

Limits under the integral sign

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Many parts of the calculus need the interchange of limit and integral, for example, the continuity and differentiability of an integral with respect to a parameter, an infinite series of integrals, and the exchange of order of integration in a repeated integral. As we can now define Lebesgue and even Denjoy-Perron integrals by using Riemann sums, it is possible to find necessary and sufficient conditions for the property

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) dx = \int_a^b \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) dx,$$

given that $f_n(x)$ tends to a finite limit $f(x)$ almost everywhere, and that each $f_n(x)$ is integrable over $[a, b]$.

Assuming generalized Riemann integration theory, the necessary and sufficient conditions are that

$$(1) \quad (E) \sum_{m(x)} f_m(x) (v-u) \in C$$

for some compact set C of arbitrarily small diameter, some finite positive function $M(x)$ on $[a, b]$, all positive integer valued functions $m(x) \geq M(x)$ on $[a, b]$, some function $\delta(x) > 0$ on $[a, b]$, and all δ -fine divisions E of $[a, b]$;

given $\epsilon > 0$, there are a number F , an integer $N > 0$, and a function $\delta_n(x) > 0$ on $[a, b]$ and depending on n , with

$$(2) \quad F - \epsilon < (E) \sum f_n(x) (v-u) < F + \epsilon$$

for all δ_n -fine divisions E of $[a, b]$ and all $n \geq N$.