$$\left|\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} d\left[f(x)g(x)\right] - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} g(x)df(x) - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(x)dg(x)\right|$$

is less than ϵ multiplied by the total variation of f(x) plus the total variation of g(x). Hence this expression must be equal to 0 and therefore the formula for integration by parts is valid under the above hypotheses.

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A SET OF POSTULATES FOR BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

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1. A New Set of Postulates. In the development of a Boolean Algebra, Boole's Law of Development

$$f(x) = f(1)x + f(0)x',$$

stands out as a basic relationship. This law is so all embracing that the question naturally arises, if this is set as a postulate, what postulates in addition to it are needed to define a Boolean Algebra? Using as undefined a class K and the Sheffer stroke function, we shall show that, in addition to a form of Boole's Law, only two "trivial" postulates are required.

POSTULATES.*

I. K contains at least two elements.

II. If a and b are elements of K, then a/b is an element of K. Definitions: a' = a/a, $a \cdot b = a'/b'$, and a + b = (a/b)'.

III. There exists in K a unique element 0, such that, if f(x) is any function definable in terms of/and elements of K, we have, for any x in K,

$$f(x) = f(0')x + f(0)x'.$$

Theorem 1. 0'' = 0.

Proof: From III, and the preceding definitions, we have

(1)
$$x = 0'x + 0x' = [(0'x)/(0x')]';$$

in particular

^{*} This is the smallest set of postulates for a Boolean Algebra yet given.