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Some Answers to a Question of P. Bullen

A question posed by Peter Bullen [1] is whether it is possible to restrict the gauge function used in generalized Riemann type integrals. Here we investigate the gauge function needed for the Perron integral (equivalent to the Riemann-Complete and narrow sense Denjoy integral), the Lebesgue-Stieljes integral and the Lebesgue integral for bounded measurable functions. The Henstock or Riemann-Complete (R-C) integral integrates a function f assumed to be finite valued. The R-C integral of f on $[a,b]$ is L provided that for each $\epsilon > 0$ there is a positive function δ such that $|\sum f(z_i)\Delta x_i - L| < \epsilon$ whenever $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ is a partition of $[a,b]$, $z_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$ and $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1} < \delta(z_i)$. The function δ is called the gauge function.

Henstock [2, p.127] showed how to determine δ for the Perron integral. Utilizing the majorant and minorant, he found δ and showed that the Perron integral is contained in the R-C integral. However, the character of δ has not been determined.