n M_k \delta_k = \text{glb } \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{3}{2} \delta_k \right\} = \frac{3}{2} (b-a) \right.$$

$$\text{and } \int_a^b f(x) dx = \text{lub } \{L(f, P)\} = \text{lub } \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n m_k \delta_k \right\} = \text{lub } \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n 1 \cdot \delta_k \right\} = (b-a)$$

$$\therefore \int_a^b f(x) dx \neq \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Hence, $f(x)$ is not R -integrable on $[a, b]$.

Hence proved.

Q 3. Prove that a necessary and sufficient condition for Riemann-integrability of a bounded function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ on $[a, b]$ is that $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, there exists a partition P of $[a, b]$ such that $U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \varepsilon$. Also, prove that every continuous function is R -integrable on $[a, b]$. (2015)

Sol. Part I See the solution of Q. 5. of Very Short Answer Questions.

Part II See the Q. 11 of Very Short Answer Questions.

Long Answer Questions

Q 1. Show that the mean value of a continuous function in an interval belong to the range of the function, also evaluates $\int_a^b x^2 dx$ by Riemann-integration. (2016)

Sol. Part I Since, $f(x)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$, therefore $f \in R[a, b]$.

Let M and m be the bounds of f on $[a, b]$ and

let $m = f(y)$, $\forall y \in [a, b]$ and $M = f(z)$, $\forall z \in [a, b]$.

Then, $m \leq f(x) \leq M$, $\forall x \in [a, b]$

Also, $(b - a) f(y) = \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq (b - a) f(z)$

Now, we consider the following cases

Case I If $(b - a) f(y) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$

Then, there exists $c \in [a, b]$ such that $\int_a^b f(x) dx = (b - a) f(c)$

Case II If $\int_a^b f(x) dx = (b - a) f(z)$

Then, there exists $c \in [a, b]$ such that $\int_a^b f(x) dx = (b - a) f(c)$

Case III If $(b - a) f(y) < \int_a^b f(x) dx < (b - a) f(z)$

i.e. $f(y) < \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(x) dx < f(z)$

Let $\lambda = \frac{1}{(b - a)} \int_a^b f(x) dx$

Then, $f(y) < \lambda < f(z)$ and hence by intermediate value theorem, there exists a point $c \in [y, z] \subseteq [a, b]$ such that $f(c) = \lambda$.

Part II See the solution of Q. 6 of Very Short Answer Questions.

Q 2. Show that the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/2^n, & \text{where } 1/2^{n+1} < x < 1/2^n \text{ is} \\ 0, & \text{where } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

R-integrable and also prove that $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \frac{2}{3}$.

(2006, 1996)

Sol. Given function is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^n}, & \text{where } \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} < x < \frac{1}{2^n}, \forall n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & \text{where } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = 1, \text{ if } \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1 \text{ at } n = 0$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ if } \frac{1}{2^2} < x < \frac{1}{2} \text{ at } n = 1$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2^2}, \text{ if } \frac{1}{2^3} < x \leq \frac{1}{2^2} \text{ at } n = 2$$

$$\dots\dots\dots$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}, \text{ if } \frac{1}{2^n} < x < \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \text{ at } n = n - 1$$

and $f(0) = 0$ at $x = 0$

Hence, $|f(x)| \leq 1, \forall x \in [0, 1]$

Thus, $f(x)$ is bounded on $[0, 1]$ with $\sup(f(x)) = 1$ and $\inf(f(x)) = 0$.

Here, $f\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right) = \frac{1}{2^n}$ and $f(x) = \frac{1}{2^n}, \forall x \in \left[\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{1}{2^n}\right]$

$$\therefore \int \left(\frac{1}{2^n} - 0\right) dx = \frac{1}{2^n} = f\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right)$$

So, $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = \frac{1}{2^n}$ on the left hand side.

Moreover, $f(x) = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}, \forall x \in \left[\frac{1}{2^n}, \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}\right]$

$$\therefore f\left(\frac{1}{2^n} + 0\right) = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \neq f\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right) = \frac{1}{2^n}$$

So, $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = \frac{1}{2^n}$ on the right hand side.

Thus, $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = \frac{1}{2^n}$.

\therefore The set of discontinuous points of $f(x)$ is $\left\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2^2}, \frac{1}{2^3}, \frac{1}{2^n}, \dots\right\}$, which is a infinite set with 0 limit point.

Hence, $f(x)$ is R -integrable.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{1/2^{n+1}}^{1/2^n} f(x) dx &= \int_{1/2}^1 f(x) dx + \int_{1/4}^{1/2} f(x) dx + \dots + \int_{1/2^{r+1}}^{1/2^r} f(x) dx + \dots \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_{1/2^{r+1}}^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 f(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Thus, } \int_0^1 f(x) dx &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{1/2^{n+1}}^{1/2^n} f(x) dx = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{1/2^{n+1}}^{1/2^n} \frac{1}{2^n} dx \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \left(\frac{1}{2^n} - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \right) dx = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{2^3} + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3/2} = \frac{2}{3}\end{aligned}$$