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EVERY ABSOLUTELY HENSTOCK-KURZWEIL INTEGRABLE FUNCTION IS MCSHANE INTEGRABLE: AN ALTERNATIVE PROOF

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ABSTRACT. We give an alternative proof of the well-known result that every absolutely Henstock-Kurzweil integrable function is McShane integrable.

1. Introduction. It is well known that the Lebesgue integral is a proper extension of the Riemann integral. In the late 1950s, Henstock [4] and Kurzweil [6] independently gave a slight, but ingenious, modification of the classical Riemann integral to obtain a Riemann-type definition of the Perron integral. This integral is now commonly known as the Henstock-Kurzweil integral [9, 12], the Kurzweil-Henstock integral [8, 14], the gauge integral [13] or the Henstock integral [1, 3, 7], and we shall use the term "Henstock-Kurzweil integral." Later, McShane [10] modified the Henstock-Kurzweil integral to yield a Riemann-type definition of the Lebesgue integral, which is also commonly referred to as the McShane integral [1, 3, 7, 8, 12-14]. It turns out that f and |f|are both Henstock-Kurzweil integrable on a compact subinterval E of the real line if and only if f is McShane integrable there. In 1980 Pfeffer in [11, p. 46] proposed a problem to prove, using only the definitions of Henstock-Kurzweil and McShane integrals, that absolutely Henstock-Kurzweil integrable functions are McShane integrable. Since then a fairly large number of proofs have been offered. See, for example, [1, 3, 7, 8, 13, 14]. However, their proofs either involve convergence theorems or the existing techniques rely heavily on the real-valued property of integrable functions. In this paper we give an alternative proof of the above result which is also valid for Banach-valued integrable functions satisfying the Saks-Henstock lemma. Moreover our method, unlike the existing known proofs, uses neither the measurability of the integrand nor convergence theorems.

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