

1. (10) Let f be a real valued function defined on the closed bounded interval $[a, b]$.

(a) Define what it means to say that f is differentiable at the point a .

f is differentiable at a means that the following limit exists

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}.$$

(b) Let c be any point in the open interval (a, b) . Define what it means to say that f is differentiable at c .

f is differentiable at c means that the following limit exists

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}.$$

2. (25) State and prove Rolle's theorem.

Let f be continuous on the closed bounded interval $[a, b]$, and differentiable on the open interval (a, b) . If $f(a) = f(b)$, then there exists a point $c \in (a, b)$, such that $f'(c) = 0$.

Since f is continuous on $[a, b]$, there exist points x_1 and x_2 in $[a, b]$ where f takes on its supremum and infimum. If neither of these points is in the open interval (a, b) , then, since $f(a) = f(b)$, we have $\inf f = \sup f$, which implies that f is constant on $[a, b]$ and we have $f'(x) = 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$. Now suppose that at least one of the points x_i is in (a, b) . Then f has a local extremum at this point, which implies that the derivative of f must be zero at this point.

3. (25) Show that if f is continuous on the closed bounded interval $[a, b]$, then $J = \{f(x) : a \leq x \leq b\}$ is also a closed bounded interval.

Let $c = \inf\{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$ and $d = \sup\{f(x) : x \in [a, b]\}$. Since f is continuous on the closed bounded interval $[a, b]$ there are points x_1 and x_2 in $[a, b]$ such that $f(x_1) = c$ and $f(x_2) = d$. Clearly $J \subset [c, d]$.

Since $c = f(x_1)$ and $d = f(x_2)$ also, we have both c and d in J . Moreover if $y \in (c, d)$, then by the intermediate value theorem for continuous functions we have $y = f(x)$ for some $x \in [a, b]$. Thus, $y \in J$, and $[c, d] \subset J$. Hence $J = [c, d]$ a closed bounded interval.

4. (40) Let f be a real valued bounded function defined on the closed bounded interval $[a, b]$.

(a) Define an upper Riemann sum, $U(f, P)$, of f .

Let $P = \{x_i\}_{i=0}^n$ be any partition of $[a, b]$. Let $M_j = \sup\{f(x) : x_{j-1} \leq x \leq x_j\}$. Then the upper Riemann sum of f with respect to this partition is

$$U(f, P) = \sum_{j=1}^n M_j(x_j - x_{j-1}).$$

(b) Let P and Q be any two partitions of $[a, b]$. Show that

$$L(f, P) \leq U(f, Q),$$

where $L(f, P)$ and $U(f, P)$ denote lower and upper Riemann sums of f respectively.

It is true that if Q is any partition of $[a, b]$, which refines a partition P , then $L(f, P) \leq L(f, Q)$ and $U(f, P) \geq U(f, Q)$. Since for any two partitions P and Q , $P \cup Q$ is a refinement of both P and Q , we have

$$L(f, P) \leq L(f, P \cup Q) \leq U(f, P \cup Q) \leq U(f, Q).$$

(c) Define what “ f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ ” means. Then define $\int_a^b f(x) dx$, the integral from a to b of f .

f is said to be integrable on $[a, b]$ if for any $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a partition P of $[a, b]$ such that

$$U(f, P) - L(f, P) < \epsilon.$$

If f is integrable on $[a, b]$ we know that the upper and lower Riemann sums are equal. That is, the numbers

$$\begin{aligned} (L) \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \sup \{L(f, P) : P \text{ is any partition of } [a, b]\} \\ (U) \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \inf \{U(f, P) : P \text{ is any partition of } [a, b]\} \end{aligned}$$

are equal, and this common value is called the integral of f over the interval $[a, b]$.

(d) Let f be continuous on the closed bounded interval $[a, b]$.

i. Show that f is integrable on $[a, b]$.

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Then, since f is continuous on a closed bounded interval, it is also uniformly continuous on this interval. Let $\delta > 0$ be such that if $|x - y| < \delta$ and both x and y are in $[a, b]$, then $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon/(b - a)$. Let P be any partition of $[a, b]$ such that $\|P\| < \delta$. Since f is continuous on each of the subintervals $[x_{j-1}, x_j]$, there are points x_j and y_j in this subinterval such that $f(x_j) = M_j$ and $f(y_j) = m_j$. Moreover $|x_j - y_j| \leq \|P\| < \delta$. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} U(f, P) - L(f, P) &= \sum_{j=1}^n M_j \Delta x_j - \sum_{j=1}^n m_j \Delta x_j = \sum_{j=1}^n (f(x_j) - f(y_j)) \Delta x_j \\ &< \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\epsilon}{b - a} \Delta x_j = \frac{\epsilon}{b - a} (b - a) = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

ii. Show there is a point x_0 in $[a, b]$ such that

$$f(x_0) = \frac{\int_a^b f(x) dx}{b - a}.$$

Let $m = \inf \{ f(x) : x \in [a, b] \}$ and $M = \sup \{ f(x) : x \in [a, b] \}$. Then we have

$$m(b - a) = \int_a^b m dx \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \int_a^b M dx = M(b - a).$$

Thus, the number $\frac{\int_a^b f(x) dx}{b - a}$ lies between m and M . The intermediate value theorem for continuous functions guarantees that there is a number $x_0 \in [a, b]$ such that $f(x_0)$ equals this number. That is,

$$f(x_0) = \frac{\int_a^b f(x) dx}{b - a}.$$