

# MATH5011 Real Analysis I

## Exercise 1 Suggested Solution

Notations in the notes are used.

- (1) Show that every open set in  $\mathbb{R}$  can be written as a countable union of mutually disjoint open intervals. Hint: First show that every point  $x$  in this open set is contained in a largest open interval  $I_x$ . Next, for any  $x, y$ ,  $I_x$  and  $I_y$  either coincide and disjoint. Finally, argue there are at most countably many such intervals.

Solution:

Let  $V$  be open in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Fix  $x \in V$ ,  $\exists$  at least one open interval  $I$ ,  $x \in I$ ,  $I \subseteq V$ . Let  $I_\alpha = (a_\alpha, b_\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ , be all intervals with this property. Let

$$I_x = (a_x, b_x), a_x = \inf_{\alpha} a_\alpha, b_x = \sup_{\alpha} b_\alpha.$$

satisfy  $x \in I_x$ ,  $I_x \subseteq V$ . It is obvious that  $I_x \cap I_y \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow I_x = I_y$ . So

$$V = \bigcup_{x \in V} I_x.$$

As you can pick a rational number in each  $I_x$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable,

$$V = \bigcup_{x_j \in V} I_{x_j}.$$

- (2) Let  $\Psi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous. Show that  $\Psi(f, g)$  are measurable for any measurable functions  $f, g$ . This result contains Proposition 1.3 as a special case.

Solution:

Note that every open set  $G \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  can be written as a countable union of set of the form  $V_1 \times V_2$  where  $V_1, V_2$  open in  $\mathbb{R}$ . (Think of  $V_1 \times V_2 = (a, b) \times (c, d)$ ,  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q}$ ).

Let  $G \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  be open. Then  $\Phi^{-1}(G)$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , so

$$\Phi^{-1}(G) = \bigcup_n (V_n^1 \times V_n^2),$$

Then

$$h^{-1}(\Phi^{-1}(G)) = \bigcup_n h^{-1}(V_n^1 \times V_n^2) = \bigcup_n f^{-1}(V_n^1) \cap g^{-1}(V_n^2)$$

is measurable since  $f$  and  $g$  are measurable. Hence  $h = (f, g)$ .

- (3) Show that  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is measurable if and only if  $f^{-1}([a, b])$  is measurable for all  $a, b \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ .

Solution:

By def  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  is measurable if  $f^{-1}(G)$  is measurable.  $\forall G$  open in  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ . Every open set  $G$  in  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$  can be written as a countable union of  $(a, b)$ ,  $[-\infty, a)$ ,  $(b, \infty]$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . So  $f$  is measurable iff  $f^{-1}(a, b)$ ,  $f^{-1}[-\infty, a)$ ,  $f^{-1}(b, \infty]$  are measurable.

$\Rightarrow$ ) Use

$$f^{-1}(a, b) = \bigcap_n f^{-1}(a - \frac{1}{n}, b + \frac{1}{n})$$

$$f^{-1}[-\infty, a) = \bigcap_n f^{-1}[-\infty, a + \frac{1}{n})$$

$$f^{-1}(b, \infty] = \bigcap_n f^{-1}(b - \frac{1}{n}, \infty]$$

$\Leftrightarrow$ ) Use

$$f^{-1}(a, b) = \bigcup_n f^{-1}\left[a - \frac{1}{n}, b + \frac{1}{n}\right]$$

$$f^{-1}[-\infty, a) = \bigcap_n f^{-1}\left[-\infty, a - \frac{1}{n}\right]$$

$$f^{-1}(b, \infty] = \bigcap_n f^{-1}\left[b + \frac{1}{n}, \infty\right].$$

(4) Let  $f, g, f_k, k \geq 1$ , be measurable functions from  $X$  to  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ .

(a) Show that  $\{x : f(x) < g(x)\}$  and  $\{x : f(x) = g(x)\}$  are measurable sets.

(b) Show that  $\{x : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x) \text{ exists and is finite}\}$  is measurable.

Solution:

(a) Suffice to show  $\{x : F(x) > 0\}$  and  $\{x : F(x) = 0\}$  are measurable. If  $F$  is measurable, use

$$\{x : F(x) > 0\} = F^{-1}(0, \infty]$$

$$\{x : F(x) = 0\} = F^{-1}[0, \infty] \cap F^{-1}[-\infty, 0]$$

(b) Since  $g(x) = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x)$  and  $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x)$  are measurable.

$$\{x : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x) \text{ exists}\} = \{x : \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x) = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x)\}$$

On the other hand, the set  $\{x : g(x) < +\infty\}$  is also measurable, so is their intersection.

(5) There are two conditions (i) and (ii) in the definition of a measure  $\mu$  on  $(X, \mathcal{M})$ . Show that (i) can be replaced by the “nontriviality condition”: There exists some  $E \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\mu(E) < \infty$ .

Solution:

If  $\mu$  is a measure satisfying the nontriviality condition and (ii), let  $A_1 = E$ ,  $A_i = \phi$  for  $i \geq 2$  in ii),

$$\infty > \mu(E) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i) \geq \mu(A_1) + \mu(A_2) = \mu(E) + \mu(\phi)$$

so  $0 \geq \mu(\phi) \geq 0$ . We have  $\mu$  is a measure satisfying (i) and (ii).

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(6) Let  $\{A_k\}$  be measurable and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_k) < \infty$  and

$$A = \{x \in X : x \in A_k \text{ for infinitely many } k\}.$$

(a) Show that  $A$  is measurable.

(b) Show that  $\mu(A) = 0$ .

This is Borel-Cantelli lemma, google for more.

Solution

(a) Note that

$$A = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k \geq n} A_k.$$

This is clearly measurable.

(b) Since  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_k) < \infty$ , we have  $\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \mu(A_k) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$A \subset \bigcup_{k \geq n} A_k$$

and so

$$\mu(A) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \mu(A_k)$$

Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\mu(A) = 0$ .

- (7) Let  $T$  be a map from a measure space  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  onto a set  $Y$ . Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be the set of all subsets  $N$  of  $Y$  satisfying  $T^{-1}(N) \in \mathcal{M}$ . Show that the triple  $(Y, \mathcal{N}, \lambda)$  where  $\lambda(N) = \mu(T^{-1}(N))$  is a measure space.

Solution:

First, we show  $\mathcal{N}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra in  $Y$ . This follows from the relations

$$\begin{aligned} T^{-1}(Y) &= X, \\ T^{-1}(Y \setminus A) &= X \setminus T^{-1}(A), \\ T^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) &= \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} T^{-1}(A_n), \end{aligned}$$

for any  $A, A_n \in \mathcal{N}$ . Let  $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a disjoint countable collection of  $\mathcal{N}$ , then  $\{T^{-1}(A_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a disjoint countable collection of  $\mathcal{M}$ , and

$$\lambda\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \mu\left(T^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right)\right) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} T^{-1}(A_n)\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(T^{-1}(A_n)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda(A_n).$$

This proves the countably additivity of  $\lambda$ , and hence the triple  $(Y, \mathcal{N}, \lambda)$  where  $\lambda(N) = \mu(T^{-1}(N))$  is a measure space.

- (8) In Theorem 1.6 we approximate a non-negative measurable function  $f$  by an increasing sequence of simple functions from below. Can we approximate  $f$  by a decreasing sequence of simple functions from above? A necessary condition is that  $f$  must be bounded in  $X$ , that is,  $f(x) \leq M$ ,  $\forall x \in X$  for some  $M$ . Under this condition, show that this is possible.

Solution:

$f(X) \subseteq [0, M]$ , we can divide  $[0, M]$  into subintervals

$$I_j^k = \left[ \frac{jM}{2^k}, \frac{(j+1)M}{2^k} \right),$$

for  $j=0,1,2,\dots,2^k-2$

$$I_{2^k-1}^k = \left[ \frac{(2^k-1)M}{2^k}, M \right],$$

define  $\varphi_k(t) = \frac{(j+1)M}{2^k}$  if  $t \in I_j$ . As  $I_{2j}^{k+1} \cup I_{2j+1}^{k+1} \subseteq I_j^k$ ,  $\varphi_k(t)$  is a decreasing sequence (so is  $\varphi_k(f(x))$ ) and  $\varphi_k(f(x))$  is simple function satisfying the following inequality :

$$\varphi_k(f(x)) \geq f(x) \geq \varphi_k(f(x)) - \frac{M}{2^k}.$$

Hence  $\varphi_k(f(x))$  is a decreasing sequence of simple functions which converges uniformly to  $f$  over  $X$ .

- (9) A measure space is *complete* if every subset of a *null set*, that is, a set of measure zero, is measurable. This problem shows that every measure space can be extended to become a complete measure. It will be used later.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  be a measure space. Let  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$  contain all sets  $E$  such that there exist  $A, B \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $A \subset E \subset B$ ,  $\mu(B \setminus A) = 0$ . Show that  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra containing  $\mathcal{M}$  and if we set  $\widetilde{\mu}(E) = \mu(A)$ , then  $(X, \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}, \widetilde{\mu})$  is a complete measure space.

Solution:

We see that  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$  contains  $\mathcal{M}$  by taking  $E = A = B$  for any  $E \in \mathcal{M}$ . Suppose  $E_i \in \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ ,  $B_i \subseteq E_i \subseteq A_i$  where  $B_i, A_i \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\mu(A_i \setminus B_i) = 0$ , then

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$$

and

$$\mu\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \setminus \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i\right) \leq \mu\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \setminus B_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i \setminus B_i) = 0.$$

We have  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$  is in  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ . If  $A \supseteq E \supseteq B$ , then

$$X \setminus A \subseteq X \setminus E \subseteq X \setminus B$$

and

$$\mu((X \setminus B) \setminus (X \setminus A)) = \mu(A \setminus B).$$

Hence  $X \setminus E$  is in  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$  is a  $\sigma$  algebra. We check that  $\tilde{\mu}$  is a measure on  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ . Obviously  $\tilde{\mu}(\phi) = 0$ . Let  $E_i$  be mutually disjoint  $\tilde{\mu}$  measurable set,  $\exists B_i, A_i$   $\mu$  measurable s.t

$$A_i \subseteq E_i \subseteq B_i$$

and

$$\mu(B_i \setminus A_i) = 0.$$

Using above argument, we have  $\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = 0$ , And  $A_i$  are mutually disjoint,

$$\tilde{\mu}(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i) = \mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\mu}(E_i).$$

So  $\tilde{\mu}$  is a measure on  $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ .

Finally, we check that  $\tilde{\mu}$  is a complete measure, let  $E$  be a  $\tilde{\mu}$  measurable and null set, for all subset  $C \subseteq E$ , we have  $\exists A, B \in \mathcal{M}$  s.t.  $A \subseteq E \subseteq B$  and  $\mu(A) = \mu(B) = 0$ . Therefore

$$\phi \subseteq C \subseteq B$$

and

$$\mu(B) = 0.$$

We have  $C \in \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ .

- (10) Here we review Riemann integral. Let  $f$  be a bounded function defined on  $[a, b]$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Given any partition  $P = \{a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = b\}$  on  $[a, b]$  and tags  $z_j \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]$ , there corresponds a *Riemann sum* of  $f$  given by  $R(f, P, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f(z_j)(x_{j+1} - x_j)$ . The function  $f$  is called *Riemann integrable* with integral  $L$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists some  $\delta$  such that

$$|R(f, P, \mathbf{z}) - L| < \varepsilon,$$

whenever  $\|P\| < \delta$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  is any tag on  $P$ . (Here  $\|P\| = \max_{j=0}^{n-1} |x_{j+1} - x_j|$  is the length of the partition.) Show that

- (a) For any partition  $P$ , define its *Darboux upper* and *lower sums* by

$$\overline{R}(f, P) = \sum_j \sup \{f(x) : x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]\} (x_{j+1} - x_j),$$

and

$$\underline{R}(f, P) = \sum_j \inf \{f(x) : x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]\} (x_{j+1} - x_j)$$

respectively. Show that for any sequence of partitions  $\{P_n\}$  satisfying  $\|P_n\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \overline{R}(f, P_n)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underline{R}(f, P_n)$  exist.

- (b)  $\{P_n\}$  as above. Show that  $f$  is Riemann integrable if and only if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \overline{R}(f, P_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underline{R}(f, P_n) = L.$$

- (c) A set  $E$  in  $[a, b]$  is called *of measure zero* if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a countable subintervals  $J_n$  satisfying  $\sum_n |J_n| < \varepsilon$  such that  $E \subset \bigcup_n J_n$ . Prove Lebesgue's theorem which asserts that  $f$  is Riemann integrable if and only if the set consisting of all discontinuity points of  $f$  is a set of

measure zero. Google for help if necessary.

Solution:

(a) It suffices to show: For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $\delta$  such that

$$0 \leq \overline{R}(f, P) - \overline{R}(f) < \varepsilon,$$

and

$$0 \leq \underline{R}(f) - \underline{R}(f, P) < \varepsilon,$$

for any partition  $P$ ,  $\|P\| < \delta$ , where

$$\overline{R}(f) = \inf_P \overline{R}(f, P),$$

and

$$\underline{R}(f) = \sup_P \underline{R}(f, P).$$

If it is true, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \overline{R}(f, P_n)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underline{R}(f, P_n)$  exist and equal to  $\overline{R}(f)$  and  $\underline{R}(f)$  respectively.

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a partition  $Q$  such that

$$\overline{R}(f) + \varepsilon/2 > \overline{R}(f, Q).$$

Let  $m$  be the number of partition points of  $Q$  (excluding the endpoints). Consider any partition  $P$  and let  $R$  be the partition by putting together  $P$  and  $Q$ . Note that the number of subintervals in  $P$  which contain some partition points of  $Q$  in its interior must be less than or equal to  $m$ . Denote the indices of the collection of these subintervals in  $P$  by  $J$ .

We have

$$0 \leq \bar{R}(f, P) - \bar{R}(f, R) \leq \sum_{j \in J} 2M \Delta x_j \leq 2M \times m \|P\|,$$

where  $M = \sup_{[a,b]} |f|$ , because the contributions of  $\bar{R}(f, P)$  and  $\bar{R}(f, Q)$  from the subintervals not in  $J$  cancel out. Hence, by the fact that  $R$  is a refinement of  $Q$ ,

$$\bar{R}(f) + \varepsilon/2 > \bar{R}(f, Q) \geq \bar{R}(f, R) \geq \bar{R}(f, P) - 2Mm\|P\|,$$

i.e.,

$$0 \leq \bar{R}(f, P) - \bar{R}(f) < \varepsilon/2 + 2Mm\|P\|.$$

Now, we choose

$$\delta < \frac{\varepsilon}{1 + 4Mm},$$

Then for  $P$ ,  $\|P\| < \delta$ ,

$$0 \leq \bar{R}(f, P) - \bar{R}(f) < \varepsilon.$$

Similarly, one can prove the second inequality.

- (b) With the result in part a, it suffices to prove the following result: Let  $f$  be bounded on  $[a, b]$ . Then  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$  if and only if  $\bar{R}(f) = \underline{R}(f)$ . When this holds,  $L = \bar{R}(f) = \underline{R}(f)$ .

According to the definition of integrability, when  $f$  is integrable, there exists some  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  so that for any given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that for all partitions  $P$  with  $\|P\| < \delta$ ,

$$|R(f, P, z) - L| < \varepsilon/2,$$

holds for any tags  $z$ . Let  $(P_1, z_1)$  be another tagged partition. By the

triangle inequality we have

$$|R(f, P, z) - R(f, P_1, z_1)| \leq |R(f, P, z) - L| + |R(f, P_1, z_1) - L| < \varepsilon/2 + \varepsilon/2 = \varepsilon.$$

Since the tags are arbitrary, it implies

$$\overline{R}(f, P) - \underline{R}(f, P) \leq \varepsilon.$$

As a result,

$$0 \leq \overline{R}(f) - \underline{R}(f) \leq \overline{R}(f, P) - \underline{R}(f, P) \leq \varepsilon.$$

Note that the first inequality comes from the definition of the upper/lower Riemann integrals. Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary,  $\overline{R}(f) = \underline{R}(f)$ .

Conversely, using  $\overline{R}(f) = \underline{R}(f)$  in part a, we know that for  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta$  such that

$$0 \leq \overline{R}(f, P) - \underline{R}(f, P) < \varepsilon,$$

for all partitions  $P$ ,  $\|P\| < \delta$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} R(f, P, z) - \underline{R}(f) &\leq \overline{R}(f, P) - \underline{R}(f) \\ &\leq \overline{R}(f, P) - \underline{R}(f, P) \\ &< \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

and similarly,

$$\overline{R}(f) - R(f, P, z) \leq \overline{R}(f, P) - \underline{R}(f, P) < \varepsilon.$$

As  $\overline{R}(f) = \underline{R}(f)$ , combining these two inequalities yields

$$|R(f, P, z) - \underline{R}(f)| < \varepsilon,$$

for all  $P$ ,  $\|P\| < \delta$ , so  $f$  is integrable, where  $L = \underline{R}(f)$ .

(c) For any bounded  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  and  $x \in [a, b]$ , its **oscillation** at  $x$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(f, x) &= \inf_{\delta} \{(\sup f(y) - \inf f(y)) : y \in (x - \delta, x + \delta) \cap [a, b]\} \\ &= \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \{(\sup f(y) - \inf f(y)) : y \in (x - \delta, x + \delta) \cap [a, b]\}. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that  $\omega(f, x) = 0$  if and only if  $f$  is continuous at  $x$ . The set of discontinuity of  $f$ ,  $D$ , can be written as  $D = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} O(k)$ , where  $O(k) = \{x \in [a, b] : \omega(f, x) \geq 1/k\}$ . Suppose that  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$ . It suffices to show that each  $O(k)$  is of measure zero. Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , by Integrability of  $f$ , we can find a partition  $P$  such that

$$\overline{R}(f, P) - \underline{R}(f, P) < \varepsilon/2k.$$

Let  $J$  be the index set of those subintervals of  $P$  which contains some elements of  $O(k)$  in their interiors. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j \in J} |I_j| &\leq \sum_{j \in J} (\sup_{I_j} f - \inf_{I_j} f) \Delta x_j \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n (\sup_{I_j} f - \inf_{I_j} f) \Delta x_j \\ &= \overline{R}(f, P) - \underline{R}(f, P) \\ &< \varepsilon/2k. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{j \in J} |I_j| < \varepsilon/2.$$

Now, the only possibility that an element of  $O(k)$  is not contained by one of these  $I_j$  is it being a partition point. Since there are finitely many partition points, say  $N$ , we can find some open intervals  $I'_1, \dots, I'_N$  containing these partition points which satisfy

$$\sum |I'_i| < \varepsilon/2.$$

So  $\{I_j\}$  and  $\{I'_i\}$  together form a covering of  $O(k)$  and its total length is strictly less than  $\varepsilon$ . We conclude that  $O(k)$  is of measure zero.

Conversely, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , fix a large  $k$  such that  $\frac{1}{k} < \varepsilon$ . Now the set  $O(k)$  is of measure zero, we can find a sequence of open intervals  $\{I_j\}$  satisfying

$$O(k) \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} I_j,$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |I_{i_j}| < \varepsilon.$$

One can show that  $O(k)$  is closed and bounded, hence it is compact. As a result, we can find  $I_{i_1}, \dots, I_{i_N}$  from  $\{I_j\}$  so that

$$O(k) \subseteq I_{i_1} \cup \dots \cup I_{i_N},$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N |I_j| < \varepsilon.$$

Without loss of generality we may assume that these open intervals are mutually disjoint since, whenever two intervals have nonempty intersection, we can put them together to form a larger open interval. Observe that  $[a, b] \setminus (I_{i_1} \cup \dots \cup I_{i_N})$  is a finite disjoint union of closed bounded

intervals, call them  $V'_i$ 's,  $i \in A$ . We will show that for each  $i \in A$ , one can find a partition on each  $V_i = [v_{i-1}, v_i]$  such that the oscillation of  $f$  on each subinterval in this partition is less than  $1/k$ .

Fix  $i \in A$ . For each  $x \in V_i$ , we have

$$\omega(f, x) < \frac{1}{k}.$$

By the definition of  $\omega(f, x)$ , one can find some  $\delta_x > 0$  such that

$$\sup\{f(y) : y \in B(x, \delta_x) \cap [a, b]\} - \inf\{f(z) : z \in B(x, \delta_x) \cap [a, b]\} < \frac{1}{k},$$

where  $B(y, \beta) = (y - \beta, y + \beta)$ . Note that  $V_i \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in V_i} B(x, \delta_x)$ . Since  $V_i$  is closed and bounded, it is compact. Hence, there exist  $x_{l_1}, \dots, x_{l_M} \in V_i$  such that  $V_i \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^M B(x_{l_j}, \delta_{x_{l_j}})$ . By replacing the left end point of  $B(x_{l_j}, \delta_{x_{l_j}})$  with  $v_{i-1}$  if  $x_{l_j} - \delta_{x_{l_j}} < v_{i-1}$ , and replacing the right end point of  $B(x_{l_j}, \delta_{x_{l_j}})$  with  $v_i$  if  $x_{l_j} + \delta_{x_{l_j}} > v_i$ , one can list out the endpoints of  $\{B(x_{l_j}, \delta_{x_{l_j}})\}_{j=1}^M$  and use them to form a partition  $S_i$  of  $V_i$ . It can be easily seen that each subinterval in  $S_i$  is covered by some  $B(x_{l_j}, \delta_{x_{l_j}})$ , which implies that the oscillation of  $f$  in each subinterval is less than  $1/k$ . So,  $S_i$  is the partition that we want.

The partitions  $S_i$ 's and the endpoints of  $I_{i_1}, \dots, I_{i_N}$  form a partition  $P$  of  $[a, b]$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{R}(f, P) - \underline{R}(f, P) &= \sum_{I_{i_j}} (M_j - m_j) \Delta x_j + \sum (M_j - m_j) \Delta x_j \\ &\leq 2M \sum_{j=1}^N |I_{i_j}| + \frac{1}{k} \sum \Delta x_j \\ &\leq 2M\varepsilon + \varepsilon(b - a) \\ &= [2M + (b - a)]\varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

where  $M = \sup_{[a,b]} |f|$  and the second summation is over all subintervals in  $V_i, i \in A$ . Hence  $f$  is integrable on  $[a, b]$ .