

REMARK ON THE RIEMANN - STIELTJES INTEGRAL

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The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concept of an integral of a function f with respect to a function g both defined on a closed interval $\langle a, b \rangle$ with values from an ordered metric spaces A . This is an extension in two directions: It generalizes Riemann-Stieltjes integral of bounded real functions to functions with values from A . On the other hand the interval defined by Riečan [2] is obtained from our definition as a special case by taking $g(x)=x$ for all $x \in \langle a, b \rangle$. Moreover, if $A=L(R)$, where $L(R)$ is a special set of so-called fuzzy numbers, and $g(x)=x$ for all $x \in \langle a, b \rangle$ then the integral of Matłoka is obtained [1].

Let us assume that A is a partially ordered set with the following properties:

- A is a boundedly complete lattice, i.e. every non empty upper (lower) bounded subset B of A has the supremum (infimum),
- there is given a commutative and associative operation $+$ on A with a neutral element 0 , preserving the ordering,
- there is given a multiplication of elements of A by real

numbers, associative, preserving the ordering and $1 \cdot a = a$ and $0 \cdot a = 0$, $k \cdot (a+b) = k \cdot a + k \cdot b$.

Let us additionally assume that (A, d) is a metric space satisfying the following identities:

- $d(ka, kb) = k \cdot d(a, b)$,
- $d(a+b, c+d) \leq d(a, c) + d(b, d)$,
- $d(a, b) \leq d(a+c, b+c)$.

Definition. If $f : \langle a, b \rangle \rightarrow A$ and $g : \langle a, b \rangle \rightarrow A$ are the bounded functions, P is any partition of $\langle a, b \rangle$ with points

$$P : a = x_0 \leq x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_{n-1} < x_n = b$$

then we put

$$L_i = \inf \{ f(x) : x \in \langle x_{i-1}, x_i \rangle \},$$

$$U_i = \sup \{ f(x) : x \in \langle x_{i-1}, x_i \rangle \},$$

$$L(f, g, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n L_i \cdot d(g(x_{i-1}), g(x_i)),$$

$$U(f, g, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n U_i \cdot d(g(x_{i-1}), g(x_i)),$$

$$(L) \int_a^b f dg = \sup \{ L(f, g, P) : P \text{ is a partition of } \langle a, b \rangle \},$$

$$(U) \int_a^b f dg = \inf \{ U(f, g, P) : P \text{ is a partition of } \langle a, b \rangle \}.$$

The function f is integrable with respect to g over $\langle a, b \rangle$ if

$$(L) \int_a^b f dg = (U) \int_a^b f dg.$$

The common value will be denoted by $\int_a^b f dg$.

Proposition 1. A bounded function f is integrable with respect to g on $\langle a, b \rangle$ iff corresponding to each $\epsilon > 0$ there is a partition P with the property $d(U(f, g, P), L(f, g, P)) < \epsilon$.

Proof. Assume that corresponding to each $\epsilon > 0$ such a P exists. Then, since

$$d\left(\int_a^b f dg, \int_a^b f dg\right) \leq d(U(f, g, P), L(f, g, P)) < \epsilon,$$

it follows that $\int_a^b f dg = \int_a^b f dg$, and f is integrable with

respect to g on $\langle a, b \rangle$. Conversely assume that f is integrable with respect to g on $\langle a, b \rangle$. Then $\int_a^b f dg = \int_a^b f dg = \int_a^b f dg$.

Therefore $\int_a^b f dg$ is the least upper bound of the sums $\{L(f, g, P)\}$

and is the greatest lower bound of the sums $\{U(f, g, P)\}$. Hence

corresponding to each $\epsilon > 0$ there is a P_1 such that

$$d\left(\int_a^b f dg, L(f, g, P_1)\right) < \epsilon/2$$

and a P_2 such that

$$d(U(f, g, P_2), \int_a^b f dg) < \epsilon/2.$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} d(U(f, g, P_2), L(f, g, P_1)) &\leq d(U(f, g, P_2), \int_a^b f dg) + \\ &+ d\left(\int_a^b f dg, L(f, g, P_1)\right) < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Let $P = P_1 \cup P_2$, P is a refinement of both P_1 and P_2 .

Therefore

$$d(U(f, g, P), L(f, g, P)) \leq d(U(f, g, P_2), L(f, g, P_1)) < \epsilon.$$

This completes the proof.

Proposition 2. If f_1 and f_2 are integrable functions with respect to g and k, l are real numbers, then $k \cdot f_1 + l \cdot f_2$ is integrable with respect to g , too, and

$$\int_a^b (k \cdot f_1 + l \cdot f_2) dg = k \cdot \int_a^b f_1 dg + l \cdot \int_a^b f_2 dg.$$

If $f_1 \leq f_2$ then $\int_a^b f_1 dg \leq \int_a^b f_2 dg$.

Proof. It is straightforward.

Proposition 3. If f is integrable with respect to g on $\langle a, b \rangle$ and $c \in (a, b)$, then f is integrable with respect to g on $\langle a, c \rangle$ and $\langle c, b \rangle$ and

$$\int_a^b fdg = \int_a^c fdg + \int_c^b fdg.$$

Proof. It follows from the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} (U) \int_a^b fdg > (U) \int_a^c fdg + (U) \int_c^b fdg > (L) \int_a^c fdg + (L) \int_c^b fdg > \\ > (L) \int_a^b fdg. \end{aligned}$$

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