

§ 7.2 Riemann Integrable Functions

Thm 7.2.1 (Cauchy Criterion)

$f \in \mathcal{R}[a,b] \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \eta_\varepsilon > 0$ such that

if $\dot{\mathcal{P}}$ and $\dot{\mathcal{Q}}$ are tagged partitions with

$$\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \eta_\varepsilon \text{ \& \ } \|\dot{\mathcal{Q}}\| < \eta_\varepsilon,$$

then $|S(f, \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - S(f, \dot{\mathcal{Q}})| < \varepsilon$

(Compare : (x_n) converges $\Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N_\varepsilon > 0$ s.t. if $m, n \geq N_\varepsilon, |x_m - x_n| < \varepsilon$)

Pf : (\Rightarrow) If $f \in \mathcal{R}[a,b]$ and $L = \int_a^b f$.

Then $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \eta_\varepsilon (= \delta_{\varepsilon/2}) > 0$ s.t.

if $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \eta_\varepsilon$ & $\|\dot{\mathcal{Q}}\| < \eta_\varepsilon,$

then $|S(f; \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - L| < \varepsilon/2$ and

$$|S(f; \dot{\mathcal{Q}}) - L| < \varepsilon/2.$$

$$\therefore |S(f; \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - S(f; \dot{\mathcal{Q}})|$$

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

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \quad (\text{Done})$$

(\Leftarrow)

Step 1 \exists seq. (δ_n) with $0 < \delta_{n+1} \leq \delta_n$, $\forall n=1,2,3,\dots$

such that if $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \delta_n$ & $\|\dot{\mathcal{Q}}\| < \delta_n$,

then $|S(f, \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - S(f, \dot{\mathcal{Q}})| < \frac{1}{n}$.

Pf of Step 1

By assumption, for $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{n} > 0$, $\exists \eta_{\frac{1}{n}} > 0$ s.t.

if $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \eta_{\frac{1}{n}}$ & $\|\dot{\mathcal{Q}}\| < \eta_{\frac{1}{n}}$,

then $|S(f, \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - S(f, \dot{\mathcal{Q}})| < \frac{1}{n}$.

Let $\delta_n = \min\{\eta_1, \eta_{\frac{1}{2}}, \dots, \eta_{\frac{1}{n}}\} > 0$, $\forall n=1,2,3,\dots$

then $\delta_{n+1} = \min\{\eta_1, \eta_{\frac{1}{2}}, \dots, \eta_{\frac{1}{n}}, \eta_{\frac{1}{n+1}}\}$

$$\leq \min\{\eta_1, \eta_{\frac{1}{2}}, \dots, \eta_{\frac{1}{n}}\} = \delta_n$$

And if $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \delta_n$ & $\|\dot{\mathcal{Q}}\| < \delta_n$

then $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \eta_{\frac{1}{n}}$ & $\|\dot{\mathcal{Q}}\| < \eta_{\frac{1}{n}}$

$\therefore |S(f, \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - S(f, \dot{\mathcal{Q}})| < \frac{1}{n}$. \ast

Step 2 \exists a seq. of tagged partition $\dot{\mathcal{Q}}_n$ s.t.

$\|\dot{\mathcal{Q}}_n\| < \delta_n$ and $(\delta_n \text{ given in Step 1})$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(f, \dot{\mathcal{Q}}_n) = L$ exists.

Pf of Step 2:

For each $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$, choose any tagged partition

$$\dot{Q}_n \text{ with } \|\dot{Q}_n\| < \delta_n$$

(Existence of \dot{Q}_n is clear: for example, one may take

uniform partition with any tags )

Then, for $m \geq n \geq 1$, we have

$$\|\dot{Q}_n\| < \delta_n \text{ and } \|\dot{Q}_m\| < \delta_m \leq \delta_n$$

$$\therefore \text{Step 1} \Rightarrow |S(f, \dot{Q}_n) - S(f, \dot{Q}_m)| < \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{--- (*)}$$

Hence $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, one can take any integer $n_0 > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$

and conclude that $\forall m \geq n \geq n_0$,

$$|S(f, \dot{Q}_n) - S(f, \dot{Q}_m)| < \frac{1}{n_0} < \varepsilon$$

$\therefore (S(f, \dot{Q}_n))$ is a Cauchy sequence.

By completeness of \mathbb{R} (Thm 3.5.5 Cauchy Convergence Criterion),

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S(f, \dot{Q}_n)$ exists (let call it L)

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Final Step : $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$

Pf of Final Step

Using Step 2 and $(*)_1$, by taking $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$|S(f, Q_n) - L| \leq \frac{1}{n}, \quad \forall n=1, 2, 3, \dots \quad - (*)_2$$

Now $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, k is an integer s.t. $k > \frac{2}{\varepsilon}$.

Then if \tilde{P} satisfies $\|\tilde{P}\| < \delta_k$,

we have $|S(f, \tilde{P}) - S(f, Q_k)| < \frac{1}{k}$ by Step 1

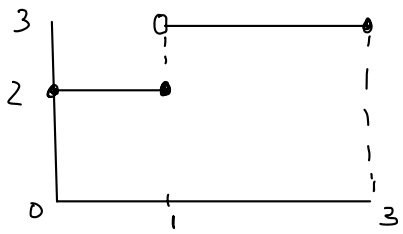
and hence

$$\begin{aligned} |S(f, \tilde{P}) - L| &\leq |S(f, \tilde{P}) - S(f, Q_k)| + |S(f, Q_k) - L| \\ &< \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{k} \quad (\text{by } (*)_2) \\ &= \frac{2}{k} < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b] \quad \left(\int_a^b f = L \right) \quad \#$$

Eg 7.2.2

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



is (Riemann) integrable, Eg 7.1.4(b)

In Eg 7.1.4(b), we proved that

if $\|\dot{P}\| < \delta$, then

$$\delta - 5\delta \leq S(g, \dot{P}) \leq \delta + 5\delta.$$

If \dot{Q} is another one with $\|\dot{Q}\| < \delta$, we also have

$$\delta - 5\delta \leq S(g, \dot{Q}) \leq \delta + 5\delta.$$

$$\text{Hence } |S(g, \dot{P}) - S(g, \dot{Q})| \leq (\delta + 5\delta) - (\delta - 5\delta) = 10\delta$$

$$\therefore \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \eta_\varepsilon = \frac{\varepsilon}{20} > 0 \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\text{if } \|\dot{P}\| < \eta_\varepsilon \text{ \& } \|\dot{Q}\| < \eta_\varepsilon,$$

$$\text{then } |S(g, \dot{P}) - S(g, \dot{Q})| \leq 10 \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{20} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \varepsilon$$

\therefore Cauchy Criterion is satisfied.

(b) Applying Cauchy Criterion to show a function is not integrable:

f is not integrable $\Leftrightarrow \exists \varepsilon_0 > 0$, s.t. $\forall \eta > 0$,

$\exists \dot{\mathcal{P}}, \dot{\mathcal{Q}}$ with $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \eta$ & $\|\dot{\mathcal{Q}}\| < \eta$ s.t.

$$|S(f, \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - S(f, \dot{\mathcal{Q}})| \geq \varepsilon_0$$

Concrete example:

Dirichlet function $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \text{ rational, } x \in [0, 1] \\ 0, & \text{if } x \text{ irrational, } x \in [0, 1]. \end{cases}$

(eg 5.1.6 (g), ex 12 of § 7.1)

Consider $\varepsilon_0 = \frac{1}{2} > 0$,

$\forall \eta > 0$, let $\dot{\mathcal{P}} =$ any partition s.t. $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \eta$

with rational tags. (ie. all $t_i \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$)

$\dot{\mathcal{Q}} =$ any partition s.t. $\|\dot{\mathcal{Q}}\| < \eta$

with irrational tags. (ie. all $t_i \in [0, 1] \setminus \mathbb{Q}$)

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

$$S(f, \dot{\mathcal{Q}}) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(t_i)(x_i - x_{i-1}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |S(f, \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - S(f, \dot{\mathcal{Q}})| = 1 \geq \varepsilon_0$$

$\therefore f$ is not Riemann integrable.

Thm 7.2.3 (Squeeze Thm) let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($a < b$)

Then $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b] \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists$ functions α_ε and $\omega_\varepsilon \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$

with $\alpha_\varepsilon(x) \leq f(x) \leq \omega_\varepsilon(x), \forall x \in [a, b]$

such that $\int_a^b (\omega_\varepsilon - \alpha_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$.

(Remark = we don't need to assume $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_a^b \omega_\varepsilon$ or $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_a^b \alpha_\varepsilon$ exist,

but of course their existence follows from Thm 7.15(c))

Pf: (\Rightarrow) If $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$, take $\alpha_\varepsilon \equiv f \equiv \omega_\varepsilon, \forall \varepsilon > 0$

Then $\int_a^b (f - f) = 0 < \varepsilon$

(\Leftarrow) By assumption, α_ε & $\omega_\varepsilon \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$.

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

if $\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \delta_\varepsilon$, then $|\mathcal{S}(\alpha_\varepsilon, \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - \int_a^b \alpha_\varepsilon| < \varepsilon$

and $|\mathcal{S}(\omega_\varepsilon, \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - \int_a^b \omega_\varepsilon| < \varepsilon$

(This $\delta_\varepsilon = \min\{\delta'_\varepsilon, \delta''_\varepsilon\} > 0$, where δ'_ε is for α_ε , δ''_ε for ω_ε)

Therefore $\int_a^b \alpha_\varepsilon - \varepsilon < \mathcal{S}(\alpha_\varepsilon, \dot{\mathcal{P}})$

and $\mathcal{S}(\omega_\varepsilon, \dot{\mathcal{P}}) < \int_a^b \omega_\varepsilon + \varepsilon$

Since $\alpha_\varepsilon(x) \leq f(x) \leq \omega_\varepsilon(x)$, $\forall x \in [a, b]$, we have

$$S(\alpha_\varepsilon, \dot{\mathcal{P}}) \leq S(f, \dot{\mathcal{P}}) \leq S(\omega_\varepsilon, \dot{\mathcal{P}}).$$

$$\therefore \int_a^b \alpha_\varepsilon - \varepsilon < S(f, \dot{\mathcal{P}}) < \int_a^b \omega_\varepsilon + \varepsilon$$

Therefore, if $\dot{\mathcal{P}}$ & $\dot{\mathcal{Q}}$ are two tagged partitions with

$$\|\dot{\mathcal{P}}\| < \delta_\varepsilon \text{ and } \|\dot{\mathcal{Q}}\| < \delta_\varepsilon,$$

we have
$$\int_a^b \alpha_\varepsilon - \varepsilon < S(f, \dot{\mathcal{P}}) < \int_a^b \omega_\varepsilon + \varepsilon$$

and
$$\int_a^b \alpha_\varepsilon - \varepsilon < S(f, \dot{\mathcal{Q}}) < \int_a^b \omega_\varepsilon + \varepsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |S(f, \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - S(f, \dot{\mathcal{Q}})| &< \left(\int_a^b \omega_\varepsilon + \varepsilon \right) - \left(\int_a^b \alpha_\varepsilon - \varepsilon \right) \\ &= \int_a^b (\omega_\varepsilon - \alpha_\varepsilon) + 2\varepsilon \\ &< \varepsilon + 2\varepsilon = 3\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, f satisfies Cauchy Criterion

$$\therefore f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b] \quad \#$$

Recall (Def 5.4.9 of the Textbook)

A function $\varphi: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a step function

if \exists subintervals I_i (not necessary closed) with

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} I_i \cap I_j = \emptyset \text{ for } i \neq j \text{ and} \\ [a, b] = \bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i \end{array} \right.,$$

such that $\varphi|_{I_i} = \text{const}$ function on I_i ,

i.e. $\varphi(x) = k_i, \forall x \in I_i$ (for some k_i)

Lemma 7.2.4 Let $J =$ subinterval of $[a, b]$,

$c < d$ are endpoints of J

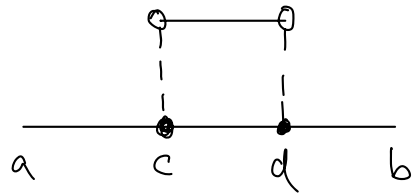
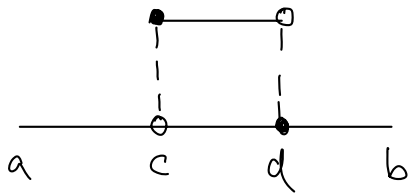
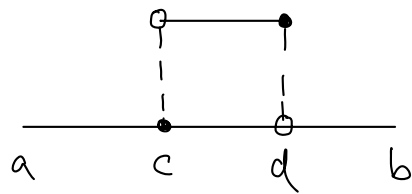
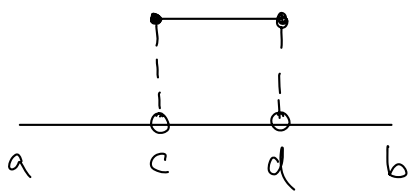
$$\text{If } \varphi_J(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } x \in J \\ 0 & \text{for } x \notin J \text{ (} x \in [a, b] \text{)} \end{cases}$$

then $\varphi_J \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ and $\int_a^b \varphi_J = d - c$.

Pf: There are 4 cases for J :

$J = [c, d], (c, d], [c, d)$ and (c, d)

and corresponding 4 cases of φ_J



All these 4 cases different from each others by a finitely many points (at most 2), therefore all 4 cases have the same integral by Thm 7.1.3

By Ex 7.1.13 (presented in tutorial), we have

$$\int_a^b \varphi_J = d - c \quad \text{for the case of } J = [c, d].$$

Hence $\int_a^b \varphi_J = d - c$ for all cases. ~~✗~~

Thm 7.2.5 If $\varphi: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a step function, then $\varphi \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$

(i.e. step functions are Riemann integrable)

Pf: Assume $\varphi(x) = k_i$ for $x \in I_i$

$$\left(I_i \cap I_j = \emptyset, \bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i = [a, b] \right)$$

Then by using the notations in Lemma 7.2.4,

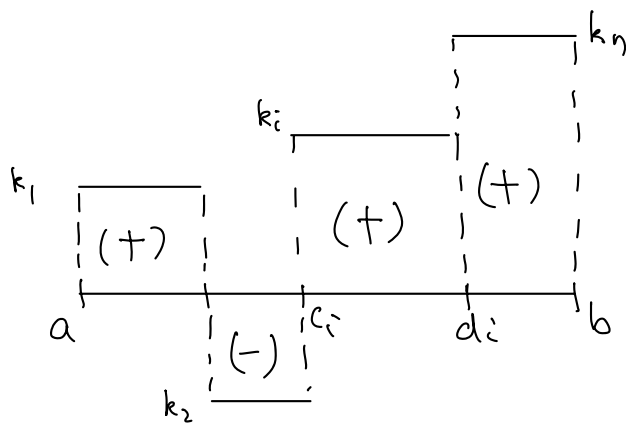
$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{\bar{x}=1}^n k_{\bar{x}} \varphi_{I_{\bar{x}}}(x).$$

Since $\varphi_{I_{\bar{x}}} \in \mathcal{R}[a,b]$, Thm 7.1.5 (a) & (b) $\Rightarrow \varphi \in \mathcal{R}[a,b]$ ~~***~~

Remark: Moreover,

if $I_{\bar{x}} = [c_{\bar{x}}, d_{\bar{x}}]$, $\bar{x}=1, \dots, n$, then Lemma 7.2.4 \Rightarrow

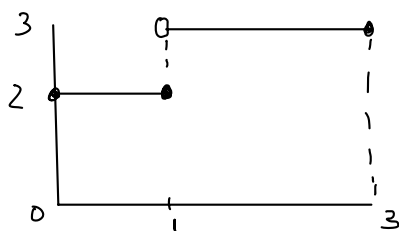
$$\int_a^b \varphi = \sum_{\bar{x}=1}^n k_{\bar{x}} \int_a^b \varphi_{I_{\bar{x}}} = \sum_{\bar{x}=1}^n k_{\bar{x}} (d_{\bar{x}} - c_{\bar{x}}).$$



Eg 7.2.6

(a) (Eg 7.1.4 (b) again)

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



is a step function.

Clearly $g(x) = 2 \varphi_{[0,1]}(x) + 3 \varphi_{(1,3]}(x) \in \mathcal{R}[0,3]$

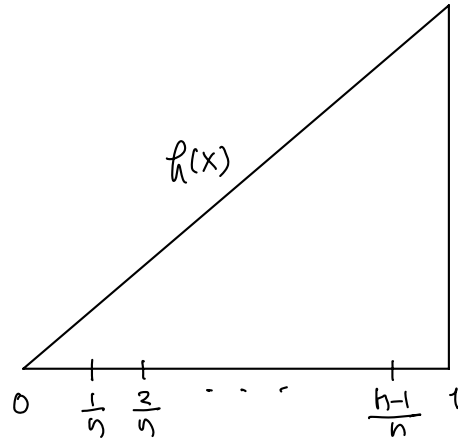
$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \int_a^b g &= 2 \int_a^b \varphi_{[0,1]} + 3 \int_a^b \varphi_{(1,3]} \\ &= 2 \cdot (1-0) + 3 \cdot (3-1) = 8 \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

(b) (eg 7.1.4 (c))

$f(x) = x$ on $[0,1]$.

Consider (uniform) partition

$$\mathcal{P}_n = \left\{ \left[\frac{k-1}{n}, \frac{k}{n} \right] \right\}_{k=1}^n$$

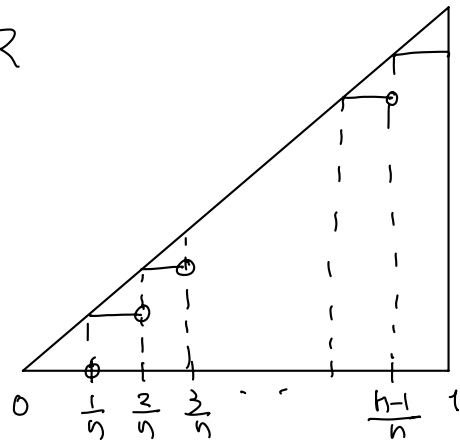


Define step functions $\alpha_n: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

by (for $k=1, \dots, n$)

$$\alpha_n(x) = \frac{k-1}{n} \quad \text{for } x \in \left[\frac{k-1}{n}, \frac{k}{n} \right),$$

$$\text{and } \alpha_n(1) = \frac{n-1}{n}$$

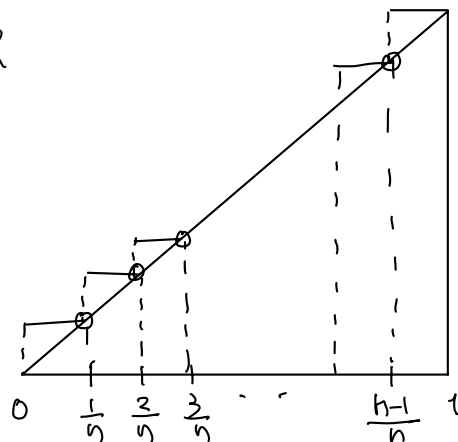


Define step functions $\omega_n: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

by (for $k=1, \dots, n$)

$$\omega_n(x) = \frac{k}{n} \quad \text{for } x \in \left[\frac{k-1}{n}, \frac{k}{n} \right),$$

$$\text{and } \omega_n(1) = 1$$



Then clearly $\alpha_n(x) \leq f(x) \leq \omega_n(x) \quad \forall x \in [0, 1]$,

$$\text{as } \alpha_n(x) = \min_{[\frac{k-1}{n}, \frac{k}{n}]} f(x) \quad \& \quad \omega_n(x) = \max_{[\frac{k-1}{n}, \frac{k}{n}]} f(x)$$

$$\text{for } x \in [\frac{k-1}{n}, \frac{k}{n}] \quad \left([\frac{n-1}{n}, 1] \text{ for } k=n \right)$$

By Thm 7.2.5

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \alpha_n &= 0 \cdot \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} + \frac{2}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \cdots + \frac{(n-1)}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} (1 + \cdots + (n-1)) = \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot \frac{(n-1)n}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \omega_n &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} + \frac{2}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} + \frac{3}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \cdots + \frac{n}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} (1 + \cdots + n) = \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence (by Thm 7.1.5) $\int_0^1 (\omega_n - \alpha_n) = \frac{1}{n}$

$\therefore \forall \varepsilon > 0$, choose n_ε st. $\frac{1}{n_\varepsilon} < \varepsilon$, then

$$\alpha_{n_\varepsilon}(x) \leq f(x) \leq \omega_{n_\varepsilon}(x) \quad \text{st.}$$

$$\int_0^1 (\omega_{n_\varepsilon} - \alpha_{n_\varepsilon}) = \frac{1}{n_\varepsilon} < \varepsilon$$

By Squeeze Thm (7.2.3), $f(x) = x \in \mathcal{R}[0,1]$.

Furthermore, by Thm 7.1.5

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n_\varepsilon}\right) = \int_0^1 \alpha_{n_\varepsilon} \leq \int_0^1 f \leq \int_0^1 \omega_{n_\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n_\varepsilon}\right)$$

Letting $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, we have $n_\varepsilon \rightarrow \infty$, and hence

$$\int_0^1 f = \frac{1}{2} \quad \#$$

Thm 7.2.7 If $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, then $f \in \mathcal{R}[a,b]$. ($-\infty < a < b < +\infty$)

(Continuous functions on closed & bounded interval are Riemann integrable)

Pf: By Thm 5.4.3, cont. functions on closed & bounded interval are uniformly continuous.

$\therefore \forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta_\varepsilon > 0$ (indep. of points) such that

if $|x-y| < \delta_\varepsilon$ ($x, y \in [a,b]$),

then $|f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{b-a}$

Then take any partition $\mathcal{P} = \{[x_{i-1}, x_i]\}_{i=1}^n$ such that

$\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta_\varepsilon$. (such \mathcal{P} always exists)

Since f is continuous

$$\exists x'_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i] \text{ such that } f(x'_i) = \min_{[x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(x) \text{ and}$$

$$\exists x''_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i] \text{ such that } f(x''_i) = \max_{[x_{i-1}, x_i]} f(x)$$

Define step functions

$$\alpha_\varepsilon(x) = \begin{cases} f(x'_i) & \text{for } x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i) \text{ for } i \neq n \\ f(x'_n) & \text{for } x \in [x_{n-1}, x_n] \end{cases}$$

and

$$\omega_\varepsilon(x) = \begin{cases} f(x''_i) & \text{for } x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i) \text{ for } i \neq n \\ f(x''_n) & \text{for } x \in [x_{n-1}, x_n] \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } \alpha_\varepsilon(x) \leq f(x) \leq \omega_\varepsilon(x) \quad \forall x \in [a, b].$$

Moreover,

$$\int_a^b (\omega_\varepsilon - \alpha_\varepsilon) = \sum_{i=1}^n (f(x''_i) - f(x'_i)) (x_i - x_{i-1})$$
$$< \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{b-a} \right) (x_i - x_{i-1})$$

$$\text{Since } x''_i, x'_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$$

$$\Rightarrow |x''_i - x'_i| \leq |x_i - x_{i-1}| \leq \|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta_\varepsilon$$

$$\therefore \int_a^b (\omega_\varepsilon - \alpha_\varepsilon) < \frac{\varepsilon}{b-a} \cdot (b-a) = \varepsilon$$

Hence Squeeze Thm (7.2.3) $\Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$ ~~✗~~

Thm 7.2.8 If $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is monotone on $[a, b]$, ($-\infty < a < b < +\infty$)
then $f \in \mathcal{R}[a, b]$

Pf: Suppose f is increasing (decreasing are similar)

Take uniform partition $\mathcal{P} = \{ [x_{i-1}, x_i] \}_{i=1}^n$ such that

$$x_i - x_{i-1} = \frac{b-a}{n} \quad \forall i=1, 2, \dots, n \quad (\text{with } x_0 = a)$$

Then $f(x_{i-1}) \leq f(x) \leq f(x_i)$, $\forall x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$ ($\forall i=1, \dots, n$)

Define step functions

$$\alpha_n(x) = \begin{cases} f(x_{i-1}), & x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i) \\ f(x_{n-1}), & x \in [x_{n-1}, x_n] \end{cases}$$

and
$$\omega_n(x) = \begin{cases} f(x_i), & x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i) \\ f(x_n), & x \in [x_{n-1}, x_n] \end{cases}$$

Then $\alpha_n(x) \leq f(x) \leq \omega_n(x)$, $\forall x \in [a, b]$

and
$$\int_a^b \alpha_n = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_{i-1})(x_i - x_{i-1})$$

$$= \frac{b-a}{n} [f(x_0) + f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{n-1})]$$

$$\int_a^b \omega_n = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)(x_i - x_{i-1})$$

$$= \frac{b-a}{n} [f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_n)]$$

$$\therefore \int_a^b (\omega_n - \alpha_n) = \frac{b-a}{n} [f(x_n) - f(x_0)] = \frac{(b-a)(f(b) - f(a))}{n}$$

Hence $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $\exists n_\varepsilon > \frac{(b-a)(f(b) - f(a))}{\varepsilon}$ s.t.

$$\alpha_{n_\varepsilon}(x) \leq f(x) \leq \omega_{n_\varepsilon}(x), \quad \forall x \in [a, b] \quad \&$$

$$\int_a^b (\omega_{n_\varepsilon} - \alpha_{n_\varepsilon}) < \varepsilon$$

$\therefore f \in R[a, b]$ by Squeeze Thm 7.23 ~~✘~~