

Eg 7.3.11 $\mathbb{Q}_1 =$ set of rational numbers in $[0,1]$ is a null set.
(set of measure zero)

Pf: \mathbb{Q}_1 is countable and can be written as

$$\mathbb{Q}_1 = \{r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots\}$$

Given $\varepsilon > 0$, define open intervals

$$J_k = \left(r_k - \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{k+1}}, r_k + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{k+1}} \right), \quad k=1,2,\dots$$

Clearly $r_k \in J_k$ and length of $J_k = \frac{\varepsilon}{2^k}$.

$$\therefore \mathbb{Q}_1 \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} J_k \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \text{length of } J_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varepsilon}{2^k} = \varepsilon.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, \mathbb{Q}_1 is a null set.

Note: From the proof, it is clear that it doesn't use the fact that r_k are rational. Hence, the proof can be used to prove that:

Every countable set is a null set (set of measure zero)

("countable infinite" can be proved similarly,

"countable finite" are included by dropping the tail of the infinite series)

Thm 7.3.12 (Lebesgue's Integrability Criterion)

A bounded function $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Riemann integrable if and only if it is continuous almost everywhere on $[a, b]$

(Pf: Omitted. See App. C of the Textbook)

Eg 7.3.13

(a) Every step function on $[a, b]$ is bdd & has a finite set of points of discontinuity which is a set of measure zero and hence every step function on $[a, b]$ is Riemann integrable.

(b) Every monotone function on $[a, b]$ is Riemann integrable

In fact, monotone functions are bounded &
Thm 5.6.4 \Rightarrow set of points of discontinuity of a monotonic function is countable.

Hence, it is a null set.

\therefore Lebesgue's Integrability criterion \Rightarrow it is Riemann integrable

(c) (eg 7.1.4(d))

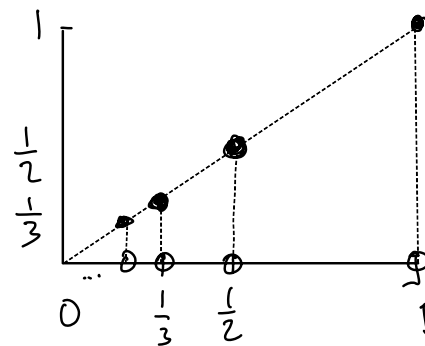
$$G(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & \text{if } x = \frac{1}{n} \quad (n=1, 2, \dots) \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere on } [0, 1] \end{cases}$$

is bounded, and

$$\text{Set of discontinuity} = \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots \right\}$$

is countable hence measure zero.

Lebesgue's Integrability criterion $\Rightarrow G(x)$ is Riemann integrable



(d) (Eg 7.2.2 (b), not integrable)

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

is bounded.

set of discontinuity = $[0, 1]$ (discontinuous at every $x \in [0, 1]$)

which can be shown that it is not a null set (omitted)

\therefore Lebesgue's Integrability criterion \Rightarrow

Dirichlet function is not Riemann integrable.

(e) (eg 7.1.7) Thomae's function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & \text{if } x = \frac{m}{n} \in [0,1] \text{ \& } \begin{matrix} \in \mathbb{N} = \{1,2,3,\dots\} \\ \neq 0 \end{matrix} \text{ \& } m, n \text{ have no common factors} \\ 1, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational \& } x \in [0,1]. \end{cases}$$

(gcd(m,n)=1)

is bounded \& (by eg 5.1.6 (ii))

set of discontinuity = \mathbb{Q} , (set of rational numbers in $[0,1]$)

which is of measure zero (eg 7.3.11)

\therefore Lebesgue's Integrability criterion \Rightarrow

Thomae's function is Riemann integrable on $[0,1]$.