

# Ch 7 The Riemann Integral

## §7.1 Riemann Integral

Def: If  $I = [a, b]$  is a closed interval, then a partition of  $I$  is a finite, ordered set

$$\mathcal{P} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

of points in  $I$  such that

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$$

Note: A partition  $\mathcal{P} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is used to divide  $I$  into (interior) non-overlapping subintervals:

$$I_1 = [x_0, x_1], I_2 = [x_1, x_2], \dots, I_n = [x_{n-1}, x_n]$$

Hence an alternate notation for  $\mathcal{P}$  is

$$\mathcal{P} = \{ [x_{i-1}, x_i] \}_{i=1}^n$$

Def: The norm (or mesh) of  $\mathcal{P} = \{ [x_{i-1}, x_i] \}_{i=1}^n$  is defined

$$\|\mathcal{P}\| = \max_{i=1, \dots, n} \{ x_i - x_{i-1} \}$$

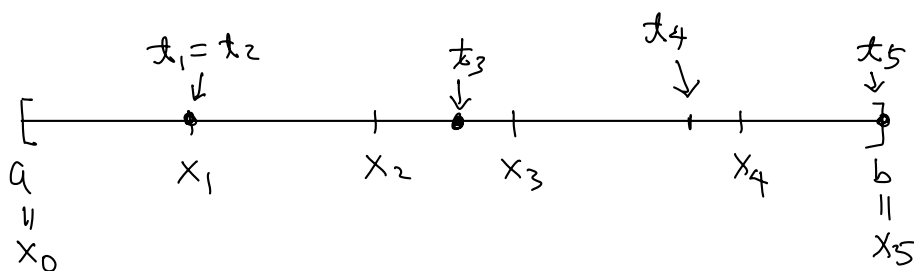
$$= \max \{ x_1 - x_0, x_2 - x_1, \dots, x_n - x_{n-1} \}$$

( = length of largest subinterval )

Def: (1) If  $t_i \in I_i = [x_{i-1}, x_i]$ ,  $\forall i=1, \dots, n$  has been selected of each subinterval of a partition  $\mathcal{P} = \{[x_{i-1}, x_i]\}_{i=1}^n$  of  $I = [a, b]$ , then  $t_i$  are called tags of  $I_i$ .

(2) The partition  $\mathcal{P} = \{[x_{i-1}, x_i]\}_{i=1}^n$ , together with tags  $t_i$  is called a tagged partition of  $I = [a, b]$  and is denoted by

$$\dot{\mathcal{P}} = \{[x_{i-1}, x_i], t_i\}_{i=1}^n$$

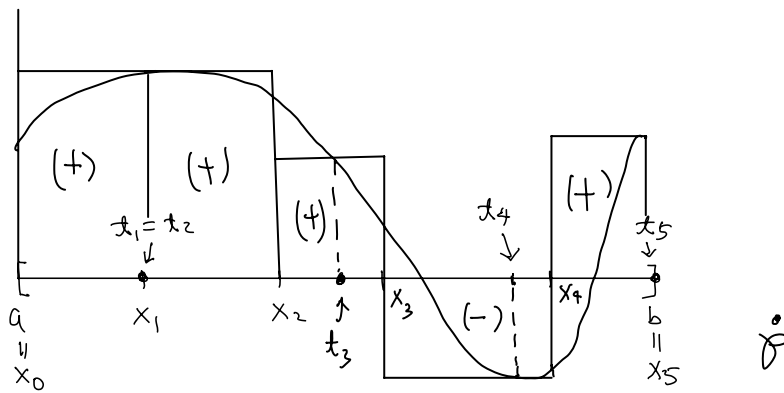


Def: If  $\dot{\mathcal{P}} = \{[x_{i-1}, x_i], t_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is a tagged partition of  $I = [a, b]$ , then the Riemann sum of a function  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

(may not "continuous")

$$S(f; \dot{\mathcal{P}}) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(t_i)(x_i - x_{i-1})$$

Remark: This definition works for the case that  $\dot{\mathcal{P}}$  is a subset of a partition, and not the entire partition.



$S(f; \dot{\mathcal{P}})$  = sum of (signed) areas of the  $n$  rectangles with bases  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$  & heights  $t_i$ ,  $i=1, \dots, n$ .

Def 7.1.1 (1) A function  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be

Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$  if

$\exists L \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta_\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$\forall$  tagged partition  $\dot{\mathcal{P}}$  of  $[a, b]$  with  $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \delta_\varepsilon$ ,

$$|S(f; \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - L| < \varepsilon.$$

(2) The set of all Riemann integrable functions on  $[a, b]$  will be denoted by  $\mathcal{R}[a, b]$ .

(3) If  $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ , the number  $L$  is uniquely determined (Thm 7.1.2) called the Riemann integral of  $f$  over  $[a, b]$ , & is

denoted by  $\int_a^b f$  or  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$

( $x$  is a dummy variable, can be replaced by any other notation)

Remark: One often says that  $L$  is "the limit" of  $S(f; \dot{\mathcal{P}})$  as  $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| \rightarrow 0$ . However  $S(f; \dot{\mathcal{P}})$  is not a function of  $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\|$ , it is not the limit (of functions) that defined before.  
(there are many  $\dot{\mathcal{P}}$  with same  $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\|$ )

Thm 7.1.2 If  $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ , then the value of the integral is uniquely determined.

Pf: Suppose  $L'$  and  $L''$  both satisfy the definition 7.1.1.

Then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta'_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} > 0$  such that

$$|S(f; \dot{\mathcal{P}}_1) - L'| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \forall \dot{\mathcal{P}}_1 \text{ with } \|\dot{\mathcal{P}}_1\| < \delta'_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}$$

and  $\exists \delta''_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} > 0$  such that

$$|S(f; \dot{\mathcal{P}}_2) - L''| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \forall \dot{\mathcal{P}}_2 \text{ with } \|\dot{\mathcal{P}}_2\| < \delta''_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}.$$

Let  $\delta_{\varepsilon} = \min\{\delta'_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}, \delta''_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}\} > 0$ .

If  $\dot{\mathcal{P}}$  is a tagged partition with  $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \delta_{\varepsilon}$ ,

then  $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \delta'_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}$  and  $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \delta''_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}$ .

Hence  $|S(f; \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - L'| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  and  $|S(f; \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - L''| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ .

$$\Rightarrow |L' - L''| \leq |S(f; \mathcal{P}) - L'| + |S(f; \mathcal{P}) - L''|$$

$$< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon.$$

Since  $\epsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we have  $L' = L''$ .  $\#$

Thm 7.1.3 If

- $g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$  (Riemann integrable)
- $f(x) = g(x)$  except for a finite number of points.

Then

- $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$  and

- $\int_a^b f = \int_a^b g$ .

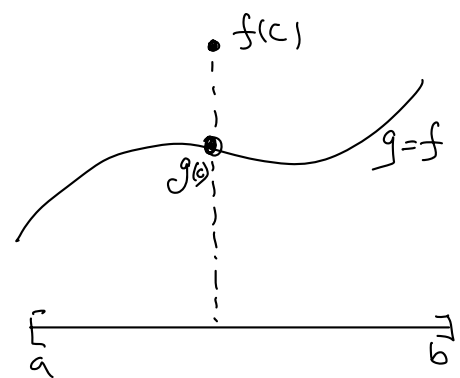
Pf: Only need to prove the case that

$f(x) = g(x)$  except for one point in  $[a, b]$ .

Then induction implies the Theorem.

Let  $c$  be the point in  $[a, b]$

s.t.  $f(c) \neq g(c)$ .



Then  $f(x) = g(x), \forall x \in [a, b] \setminus \{c\}$ .

Let  $L = \int_a^b g$ . (By assumption that  $g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ , it exists)

For any tagged partition  $\mathcal{P} = \{ [x_{i-1}, x_i], t_i \}_{i=1}^n$ ,

then (i)  $c \in (x_{i_0-1}, x_{i_0})$  for some  $i_0 \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

or (ii)  $c = x_{i_0}$  for some  $i_0 \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

For case (i),  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ ,  $i \neq i_0$

$$\Rightarrow f(t_i) = g(t_i)$$

And hence

$$\begin{aligned} S(f; \mathcal{P}) - S(g; \mathcal{P}) &= \sum_{i \neq i_0} \cancel{f(t_i)}(x_i - x_{i-1}) - \sum_{i \neq i_0} \cancel{g(t_i)}(x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ &\quad + f(t_{i_0})(x_{i_0} - x_{i_0-1}) - g(t_{i_0})(x_{i_0} - x_{i_0-1}) \\ &= (f(t_{i_0}) - g(t_{i_0}))(x_{i_0} - x_{i_0-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |S(f; \mathcal{P}) - S(g; \mathcal{P})| &\leq |f(t_{i_0}) - g(t_{i_0})| (x_{i_0} - x_{i_0-1}) \\ &\leq (|f(c)| + |g(c)|) \|\mathcal{P}\|. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for case (ii)

$$\begin{aligned} S(f; \mathcal{P}) - S(g; \mathcal{P}) &= \sum_{\substack{i \neq i_0 \\ i_0+1}} \cancel{[f(t_i) - g(t_i)]} (x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ &\quad + f(t_{i_0})(x_{i_0} - x_{i_0-1}) - g(t_{i_0})(x_{i_0} - x_{i_0-1}) \\ &\quad + f(t_{i_0+1})(x_{i_0+1} - x_{i_0}) - g(t_{i_0+1})(x_{i_0+1} - x_{i_0}) \\ &= (f(t_{i_0}) - g(t_{i_0}))(x_{i_0} - x_{i_0-1}) + (f(t_{i_0+1}) - g(t_{i_0+1}))(x_{i_0+1} - x_{i_0}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |S(f; \mathcal{P}) - S(g; \mathcal{P})| &\leq (|f(c)| + |g(c)|) \|\mathcal{P}\| + (|f(c)| + |g(c)|) \|\mathcal{P}\| \\ &= 2(|f(c)| + |g(c)|) \|\mathcal{P}\|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, in both cases,

$$|S(f; \mathcal{P}) - S(g; \mathcal{P})| \leq 2(|f(c)| + |g(c)|) \|\mathcal{P}\|$$

Therefore,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , for  $\delta_1 = \frac{\varepsilon}{5(|f(c)| + |g(c)|)}$ , we have

$\forall \mathcal{P}$  with  $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta_1$ ,

$$|S(f; \mathcal{P}) - S(g; \mathcal{P})| \leq 2(|f(c)| + |g(c)|) \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{5(|f(c)| + |g(c)|)} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Now, by  $g \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$  &  $L = \int_a^b g$ ,  $\exists \delta_2 > 0$  s.t.,

$\forall \mathcal{P}$  with  $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta_2$ ,

$$|S(g; \mathcal{P}) - L| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Letting  $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\} > 0$ , we have

$\forall \mathcal{P}$  with  $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |S(f; \mathcal{P}) - L| &\leq |S(f; \mathcal{P}) - S(g; \mathcal{P})| + |S(g; \mathcal{P}) - L| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$  and  $\int_a^b f = L = \int_a^b g$ . ~~✗~~

### Eg 7.1.4

(a) If  $f \equiv \text{const.}$ , then  $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$

PF: Let the const. be  $k$ .

Then  $f(x) = k \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$

If  $\dot{\mathcal{P}} = \{ [x_{i-1}, x_i], \tau_i \}_{i=1}^n$  be a tagged partition of  $[a, b]$ ,

then corresponding Riemann sum

$$\begin{aligned} S(f; \dot{\mathcal{P}}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n f(\tau_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n k(x_i - x_{i-1}) = k(b-a) \end{aligned}$$

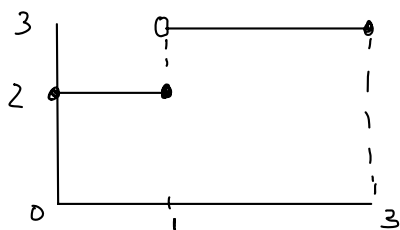
$\therefore \forall \varepsilon > 0$ , we can just pick any  $\delta > 0$  and have

$$|S(f; \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - k(b-a)| = 0 < \varepsilon, \quad \forall \dot{\mathcal{P}} \text{ with } \|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \delta$$

$\therefore f \equiv k \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ .

In fact, we have proved that  $\int_a^b k = k(b-a)$  ~~###~~

(b)  $g: [0, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 3, & 1 < x \leq 3 \\ 2, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$



is (Riemann) integrable  $\& \int_0^3 g = 8$ .



Pf: Let  $\dot{\mathcal{P}} = \{ [x_{i-1}, x_i], t_i \}_{i=1}^n$

Let  $k=1, \dots, n$  such that

$$0 \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_k \leq 1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$1 < t_{k+1} \leq \dots \leq t_n \leq 3$$

Let  $\dot{\mathcal{P}}_1 = \{ [x_{i-1}, x_i], t_i \}_{i=1}^k$

and  $\dot{\mathcal{P}}_2 = \{ [x_{i-1}, x_i], t_i \}_{i=k+1}^n$

(Using the remark of the definition of Riemann sum)

we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(g; \dot{\mathcal{P}}) &= \sum_{i=1}^k g(t_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) + \sum_{i=k+1}^n g(t_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ &= S(g; \dot{\mathcal{P}}_1) + S(g; \dot{\mathcal{P}}_2) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \delta$  for some  $\delta > 0$ .

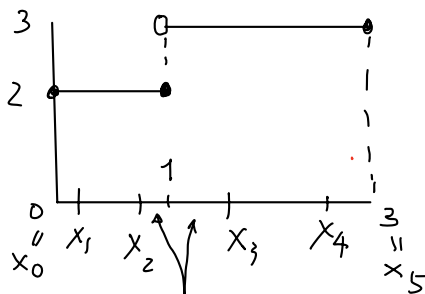
Then  $t_k \leq 1$ ,  $x_{k-1} \leq t_k \leq x_k$  and  $x_k - x_{k-1} < \delta$ ,

we have 
$$x_k < \delta + x_{k-1} \leq \delta + t_k \leq 1 + \delta$$

$\therefore$  (notation in textbook)  $\rightarrow U_1 = \bigcup_{i=1}^k [x_{i-1}, x_i] = [0, x_k] \subset [0, 1 + \delta]$ .

On the other hand, we claim that  $1 - \delta \leq x_k$ .

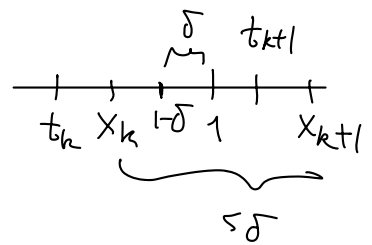
Suppose not, then  $1 - \delta > x_k$ .



2 possible situations of tag  $t_k \geq 1$

From the choice of  $k$ ,  $t_{k+1} > 1$ .

$$\therefore X_{k+1} \geq t_{k+1} > 1$$



Hence  $\delta > X_{k+1} - X_k > 1 - (1 - \delta) = \delta$ ,

which is a contradiction.

$$\therefore 1 - \delta \leq X_k.$$

Together we have

$$[0, 1 - \delta] \subset U_1 = \bigcup_{i=1}^k [X_{i-1}, X_i] = [0, X_k] \subset [0, 1 + \delta]$$

Therefore

$$S(g; \dot{\mathcal{P}}_1) = \sum_{i=1}^k g(t_i)(X_i - X_{i-1}) = 2X_k$$

( $t_i \leq 1 \Rightarrow g(t_i) = 2$ )

$$\Rightarrow 2(1 - \delta) \leq S(g; \dot{\mathcal{P}}_1) \leq 2(1 + \delta) \quad \text{--- } (*)_1$$

Similarly,

$$S(g; \dot{\mathcal{P}}_2) = \sum_{i=k+1}^n g(t_i)(X_i - X_{i-1}) = 3(3 - X_k)$$

( $t_i > 1 \Rightarrow g(t_i) = 3$ )

$$\Rightarrow 3(3 - (1 + \delta)) \leq S(g; \dot{\mathcal{P}}_2) \leq 3(3 - (1 - \delta))$$

$$3(2 - \delta) \leq S(g; \dot{\mathcal{P}}_2) \leq 3(2 + \delta) \quad \text{--- } (*)_2$$

By  $(*)_1 + (*)_2$ , we have, for  $\dot{\mathcal{P}}$  satisfying  $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \delta$ ,

$$2(1-\delta) + 3(2-\delta) \leq S(g; \mathcal{P}) \leq 2(1+\delta) + 3(2+\delta)$$

i.e.  $8 - 5\delta \leq S(g; \mathcal{P}) \leq 8 + 5\delta$

$$\therefore |S(g; \mathcal{P}) - 8| \leq 5\delta.$$

Therefore  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , we can take  $\delta_\varepsilon = \frac{\varepsilon}{10} > 0$  to have

$\forall \mathcal{P}$  with  $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta_\varepsilon$ ,

$$|S(g; \mathcal{P}) - 8| \leq 5 \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{10} < \varepsilon. \quad \times$$

(c)  $f(x) = x$  (for  $x \in [0, 1]$ )  $\in \mathcal{R}[0, 1]$  &  $\int_0^1 f = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Pf: Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{[x_{i-1}, x_i]\}_{i=1}^n$  be a partition of  $I$ .

Take tags  $t_i = q_i$  be the mid-points,

i.e.  $q_i = \frac{x_{i-1} + x_i}{2}$ .

Then the corresponding tagged partition  $\mathcal{Q} = \{[x_{i-1}, x_i]; q_i\}_{i=1}^n$

has Riemann sum

$$\begin{aligned} S(f; \mathcal{Q}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n f(q_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n q_i(x_i - x_{i-1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2}(x_i + x_{i-1})(x_i - x_{i-1}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i^2 - x_{i-1}^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[ (x_1^2 - x_0^2) + (x_2^2 - x_1^2) + \dots + (x_n^2 - x_{n-1}^2) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (x_n^2 - x_0^2) = \frac{1}{2} \quad (x_n=1, x_0=0)
\end{aligned}$$

Now if  $\dot{\mathcal{P}} = \{ [x_{i-1}, x_i], t_i \}_{i=1}^n$  is a tagged partition with the same partition but arbitrary tags  $t_i$ ,

then  $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| = \|\dot{\mathcal{Q}}\| < \delta$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}
|S(h; \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - S(h; \dot{\mathcal{Q}})| &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n h(t_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) - \sum_{i=1}^n h(q_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) \right| \\
&= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (t_i - q_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |t_i - q_i| (x_i - x_{i-1}) < \delta \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - x_{i-1}) \\
&= \delta \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{since } t_i, q_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i] \\ \text{and } x_i - x_{i-1} < \delta \end{array} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Using  $S(h; \dot{\mathcal{Q}}) = \frac{1}{2}$  for any partition with mid-pt tags,

we have  $\forall \dot{\mathcal{P}}$  with  $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \delta$ ,

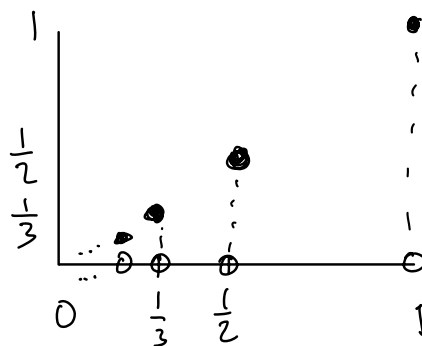
$$|S(h; \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - \frac{1}{2}| < \delta.$$

Hence  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , take  $\delta_\varepsilon = \varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\dot{\mathcal{P}} \text{ with } \|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \delta_\varepsilon \Rightarrow |S(h; \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - \frac{1}{2}| < \varepsilon$$

$$\therefore h \in \mathcal{R}[0, 1] \quad \& \quad \int_a^b h = \frac{1}{2} \quad \times$$

$$(d) \quad G(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{n} \quad (n=1, 2, \dots) \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere on } [0, 1] \end{cases}$$



is (Riemann) integrable on  $[0, 1]$

$$\text{and } \int_0^1 G = 0.$$

$$\text{PF: } \forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad E_\varepsilon = \{x \in [0, 1] : G(x) \geq \varepsilon\}$$

$$= \left\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{N_\varepsilon}\right\} \text{ where } N_\varepsilon = \left[\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right] \text{ the largest integer } \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon}.$$

is a finite set.

$$\text{Let } \delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{2N_\varepsilon} > 0.$$

If  $\mathcal{P} = \{[x_{i-1}, x_i], t_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is a tagged partition with  $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta$ .

$$\text{Then } S(G; \mathcal{P}) = \sum_{i=1}^n G(t_i)(x_i - x_{i-1})$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ t_i \notin E_\varepsilon}}^n G(t_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) + \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ t_i \in E_\varepsilon}}^n G(t_i)(x_i - x_{i-1})$$

$$t_i \notin E_\varepsilon \Rightarrow 0 \leq G(t_i) < \varepsilon$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ t_i \notin E_\varepsilon}}^n G(t_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) < \varepsilon \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - x_{i-1}) = \varepsilon$$

There are only  $N_\varepsilon$  number of pts in  $E_\varepsilon$ , &  $0 \leq G(x) \leq 1$ ,  
 and a tag belongs to at most two subintervals

$$\therefore 0 \leq \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ x_i \in E_\varepsilon}}^n G(x_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) \leq \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ x_i \in E_\varepsilon}}^n \delta = 2N_\varepsilon \delta = \varepsilon$$

at most  $2N_\varepsilon$  terms

Hence

$$0 \leq S(G; \mathcal{P}) < \varepsilon + \varepsilon = 2\varepsilon, \text{ for any } \mathcal{P} \text{ with } \|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta_\varepsilon.$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, we have

$$G \in \mathcal{R}[0,1] \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^1 G = 0. \quad \text{X}$$