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AN INTEGRATION-BY-PARTS FORMULA¹

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In 1914, W. H. Young [4] introduced a modification of the Riemann-Stieltjes integral which, for functions F and G defined on the real line with G of bounded variation on each interval and F suitably restricted, yields an additive interval function:

$$(Y)\int_{a}^{b} F \cdot dG + (Y)\int_{b}^{c} F \cdot dG = (Y)\int_{a}^{c} F \cdot dG.$$

In 1959, T. H. Hildebrandt [1] published a study of a certain linear initial-value problem involving these Young integrals, which extended some of the earlier results of H. S. Wall and of the present author (see [2] for discussion and references). In 1962, there was discovered a connection between the Young integral and the interior integral as introduced by S. Pollard in 1920 [3], viz., the systems

$$U(x) = U(c) + (Y) \int_{c}^{x} U \cdot dH$$
 and $V(x) = V(c) + (I) \int_{c}^{c} dH \cdot V$,

with H a function from the real line to a complete normed ring, are naturally adjoint to one another [2, p. 326]. Both integrals are to be interpreted as limits in the sense of successive refinements of subdivisions of the interval of integration.

Suppose each of F and G is a function from the real line to the complete normed ring N. If each of F and G is of bounded variation

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on the interval [a, b] then each of $(Y) \int_a^b F \cdot dG$ and $(I) \int_a^b dF \cdot G$ is known to exist. Hence, the latter integral exists under the condition that F is of bounded variation on [a, b] and G is quasicontinuous, *i.e.*, each of the limits G(x-) and G(x+) exists for each number x. Here is a new connection between these integrals, which also provides a new existence theorem for the former one.

THEOREM A. If each of F and G is a function from the real line to the complete normed ring N, F is of bounded variation on the interval [a, b], and G is quasicontinuous, then

$$(Y)\int_a^b F \cdot dG + (I)\int_a^b dF \cdot G = F(b)G(b) - F(a)G(a).$$

Indication of proof. If $a \le x < y < z \le b$ then

$$\begin{split} W &= F(x) \big[G(x+) - G(x) \big] + F(y) \big[G(z-) - G(x+) \big] + F(z) \big[G(z) - G(z-) \big] \\ &+ \big[F(z) - F(x) \big] G(y) - \big[F(z) G(z) - F(x) G(x) \big] \\ &= \big[F(x) - F(z) \big] \big[G(x+) - G(y) \big] + \big[F(z) - F(y) \big] \big[G(x+) - G(z-) \big], \end{split}$$

so that one has the estimate

$$\mid W \mid \leq 2 \left(\int_{x}^{z} \mid dF \mid \right) (\text{L.U.B.} \mid G(v) - G(u) \mid \text{ for } x < u < v < z).$$

ADDENDUM. As has been observed by Randolph Constantine (an oral communication in seminar), the hypotheses on F and G in Theorem A can be interchanged. To see this, one first notes the identity

$$[F(z) - F(x)]G(y)$$
= $F(z)G(z) - F(x)G(x) - F(x)[G(y) - G(x)] - F(z)[G(z) - G(y)]$;

next, if H is a simple step-function and $\{t_p\}_0^{2n}$ is an increasing numerical sequence with $t_0 = a$ and $t_{2n} = b$,

$$\left| \sum_{1}^{n} \left[F(t_{2p}) - F(t_{2p-2}) \right] G(t_{2p-1}) - \sum_{1}^{n} \left[H(t_{2p}) - H(t_{2p-2}) \right] G(t_{2p-1}) \right|$$

$$\leq |F - H|_{[a,b]} \left(|G(a)| + |G(b)| + \int_{a}^{b} |dG| \right),$$

where $|F-H|_{[a,b]} = L.U.B.$ |F(u)-H(u)| for u in [a, b], and also

$$\left| (Y) \int_a^b F \cdot dG - (Y) \int_a^b H \cdot dG \right| \leq \left| F - H \right|_{[a,b]} \left(\int_a^b \left| dG \right| \right).$$

Thus, an argument is easily made to establish the following somewhat stronger theorem.

THEOREM B. If each of F and G is a quasicontinuous function from the real line to the complete normed ring N, and one of F and G is of bounded variation on the interval [a, b], then

$$(Y)\int_a^b F \cdot dG + (I)\int_a^b dF \cdot G = F(b)G(b) - F(a)G(a).$$

REMARK. The reader is invited to contrast this formula with the corresponding result involving Young integrals alone (or interior integrals alone), as obtained by Hildebrandt [1, p. 355] for the case that both F and G are of bounded variation. For this case, there is a more general result available, as indicated in the following theorem.

THEOREM C. If Axioms I and II [2, p. 321] hold, each of F and G is a function from the interval [a, b] to N, and $dG(x, z) = K_1[1](x, z)$ and $dF(x, z) = K_2[1](x, z)$ for $a \le x < z \le b$, then

$$K_{1}[F](a, b) + K_{2}[G](a, b)$$

$$= F(b)G(b) + \sum_{a < z \le b} \left\{ dF \cdot K_{1}[1_{z}] + K_{2}[1_{z}] \cdot dG - dF \cdot dG \right\} (z -, z)$$

$$- F(a)G(a) - \sum_{a \le z < b} \left\{ dF \cdot K_{1}[1_{z}] + K_{2}[1_{z}] \cdot dG - dF \cdot dG \right\} (x, x +).$$

REMARK. After obtaining the preceding results, the author learns (July 27, 1963) that Theorem B has been discovered by T. H. Hildebrandt (on May 28, 1963) for numerical valued functions F and G: that priority of discovery is hereby cordially acknowledged to Professor Hildebrandt.

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