

(23) Recall:  $f$  is integrable over  $E$  if

$$\int_E f = \int_E f^+ - \int_E f^-$$

is defined and finite.

Prop 23.1: Let  $f$  be a measurable function defined on a measurable set  $E$ . Then  $f$  is integrable in  $E$  if and only if  $|f|$  is integrable in  $E$ . If they are both integrable, then:

$$\left| \int_E f \right| \leq \int_E |f|. \quad (1)$$

Proof: Assume that  $f$  is integrable on  $E$ . Then, by Remark 22.1,  $f^+$  and  $f^-$  are integrable on  $E$ . Thus by Th 21.1 (ii),  $f^+ + f^-$  is integrable on  $E$ . But

$$|f| = f^+ + f^-. \quad (2)$$

Hence,  $|f|$  is integrable. Assume that  $|f|$  is integrable on  $E$ .

From (2),  $0 \leq f^+ \leq |f|$ . Hence, by Th 21.1:

$$0 \leq \int_E f^+ \leq \int_E |f| < +\infty.$$

Thus  $f^+$  is integrable. Similarly we obtain that  $f^-$  is integrable and so is  $f$  by Remark 22.1.

(1) follows from Th 22. (iii) and (i). Indeed:

$$-|f| \leq f \leq |f|$$

Thus

$$-\int_E |f| \leq \int_E f \leq \int_E |f|.$$

The latter implies (1).

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Therefore, for the Lebesgue integral integrability and absolute integrability are equivalent. It is not so for the Riemann integral.

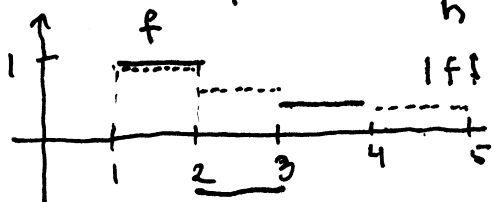
Ex : Define  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ -1, & x \in [0, 1] \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

$f$  is not Riemann integrable in  $[0, 1]$  but  $|f| \equiv 1$  is.  $f$  and  $|f|$  are both Lebesgue integrable on  $[0, 1]$  with the integral 0.

Ex : Consider  $f: [1, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as :

$$f(x) = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}, \quad x \in [n, n+1), \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$



It is easy to prove that

$$\int_1^{+\infty} f(x) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} < +\infty$$

Yet,  $\int_{[1, +\infty)} |f| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = +\infty$ . Thus,  $|f|$  is not Lebesgue integrable

in  $[1, +\infty)$  and  $f$  is not either. Hence, for functions which are not necessarily nonnegative, summability in the sense of Riemann and summability in the sense of Lebesgue are different.

Prop 23.2 Let  $f$  be integrable over  $E$ ,  $g$  be measurable and defined on  $E$ .

If

$$|g| \leq f \text{ a.e. on } E,$$

then  $g$  is integrable on  $E$ .

Proof : By Th 21.1 :

$$0 \leq \int_E |g| \leq \int_E f < +\infty$$

So  $|g|$  is integrable and, by Prop 23.1, so is  $g$ .

Lemma 23.1 : Let  $\langle a_n \rangle_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence from  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$(a) \quad \underline{\lim} (c - a_n) = c - \overline{\lim} a_n \quad (b) \quad \underline{\lim} (c + a_n) = c + \underline{\lim} a_n$$

Proof : Easy from Th 14.3.

Th 23.1 (The Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem): Let  $g$  be integrable over  $E$ . Let  $f_n, n=1,2,\dots$ , be measurable functions defined on  $E$  such that:

$$|f_n| \leq g \quad \text{on } E \quad \text{for } n=1,2,\dots \quad (3)$$

Assume that for some function  $f$  defined on  $E$  we have:

$$f_n \rightarrow f \quad \text{a.e. on } E \quad (4)$$

Then  $f, f_n, n=1,2,\dots$ , are integrable on  $E$  and

$$\int_E f = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_n. \quad (5)$$

Proof:  $f$  is measurable as an a.e. limit of measurable functions.

By Prop. 23.2,  $f_n$  are all integrable on  $E$  for  $n=1,2,\dots$ . Observe that  $|f_n| \rightarrow |f|$  a.e. on  $E$  by (4). Thus from (3):

$$|f| \leq g \quad \text{a.e. on } E.$$

By Prop 23.2,  $f$  is integrable on  $E$ . To prove (5) observe that by (3):

$$-g \leq f_n \leq g \quad \text{on } E \quad \text{for } n=1,2,\dots.$$

Hence:

$$g - f_n \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f_n + g \geq 0 \quad \text{on } E \quad \text{for } n=1,2,\dots \quad (6)$$

We have also:

$$g - f_n \rightarrow g - f \quad \text{a.e. on } E, \quad f_n + g \rightarrow f + g \quad \text{a.e. on } E. \quad (7)$$

By (6) and (7) we can apply Fatou's Lemma to both sequences.

We obtain:

$$\int_E (g - f) \stackrel{\text{Th 22.1}}{=} \int_E g - \int_E f \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E (g - f_n) \stackrel{\text{Th 22.1}}{=} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_E g - \int_E f_n \right).$$

From Lemma 23.1 :

$$\int_E g - \int_E f \leq \int_E g - \overline{\lim} \int_E f_n.$$

Thus :

$$\int_E f \geq \overline{\lim} \int_E f_n. \quad (8)$$

Applying Fatou's Lemma to  $\langle g + f_n \rangle$ , we obtain :

$$\int_E (g + f) = \int_E g + \int_E f \leq \underline{\lim} \int_E (g + f_n) = \underline{\lim} \left( \int_E g + \int_E f_n \right).$$

By Lemma 23.1 :

$$\int_E g + \int_E f \leq \int_E g + \underline{\lim} \int_E f_n.$$

Thus

$$\int_E f \leq \underline{\lim} \int_E f_n. \quad (9).$$

(9) and (8) give :

$$\int_E f \leq \underline{\lim} \int_E f_n \leq \overline{\lim} \int_E f_n \leq \int_E f.$$

The latter implies (5). ■

Prop 23.3 : Th 23.1 remains valid for extended real-valued functions  $f, f_n, g, n=1,2,\dots$  with the assumption

$$|f_n| \leq g \text{ on } E \text{ for } n=1,2,\dots$$

replaced by

$$|f_n| \leq g \text{ a.e. on } E. \quad \blacktriangle$$