

eg 5: let $R = [0,1] \times [0,1]$

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if both } x \text{ and } y \text{ are rational} \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then f is not integrable over R .

(using (ii))

Soln: \forall (subdivision) partition P of $R = R_1 \cup \dots \cup R_n$

One can find points $(x_k, y_k) \in R_k$, for any k , such that both x_k, y_k are rational. (Why?)

Then corresponding Riemann sum equals

$$S'_n(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k, y_k) \Delta A_k = \sum_{k=1}^n 0 \cdot \Delta A_k = 0$$

$\rightarrow 0$ as $\|P\| \rightarrow 0$.

On the other hand, we can also find $(x'_k, y'_k) \in R_k$ such that at least one of the x'_k, y'_k is irrational (why?)

Then corresponding Riemann sum equals

$$S''_n(f, P) = \sum_{k=1}^n f(x'_k, y'_k) \Delta A_k = \sum_{k=1}^n 1 \cdot \Delta A_k$$

$$= \text{Area}(R) = 1$$

$\rightarrow 1$ as $\|P\| \rightarrow 0$.

Since $S'_n(f, P) \rightarrow 0 \neq 1 \leftarrow S''_n(f, P)$,

f is not integrable. ~~✗~~

eg 6: Let $R = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{xy} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \text{ and } y \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0 \end{cases}$$

Then f is not integrable over R .

(using (i))

Solu: In any partition P of R ,

there is a sub-rectangle

$$R_1 = [0, t_1] \times [0, s_1].$$

Choose $(x_1, y_1) = (t_1^2, s_1^2) \in R_1$

(since $0 < t_1^2 < t_1 < 1$, $0 < s_1^2 < s_1 < 1$)

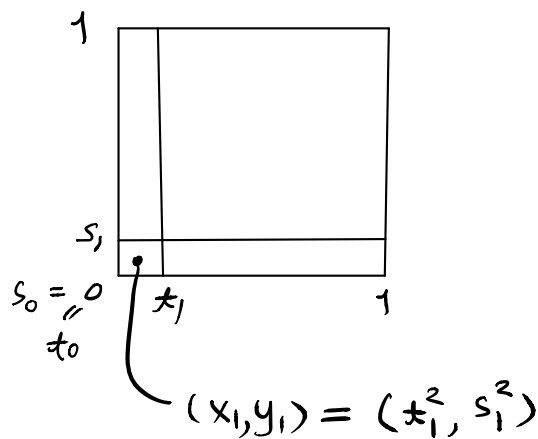
Then Riemann sum

$$\begin{aligned} S(f, P) &= \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k, y_k) \Delta A_k \\ &= f(x_1, y_1) \Delta A_1 + \underbrace{\sum_{k=2}^n f(x_k, y_k) \Delta A_k}_{\neq 0} \\ &\geq f(t_1^2, s_1^2) \Delta A_1 \\ &= \frac{1}{t_1^2 s_1^2} \cdot t_1 s_1 \\ &= \frac{1}{t_1 s_1} \end{aligned}$$

Since $0 < t_1, s_1 \leq \|P\| \rightarrow 0$, $t_1, s_1 \rightarrow 0$

Hence $S(f, P) \geq \frac{1}{t_1 s_1} \rightarrow \infty$ as $\|P\| \rightarrow 0$, i.e. limit doesn't exist.

$\therefore f$ is not integrable. \times



Remark: Egs 5 & 6 show that we need "conditions" to ensure the integrability of a function over closed rectangle.

Prop 1: Let $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ be a closed rectangle, and $f(x, y)$ be an integrable function over R , then f is bounded on R .

(i.e. $\exists M > 0$ such that " $|f(x, y)| \leq M, \forall (x, y) \in R$ ".)

Pf: Omitted (eg 6 above gives an idea of proof.)

Remark: From eg 5, "boundedness" is necessary, but not sufficient for integrability.

integrable \Rightarrow bounded
 ~~\Leftarrow~~
(\Leftarrow in general)

Prop 2: Let $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ be a closed rectangle, and $f(x, y)$ be a continuous function on R , then f is integrable on R .

Pf: Omitted (See proof in 1-variable case in MATH2060 for an idea of proof.)

Remarks : (i) Note that a continuous function on closed rectangle is always bounded (Props 1 & 2 are consistent)
(MATH2050 for 1-variable situation)

(ii) "continuity" (on closed rectangle) is sufficient, but not necessary.

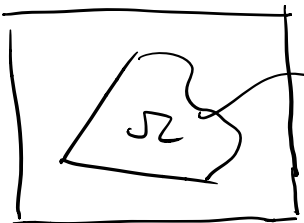
In fact, Prop 2 can be generalized to a bounded function on a closed rectangle with a "small" set of discontinuity. The precise concept is "measure zero set" (MATH4050 Real Analysis).

For us, we have

Prop 2' For function over closed rectangle

(a) bounded + "continuous except finitely many points"
 \Rightarrow integrable.

(b) bounded + "continuous except finitely many differentiable curves"
 \Rightarrow integrable

eg  $f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \text{continuous on } \Omega \text{ (and bounded)} \\ 0, \text{ otherwise (outside } \Omega) \end{cases}$

