

G12MAN Mathematical Analysis: Chapters 12-14

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These are the notes for Chapters 12-14, the second part of the module.

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- ▶ To see, for instance, that f is not continuous at 0, just put $x_n = \sqrt{2}/n$. Then x_n tends to 0, but $f(x_n) = -1$ and so we clearly don't have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = f(0) = 1$.
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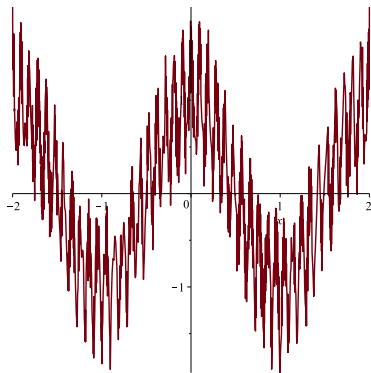


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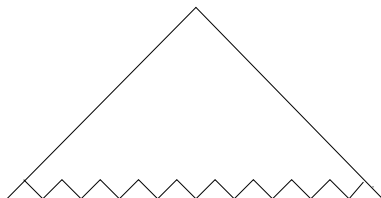


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The following theorem is very useful:

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f'(x) = L, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f'(x) = M.$$

(i) *If $L = M \in \mathbb{R}$ then $f'(c)$ exists and equals M .*

(ii) *If $f'(c)$ exists then $L = M = f'(c) \in \mathbb{R}$.*

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Theorem 13.3 (the product rule etc.): *Suppose that the real-valued functions f and g are differentiable at $a \in \mathbb{R}$, and that $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Then:*

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(iii) $(fg)'(a) = f'(a)g(a) + f(a)g'(a)$;

(iv) if $g(a) \neq 0$, then $(1/g)'(a) = -g'(a)/g(a)^2$.

The proofs are omitted (and so OPTIONAL).

See **Optional additional material for G12MAN** if you want to read them.

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- ▶ So in all three cases there exists $c \in (a, b)$ with $f'(c) = 0$.
This is *Rolle's theorem*.

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Then $g(a) = f(a) = g(b)$, and by Rolle's theorem there must be some $c \in (a, b)$ such that $g'(c) = 0$.

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Figure 3 shows a Riemann upper sum.

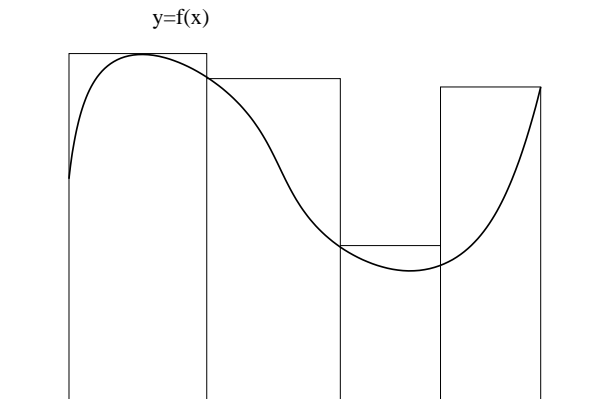


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Figure 4 shows a Riemann lower sum.

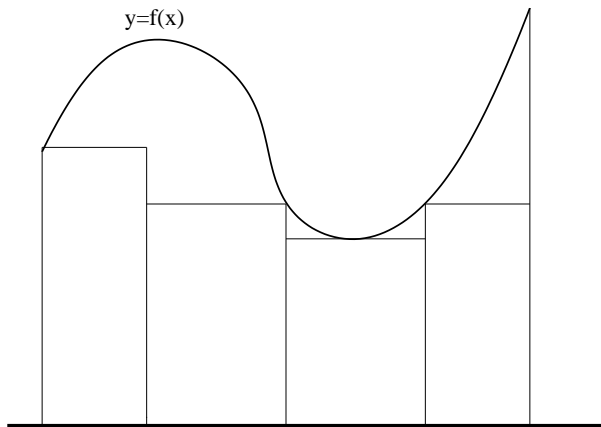


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The proof is OPTIONAL, but see the next slide.

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In Figure 5 an extra vertex has been introduced, and the lower sum has increased.

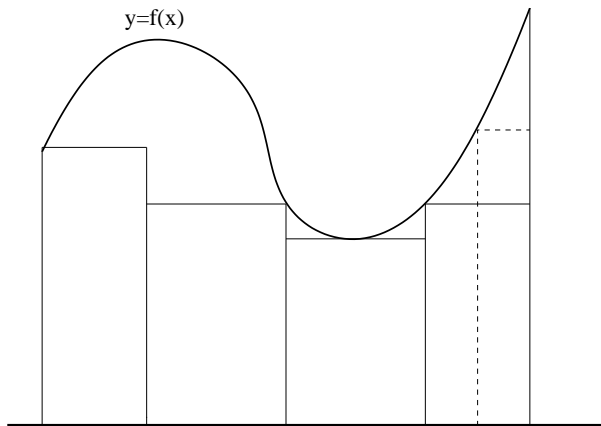


Figure: A Riemann lower sum and the effect of refinement

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$$L(P_1, f) \leq L(P, f) \leq U(P, f) \leq U(P_2, f).$$

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- ▶ The *second fundamental theorem of the calculus* is better known, since it is the key to integration by antiderivatives.
- ▶ Suppose that F, f are real-valued functions on $[a, b]$, that F is continuous and f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$, and that $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all x in (a, b) .
- ▶ Take any partition $P = \{x_0, \dots, x_n\}$ of $[a, b]$.
- ▶ Then the mean value theorem gives points c_k with

$$\begin{aligned} F(b) - F(a) &= \sum_{k=1}^n (F(x_k) - F(x_{k-1})) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n f(c_k)(x_k - x_{k-1}) \quad (x_{k-1} < c_k < x_k). \end{aligned}$$

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- ▶ This proves the last (but most important) theorem of this chapter.

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- ▶ **Theorem 14.6 (second fundamental theorem of the calculus):** *Suppose that F and f are real-valued functions on $[a, b]$, that F is continuous and f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$, and that $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all x in (a, b) . Then*

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a).$$