

Riemann integration

Partition (Division) of an interval.

Let $[a, b]$ be a closed bounded interval.

By a partition P of $[a, b]$ we mean a finite ordered subset $\{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

of $[a, b]$ such that $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{n-1} < x_n = b$

Such a partition P is often denoted by $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n = b\}$

Upper and Lower (Riemann) Sums. (or Darboux Sums)

Let f be a bounded function defined on a closed bounded interval $[a, b]$, $a < b$

Let $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = b\}$ be any partition of $[a, b]$ and let

$\Delta x_r =$ the length of the sub-interval $[x_{r-1}, x_r]$; $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

Since f is bounded in $[a, b]$, therefore it is necessary by bdd in each sub-interval Δx_r :

Let M_r denote the l.u.b and m_r denote the g.l.b (infimum) of f in $[x_{r-1}, x_r]$; $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

We form the sums $U(P, f) = \sum_{r=1}^n M_r \Delta x_r$

and $L(P, f) = \sum_{r=1}^n m_r \Delta x_r$. . . (1)

Then $U(P, f)$ is called the upper Riemann sum of f on $[a, b]$ corresponding to the partition P . And $L(P, f)$ is called the lower Riemann sum of f corresponding to the partition P .