

What is the different between the correct statement in definition of Riemann integrable

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

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

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

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

and the incorrect statement: ?

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

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

$$|S(f; \dot{\mathcal{P}}) - L| < \varepsilon \text{ for some } L \in \mathbb{R}$$

(with this incorrect statement, 8 out of 10 points will be deducted in Question 6(a) in the midterm.)

Note that in a logical statement involving several quantifiers: " \forall " & " \exists ", the order of

" \forall " & " \exists " cannot be interchanged!

In the incorrect statement above, one can only
required to find one $L \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$|S(f, \delta) - L| < \varepsilon \text{ is correct}$$

(after given $\varepsilon > 0$, δ and so on).

But it is trivially satisfied, because $S(f, \delta)$
is a real number, and taking $L = S(f, \delta) \in \mathbb{R}$,
we have $|S(f, \delta) - L| = 0 < \varepsilon$.

So every function f satisfies the incorrect statement,
which is clearly a "big" mistake.