

$$0 < t - x < 1/n \text{ implies } [F(t) - F(x)]/(t - x) \leq n;$$

the remainder of the proof is unaltered. The next lemma is a slight generalization of a theorem of Marcinkiewicz.

LEMMA 5.2. *If  $f(x)$  is measurable on  $[a, b]$ , and has either a left major or a right major, and also has either a left minor or a right minor, then  $f(x)$  is Perron integrable on  $[a, b]$ .*

The proof is that given by Saks, op. cit., p. 253; the principal change is that the reference to his Theorem 10.1 is replaced by a reference to our Lemma 5.1.

Since every  $P^*$ -integrable function  $f(x)$  is measurable and has right majors and right minors, it is also Perron integrable by Lemma 5.2, and the equivalence of the integrals is established.

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## ON THE LEAST PRIMITIVE ROOT OF A PRIME

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It was proved by Vinogradov<sup>1</sup> that the least positive primitive root  $g(p)$  of a prime  $p$  is  $O(2^m p^{1/2} \log p)$  where  $m$  denotes the number of different prime factors of  $p - 1$ . In 1930 he<sup>2</sup> improved the previous result to

$$g(p) = O(2^m p^{1/2} \log \log p),$$

or more precisely,

$$g(p) \leq 2^m \frac{p - 1}{\phi(p - 1)} p^{1/2}.$$

It is the purpose of this note, by introducing the notion of the average of character sums,<sup>3</sup> to prove that if  $h(p)$  denotes the primitive root with the least absolute value, mod  $p$ , then

$$|h(p)| < 2^m p^{1/2};$$

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<sup>1</sup> See, Landau, *Vorlesungen über Zahlentheorie*, vol. 2, part 7, chap. 14. The original papers of Vinogradov are not available in China.

<sup>2</sup> *Comptes Rendus de l'Académie des Sciences de l'URSS*, 1930, pp. 7-11.

<sup>3</sup> The present note may be regarded as an introduction of a method which has numerous applications.