

## THE INTEGRAL OF A FUNCTION WITH RESPECT TO A FUNCTION. II

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**1. Introduction.** If  $x$  is a function,<sup>1</sup>  $y$  is a function, and  $G$  is a real-number set, then by the graph,  $(x, y, G)$ , of  $y$  with respect to  $x$  in  $G$  we mean the image of  $G$  under a transformation  $T$  such that if  $p$  is in  $G$ , then  $T(p)$  is the ordered number-pair  $x(p), y(p)$ .

Consider the following problem in integration. Let  $U$  denote the set such that  $s$  is a member of  $U$  if and only if  $s$  is the graph of a function with respect to a function in an interval. We are to select a subset  $X$  of  $U$  and assign to each member  $(v, u, [a, b])$  of  $X$  a number  $\int_a^b u(x)dv(x)$  so that the following statements are true.

(1.1) If  $(v, u, [a, b])$  is in  $U$  and  $u(x) = 0$  for each number  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ , then  $(v, u, [a, b])$  is in  $X$  and  $\int_a^b u(x)dv(x) = 0$ .

(1.2) Suppose that  $(v, u, [a, b])$  is in  $X$ , and  $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{21}, a_{22}, a_{23}$  is a number-sequence, and  $f(x) = a_{11}u(x) + a_{12}v(x) + a_{13}$  and  $g(x) = a_{21}u(x) + a_{22}v(x) + a_{23}$  for each number  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ . Then  $(g, f, [a, b])$  is in  $X$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b f(x)dg(x) - 2^{-1}[f(a) + f(b)][g(b) - g(a)] \\ &= (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}) \left\{ \int_a^b u(x)dv(x) - 2^{-1}[u(a) + u(b)][v(b) - v(a)] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

(1.3) Suppose that  $(v, u, [a, b])$  is in  $U$  and that  $a < c < b$ . Then  $(v, u, [a, b])$  is in  $X$  if and only if it is true that  $(v, u, [a, c])$  and  $(v, u, [c, b])$  are in  $X$ ; moreover, if  $(v, u, [a, b])$  is in  $X$ , then  $\int_a^b u(x)dv(x) = \int_a^c u(x)dv(x) + \int_c^b u(x)dv(x)$ .

In passing, we remark that if  $u$  is a step-function,  $v$  is a step-function, and  $[a, b]$  is an interval, then  $(v, u, [a, b])$  is in  $X$  and the number  $\int_a^b u(x)dv(x)$  is specified by (1.1), (1.2), and (1.3).

One solution of this integration problem has been given in [2], [3], and [1], as may be verified from Definition 2.1 and Theorem 2.1 of [1]. Now from Definition 2.1 of [1] it can readily be seen that if  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ , then there is a countable subset  $G$  of  $[a, b]$  such that the following statement is true: if  $\epsilon$  is a posi-

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<sup>1</sup> We use the notation and terminology of [1]; in particular, the words "function," "step-function," "interval," "subdivision," "refinement," and "integrable" are used as in [1].

tive number, then there is a subdivision  $D$  of  $[a, b]$ , each of whose terms is in  $G$ , such that  $|S_E(u, v) - \int_a^b u(x)dv(x)| < \epsilon$  if  $E$  is a refinement of  $D$  each of whose terms is in  $G$ .

This fact suggests the possibility of a new way of defining an integral as a limit of approximating sums (see §2 of this paper) so as to retain the properties (1.1), (1.2), (1.3). Most of the fundamental ideas involved are illustrated by the following example, in which we consider the integral of a totally discontinuous function with respect to a totally discontinuous function.

**EXAMPLE 1.1.** Suppose that  $[a, b]$  is an interval,  $c$  is a positive number,  $u(x) = c$  and  $v(x) = x$  if  $x$  is an irrational number, and  $c + 1 \leq u(x) \leq c + 10$  and  $x + 1 \leq v(x) \leq x + 10$  if  $x$  is a rational number. Let  $G$  denote the set whose members are  $a, b$ , and the irrational numbers between  $a$  and  $b$ ; and let  $H$  denote the set whose members are the rational numbers between  $a$  and  $b$ . Then

- (i) the graph  $(v, u, H)$  is a singular graph (Definition 2.1),
- (ii)  $G$  is a summability set (Definition 2.3) for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ ,
- (iii)  $\int_a^b u(x)dv(x) = c(b - a) + 2^{-1}[c + u(b)][v(b) - b] - 2^{-1}[u(a) + c] \cdot [v(a) - a]$ , and
- (iv) if  $A$  is a subdivision of  $[a, b]$  and  $\epsilon$  is a positive number, then there is a refinement  $B$  of  $A$  such that  $|S_C(u, v) - \int_a^b u(x)dv(x)| < \epsilon$  if  $C$  is a refinement of  $B$  each of whose terms is a term of  $B$  or a number in  $G$ .

**2. Definitions and lemmas.** We now introduce three definitions upon which the rest of this paper will be based.

**DEFINITION 2.1.** If  $u$  is a function,  $v$  is a function, and  $H$  is a real-number set, then the statement that  $(v, u, H)$  is a singular graph means that if  $\epsilon$  is a positive number, then there is a countable set  $I$  of intervals such that

- (i) if  $[c, d]$  is in  $I$ , then neither  $c$  nor  $d$  is in  $H$ ,
- (ii) if  $x$  is in  $H$ , then  $x$  is in an interval of  $I$ , and
- (iii) if  $[a_p, b_p], p = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , are the members of  $I$ , and  $A_p$  and  $B_p$  are subdivisions of  $[a_p, b_p]$ , then  $\sum_{(p)} |S_{A_p}(u, v) - S_{B_p}(u, v)| < \epsilon$ .

**EXAMPLE 2.1.** Suppose that  $u(x) = 0$  or  $1$ , according as  $x$  is a rational number or an irrational number, and that  $v(x) = 1 + x$  or  $x$ , according as  $x$  is a rational number or an irrational number. Let  $[a, b]$  denote an interval such that  $a$  and  $b$  are irrational numbers, and let  $H$  denote the set of all rational numbers between  $a$  and  $b$ . Then  $(v, u, H)$  is a singular graph.

**REMARK 2.1.** If  $D$  and  $E$  are subdivisions of  $[a, b]$ , then  $S_D(u, v) + S_D(v, u) = u(b)v(b) - u(a)v(a) = S_E(u, v) + S_E(v, u)$ , so that  $S_D(v, u)$

$-S_E(v, u) = S_E(u, v) - S_D(u, v)$ . Hence if  $(v, u, H)$  is a singular graph, then so is  $(u, v, H)$ .

**DEFINITION 2.2.** The statement that  $x$  is an exceptional number for the functions  $u$  and  $v$  in the interval  $[a, b]$  means that there is a subinterval  $[c, d]$  of  $[a, b]$  containing  $x$  such that if  $[p, q]$  is a subinterval of  $[c, d]$  then

- (i)  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[p, q]$  if  $x$  is not in  $[p, q]$ ,
- (ii)  $u$  is not integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[p, q]$  if  $x$  is in  $[p, q]$ .

**EXAMPLE 2.2.** Suppose that  $u$  is a function such that if  $x$  is a real number other than 1, then the limits  $u(x+)$  and  $u(x-)$  exist, but the limit  $u(1+)$  does not exist. Suppose that  $v$  is a function of bounded variation such that  $v(1+) \neq v(1)$ . Then 1 is an exceptional number for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[0, 2]$ .

**DEFINITION 2.3.** The statement that  $G$  is a summability set for the functions  $u$  and  $v$  in the interval  $[a, b]$  means that

- (i)  $G$  is a subset of  $[a, b]$ , and  $a$  and  $b$  are in  $G$ , and none of the numbers in  $G$  is an exceptional number for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ ,
- (ii) if  $\epsilon$  is a positive number, then there is a subdivision  $D$  of  $[a, b]$ , each of whose terms is in  $G$ , such that if  $E$  is a refinement of  $G$  each of whose terms is in  $G$ , then  $|S_D(u, v) - S_E(u, v)| < \epsilon$ , and
- (iii) if  $G$  is not  $[a, b]$  and  $H$  is the complement of  $G$  in  $[a, b]$ , then  $(v, u, H)$  is a singular graph.

**EXAMPLE 2.3.** Let  $G$  denote the complement in  $[a, b]$  of the set  $H$  defined in Example 2.1, and let  $u$  and  $v$  be defined as in Example 2.1. Then  $G$  is a summability set for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ ; moreover, if  $\epsilon$  is a positive number, then there is a subdivision  $D$  of  $[a, b]$ , each of whose terms is in  $G$ , such that if  $E$  is a refinement of  $D$  each of whose terms is in  $G$ , then  $|S_E(u, v) - (b-a)| < \epsilon$ .

**LEMMA 2.1.** *If  $G$  is a summability set for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ , then there is just one number  $k$  such that the following statement is true:*

(2.1) *If  $\epsilon$  is a positive number, then there is a subdivision  $D$  of  $[a, b]$ , each of whose terms is in  $G$ , such that if  $E$  is a refinement of  $D$  each of whose terms is in  $G$  then  $|S_E(u, v) - k| < \epsilon$ .*

**PROOF.** A. Let  $D_1$  denote a subdivision of  $[a, b]$ , each of whose terms is in  $G$ , such that  $|S_{D_1}(u, v) - S_E(u, v)| < 1/2$  if  $E$  is a refinement of  $D_1$  each of whose terms is in  $G$ . For each integer  $n$  greater than 1, let  $D_n$  denote a refinement of  $D_{n-1}$ , each of whose terms is in  $G$ , such that  $|S_{D_n}(u, v) - S_E(u, v)| < 1/2^n$  if  $E$  is a refinement of  $D_n$  each of whose terms is in  $G$ . Now if  $m$  is a positive integer and  $n$  is an integer greater than  $m$ , then  $|S_{D_m}(u, v) - S_{D_n}(u, v)| < 1/2^m$ ; by Cauchy's convergence criterion, there is a number  $k$  such that if  $n$

is a positive integer then  $|S_{D_n}(u, v) - k| \leq 1/2^n$  and therefore  $|S_E(u, v) - k| < 1/2^{n-1}$  if  $E$  is a refinement of  $D_n$  each of whose terms is in  $G$ . Hence there is a number  $k$  such that (2.1) is true.

B. For  $i=1, 2$ , suppose that  $k_i$  is a number such that if  $k$  is  $k_i$  then (2.1) is true. Let  $\epsilon$  denote a positive number, and for  $i=1, 2$ , let  $A_i$  denote a subdivision of  $[a, b]$ , each of whose terms is in  $G$ , such that if  $E$  is a refinement of  $A_i$  each of whose terms is in  $G$  then  $|S_E(u, v) - k_i| < \epsilon$ . Let  $E$  denote the refinement of  $A_1$  whose terms are the terms of  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ . Then  $|S_E(u, v) - k_1| < \epsilon$ , and  $|S_E(u, v) - k_2| < \epsilon$ , and therefore  $|k_1 - k_2| < 2\epsilon$  if  $\epsilon$  is a positive number. Hence  $k_1 = k_2$ . This completes the proof.

LEMMA 2.2. Suppose that  $[a, b]$  is an interval,  $u$  is a function,  $v$  is a function,  $\epsilon$  is a positive number, and  $\{[c_p, d_p]\}_{p=1}^n$  is a finite sequence of intervals such that

(i) if  $x$  is in  $[a, b]$  then  $x$  is in one of the intervals  $[c_p, d_p]$ , and

(ii) if  $C_p$  and  $D_p$  are subdivisions of  $[c_p, d_p]$ ,  $p=1, 2, \dots, n$ , then  $\sum_{p=1}^n |S_{C_p}(u, v) - S_{D_p}(u, v)| < \epsilon$ .

If  $A$  is a subdivision of  $[a, b]$  among whose terms are the numbers  $c_p$  and  $d_p$  (if any) which are in  $[a, b]$ , and  $B$  is a refinement of  $A$ , then  $|S_A(u, v) - S_B(u, v)| < \epsilon$ .

PROOF. Case I;  $n=1$ . In this case,  $[a, b]$  is a subinterval of  $[c_1, d_1]$ . Let  $A$  denote a subdivision of  $[a, b]$ , and let  $B$  denote a refinement of  $A$ . Let  $C_1$  and  $D_1$  denote the subdivisions of  $[c_1, d_1]$  whose terms are  $c_1, d_1$ , and the terms of  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively. Then  $S_A(u, v) - S_B(u, v) = S_{C_1}(u, v) - S_{D_1}(u, v)$ , and hence  $|S_A(u, v) - S_B(u, v)| < \epsilon$ .

Case II;  $n > 1$ . Let  $K$  denote the number sequence  $c_1, d_1, c_2, d_2, \dots, c_n, d_n$ . Let  $A$  denote a subdivision of  $[a, b]$  among whose terms are the terms (if any) of  $K$  which are in  $[a, b]$ , and let  $B$  denote a refinement of  $A$ . Let  $C_1$  denote the subdivision of  $[c_1, d_1]$  whose terms are the terms of  $A$  and  $K$  which are in  $[c_1, d_1]$ , and let  $D_1$  denote the subdivision of  $[c_1, d_1]$  whose terms are the terms of  $B$  and  $K$  which are in  $[c_1, d_1]$ . For  $p=2, 3, \dots, n$ , let  $C_p$  denote the subdivision of  $[c_p, d_p]$  whose terms are the terms of  $K$  which are in  $[c_p, d_p]$  and the terms (if any) of  $A$  which are in  $[c_p, d_p]$  but are not terms of  $K, C_1, C_2, \dots, C_{p-1}$ ; and let  $D_p$  denote the subdivision of  $[c_p, d_p]$  whose terms are the terms of  $K$  which are in  $[c_p, d_p]$  and the terms (if any) of  $B$  which are in  $[c_p, d_p]$  but are not terms of  $K, D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{p-1}$ . Then  $S_A(u, v) - S_B(u, v) = \sum_{p=1}^n [S_{C_p}(u, v) - S_{D_p}(u, v)]$ ; so  $|S_A(u, v) - S_B(u, v)| \leq \sum_{p=1}^n |S_{C_p}(u, v) - S_{D_p}(u, v)| < \epsilon$ . This completes the proof.

LEMMA 2.3. Suppose that  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are summability sets for  $u$  and  $v$

in  $[a, b]$ . If there is a subinterval  $[c, d]$  of  $[a, b]$  such that none of the numbers between  $c$  and  $d$  is in  $G_1$  and in  $G_2$ , then  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[c, d]$ .

PROOF. Case I; none of the numbers between  $c$  and  $d$  is in  $G_2$ . Since  $G_2$  is a summability set for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ , it follows that if  $\epsilon > 0$  then there is an interval  $[c_1, d_1]$ , of which  $[c, d]$  is a subinterval, such that  $c_1$  and  $d_1$  are in  $G_2$  and  $|S_C(u, v) - S_D(u, v)| < \epsilon$  if  $C$  and  $D$  are subdivisions of  $[c_1, d_1]$ . By Lemma 2.2, if  $A$  is a subdivision of  $[c, d]$  and  $B$  is a refinement of  $A$ , then  $|S_A(u, v) - S_B(u, v)| < \epsilon$ . Hence  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[c, d]$ .

Case II; none of the numbers between  $c$  and  $d$  is in  $G_1$ . For this case, the argument is similar to that used in Case I.

Case III; there are between  $c$  and  $d$  a number which is in  $G_1$  and a number which is in  $G_2$ . Let  $\epsilon$  denote a positive number. For  $i=1, 2$ , let  $I_i$  denote a countable set (see Definition 2.1) of subintervals of  $[a, b]$  such that

- (1) if  $[r, s]$  is in  $I_i$ , then  $r$  and  $s$  are in  $G_i$ ,
- (2) if  $x$  is between  $a$  and  $b$  but not in  $G_i$ , then there is an interval  $[r, s]$  in  $I_i$  such that  $r < x < s$ , and
- (3) if the members of  $I_i$  are  $[a_p, b_p]$ , and  $A_p$  and  $B_p$  are subdivisions of  $[a_p, b_p]$ ,  $p=1, 2, \dots$ , then  $\sum_{(p)} |S_{A_p}(u, v) - S_{B_p}(u, v)| < \epsilon/2$ .

Now let  $[h, k]$  denote a subinterval of  $[c, d]$  such that if  $x$  is in  $[h, k]$  then  $x$  is not in  $G_1$  or  $x$  is not in  $G_2$ . Then  $[h, k]$  can be covered by a set  $s_0$  of segments  $(a_p, b_p)$  such that the intervals  $[a_p, b_p]$  are from  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ . Let  $[c_p, d_p]$ ,  $p=1, 2, \dots, n$ , denote a finite subset of  $s_0$  such that the segments  $(c_p, d_p)$  cover  $[h, k]$ . Let  $D$  denote the subdivision of  $[h, k]$  whose terms are the numbers  $h$  and  $k$  and the numbers  $c_p$  and  $d_p$  which are in  $[h, k]$ . By Lemma 2.2, if  $E$  is a refinement of  $D$ , then  $|S_D(u, v) - S_E(u, v)| < \epsilon$ ; so  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[h, k]$ . Now either  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[c, k]$  or  $c$  is an exceptional number for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$  and is not in  $G_1$  or  $G_2$ , in which case  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[c, k]$  by the above argument; similarly, if  $k < d$ , then  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[k, d]$  and consequently in  $[c, d]$ . This completes the proof.

LEMMA 2.4. Suppose that  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are summability sets for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$  and that  $x$  is a number between  $a$  and  $b$  which is in  $G_2$  but not in  $G_1$ . If  $\delta$  is a positive number, then there is a subinterval  $[c, d]$  of  $[a, b]$  such that

- (i) each of  $c$  and  $d$  is in  $G_1$  and in  $G_2$ ,
- (ii)  $c < x < d$ , and

(iii) *there is a subdivision  $D$  of  $[c, d]$  such that if  $E$  is a refinement of  $D$  then  $|S_D(u, v) - S_E(u, v)| < \delta$ .*

PROOF. Case I;  $G_2$  is  $[a, b]$ . Let  $H$  denote the complement of  $G_1$  in  $[a, b]$ ; then  $x$  is in  $H$ , and  $(v, u, H)$  is a singular graph. Hence if  $\delta$  is a positive number, then there is a subinterval  $[c, d]$  of  $[a, b]$  such that  $c$  and  $d$  are in  $G_1$  and in  $G_2$ ,  $x$  is between  $c$  and  $d$ , and  $|S_D(u, v) - S_E(u, v)| < \delta$  if  $D$  and  $E$  are subdivisions of  $[c, d]$ .

Case II;  $G_2$  is a proper subset of  $[a, b]$ . Suppose that  $\delta$  is a positive number and that  $\epsilon = \delta/2$ . Let sets  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  be selected as in the proof of Lemma 2.3. Let  $[c_1, d_1]$  denote an interval from  $I_1$  such that  $c_1 < x < d_1$ . If there is a number  $y$  in  $[c_1, x]$  which is in  $G_1$  and in  $G_2$ , let  $c$  denote such a number  $y$ , and let  $D_1$  denote a subdivision of  $[c, x]$ ; if  $E$  is a refinement of  $D_1$ , then  $|S_{D_1}(u, v) - S_E(u, v)| < \epsilon$ . If none of the numbers in  $[c_1, x]$  is in  $G_1$  and in  $G_2$ , let  $c'$  denote the smallest number  $t$  such that if  $y$  is a number in  $[a, x]$  which is in  $G_1$  and in  $G_2$  then  $y \leq t$ . If  $c'$  is in  $G_1$  and in  $G_2$ , let  $c$  denote  $c'$ ; by Lemma 2.3,  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[c, x]$ , and hence there is a subdivision  $D_1$  of  $[c, x]$  such that  $|S_{D_1}(u, v) - S_E(u, v)| < \epsilon$  if  $E$  is a refinement of  $D_1$ . If  $c'$  is not in  $G_1$  and in  $G_2$ , let  $[c'', d'']$  denote an interval from  $I_1$  or  $I_2$  such that  $c'' < c' < d''$ , and let  $c$  denote a number in  $[c'', c']$  which is in  $G_1$  and in  $G_2$ ; by Lemma 2.3,  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[c', x]$ , and by Lemma 2.2 if  $A$  is a subdivision of  $[c, c']$  and  $B$  is a refinement of  $A$  then  $|S_A(u, v) - S_B(u, v)| < \epsilon/2$ ; hence there is a subdivision  $D_1$  of  $[c, x]$  such that  $|S_{D_1}(u, v) - S_E(u, v)| < \epsilon$  if  $E$  is a refinement of  $D_1$ .

Similarly we find a number  $d$  in  $[x, b]$  which is in  $G_1$  and in  $G_2$ , and a subdivision  $D_2$  of  $[x, d]$  such that  $|S_{D_2}(u, v) - S_E(u, v)| < \epsilon$  if  $E$  is a refinement of  $D_2$ . Let  $D$  denote the subdivision of  $[c, d]$  whose terms are the terms of  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ ; if  $E$  is a refinement of  $D$ , then  $|S_D(u, v) - S_E(u, v)| < 2\epsilon = \delta$ . This completes the proof.

LEMMA 2.5. *Suppose that for  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $G_i$  is a summability set for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$  and  $k_i$  is a number such that if  $G$  is  $G_i$  and  $k$  is  $k_i$  then (2.1) is true. Then  $k_1 = k_2$ .*

PROOF. To prove the lemma, we show that if  $\epsilon > 0$  then  $|k_1 - k_2| < 6\epsilon$ . Suppose that  $\epsilon > 0$ ; for  $i = 1, 2$ , let  $A_i$  denote a subdivision of  $[a, b]$ , each of whose terms is in  $G_i$ , such that if  $E_i$  is a refinement of  $A_i$  each of whose terms is in  $G_i$  then  $|S_{E_i}(u, v) - k_i| < \epsilon$  and  $|S_{A_i}(u, v) - S_{E_i}(u, v)| < \epsilon$ . Let  $A$  denote the subdivision of  $[a, b]$  whose terms are the terms of  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ .

Case I; each of the terms of  $A$  is in  $G_1$  and in  $G_2$ . In this case,  $|S_A(u, v) - k_1| < \epsilon$  and  $|S_A(u, v) - k_2| < \epsilon$ ; so  $|k_1 - k_2| < 2\epsilon < 6\epsilon$ .

Case II; there is a term of  $A$  which is not in  $G_1$  or not in  $G_2$ . Let

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  denote the terms of  $A$  which are not in  $G_1$  or not in  $G_2$ . For  $p=1, 2, \dots, n$ , let  $[c_p, d_p]$  denote a subinterval of  $[a, b]$  and  $C_p$  a subdivision of  $[c_p, d_p]$  such that

(i) each of  $c_p$  and  $d_p$  is in  $G_1$  and in  $G_2$ ,

(ii)  $c_p < x_p < d_p$ , and

(iii) if  $D_p$  is a refinement of  $C_p$  then  $|S_{C_p}(u, v) - S_{D_p}(u, v)| < \epsilon/n$ .

Let  $D$  denote the subdivision of  $[a, b]$  whose terms are the terms of  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$ , and  $A$ . If each of the terms of  $D$  is in  $G_1$ , then  $|S_D(u, v) - k| < \epsilon < 3\epsilon$ . Suppose that there is a term of  $D$  which is not in  $G_1$ ; let  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m$  denote the terms of  $D$  which are not in  $G_1$ . If  $k$  is one of the first  $m$  positive integers, then there is an integer  $p$  such that  $c_p < t_k < d_p$ , and (by Definition 2.1 and Lemma 2.2) there is a subinterval  $[r_k, s_k]$  of  $[c_p, d_p]$  such that  $r_k$  and  $s_k$  are in  $G_1$ , and  $r_k < t_k < s_k$ , and  $|S_K(u, v) - S_L(u, v)| < \epsilon/2m$  if  $K$  and  $L$  are subdivisions of  $[r_k, s_k]$ . Let  $E$  denote the refinement of  $D$  whose terms are the terms of  $D$  and the numbers  $r_k$  and  $s_k, k=1, 2, \dots, m$ ; then  $|S_D(u, v) - S_E(u, v)| < \epsilon$ . Let  $F$  denote the subdivision of  $[a, b]$  whose terms are the terms of  $E$  which are in  $G_1$ ; then  $|S_E(u, v) - S_F(u, v)| < \epsilon$ . Moreover,  $F$  is a refinement of  $A_1$  each of whose terms is in  $G_1$ ; so  $|S_F(u, v) - k_1| < \epsilon$ . Hence  $|S_D(u, v) - k_1| < 3\epsilon$ . By a similar argument,  $|S_D(u, v) - k_2| < 3\epsilon$ ; so  $|k_1 - k_2| < 6\epsilon$ . This completes the proof.

REMARK 2.2. If  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ , then  $[a, b]$  is a summability set for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ , and  $\int_a^b u(x)dv(x)$  is the number  $k$  of Lemma 2.1.

DEFINITION 2.4. Suppose that  $u$  is a function,  $v$  is a function, and  $[a, b]$  is an interval.

(i) The statement that  $u$  is summable with respect to  $v$  in  $[a, b]$  means that there is a summability set for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ .

(ii) if  $u$  is summable with respect to  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ , then  $\int_a^b u(x)dv(x)$ , the integral of  $u$  with respect to  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ , is the number  $k$  of Lemma 2.1, and  $\int_b^a u(x)dv(x) = -\int_a^b u(x)dv(x)$ .

3. **Some properties of the integral.** We shall now show that the integral defined in Definition 2.4 has the properties specified in §1. It follows directly from Definition 2.4 that the statement (1.1) is true if  $X$  denotes the subset of  $U$  such that a member  $(v, u, [a, b])$  of  $U$  is in  $X$  if and only if  $u$  is summable with respect to  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ .

THEOREM 3.1. *Suppose that the function  $u$  is summable with respect to the function  $v$  in the interval  $[a, b]$ , and  $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{21}, a_{22}, a_{23}$  is a number sequence, and  $f(x) = a_{11}u(x) + a_{12}v(x) + a_{13}$  and  $g(x) = a_{21}u(x) + a_{22}v(x) + a_{23}$  for each number  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ . Then  $f$  is summable with respect to  $g$  in  $[a, b]$ , and*

$$\int_a^b f(x)dg(x) - 2^{-1}[f(a) + f(b)][g(b) - g(a)]$$

$$= (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}) \left\{ \int_a^b u(x)dv(x) - 2^{-1}[u(a) + u(b)][v(b) - v(a)] \right\}.$$

PROOF. If  $D$  is a subdivision of a subinterval  $[c, d]$  of  $[a, b]$ , then

$$S_D(f, g) = a_{21}S_D(f, u) + a_{22}S_D(f, v)$$

$$= a_{11}a_{21}S_D(u, u) + a_{12}a_{21}S_D(v, u) + a_{13}a_{21}S_D(1, u)$$

$$+ a_{11}a_{22}S_D(u, v) + a_{12}a_{22}S_D(v, v) + a_{13}a_{22}S_D(1, v)$$

$$= 2^{-1}a_{11}a_{21}u^2 \Big|_c^d + a_{12}a_{21}uv \Big|_c^d - a_{12}a_{21}S_D(u, v) + a_{13}a_{21}u \Big|_c^d$$

$$+ a_{11}a_{22}S_D(u, v) + 2^{-1}a_{12}a_{22}v^2 \Big|_c^d + a_{13}a_{22}v \Big|_c^d.$$

Hence if  $D$  and  $E$  are subdivisions of  $[c, d]$ , then

$$S_D(f, g) - S_E(f, g) = (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21})[S_D(u, v) - S_E(u, v)].$$

Hence if  $G$  is a summability set for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ , then  $G$  is a summability set for  $f$  and  $g$  in  $[a, b]$ . Moreover, if  $D$  is a subdivision of  $[a, b]$  and  $E$  is the subdivision of  $[a, b]$  whose only terms are  $a$  and  $b$ , then

$$S_D(f, g) - 2^{-1}[f(a) + f(b)][g(b) - g(a)]$$

$$= (a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}) \{ S_D(u, v) - 2^{-1}[u(a) + u(b)][v(b) - v(a)] \}.$$

The theorem now follows at once.

COROLLARY 3.1a. *If  $u$  is summable with respect to  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ , then  $v$  is summable with respect to  $u$  in  $[a, b]$ , and  $\int_a^b u(x)dv(x) = u(b)v(b) - u(a)v(a) - \int_a^b v(x)du(x)$ .*

LEMMA 3.2a. *If the function  $u$  is summable with respect to the function  $v$  in the interval  $[a, b]$  and  $x$  is a number in  $[a, b]$ , then  $x$  is not an exceptional number for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ .*

PROOF. Let  $G$  denote a summability set for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ . If  $x$  is in  $G$ , then by Definition 2.3,  $x$  is not an exceptional number for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ . Suppose that  $x$  is not in  $G$ ; let  $H$  denote the complement of  $G$  in  $[a, b]$ ; then  $x$  is in  $H$ , and  $(v, u, H)$  is a singular graph. Let  $\epsilon$  denote a positive number. Then there is a subinterval  $[c_1, d_1]$  of  $[a, b]$  such that  $c_1$  and  $d_1$  are in  $G$ ,  $x$  is between  $c_1$  and  $d_1$ , and



$|S_{C_1}(u, v) - S_{D_1}(u, v)| < \epsilon/2$  if  $C_1$  and  $D_1$  are subdivisions of  $[c_1, d_1]$ . Suppose that there is a subinterval  $[c, d]$  of  $[a, b]$  containing  $x$  such that if  $[p, q]$  is a subinterval of  $[c, d]$  which does not contain  $x$  then  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[p, q]$ . If  $c \leq x < d$ , let  $p$  denote a number less than  $d$  between  $x$  and  $d_1$ , and let  $C_2$  denote a subdivision of  $[p, d]$  such that  $|S_{C_2}(u, v) - S_{D_2}(u, v)| < \epsilon/2$  if  $D_2$  is a refinement of  $C_2$ , and such that  $d_1$  is a term of  $C_2$  if  $d_1 < d$ . By Lemma 2.2, there is a subdivision  $C_3$  of  $[x, p]$  such that if  $D_3$  is a refinement of  $C_3$  then  $|S_{C_3}(u, v) - S_{D_3}(u, v)| < \epsilon/2$ ; hence it follows that there is a subdivision  $C$  of  $[x, d]$  such that if  $D$  is a refinement of  $C$  then  $|S_C(u, v) - S_D(u, v)| < \epsilon$ ; so  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[x, d]$ . Similarly, if  $c < x \leq d$ , then  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[c, x]$ . Hence  $u$  is integrable with respect to  $v$  in  $[c, d]$  and consequently in each subinterval of  $[c, d]$ ; so  $x$  is not an exceptional number for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ . This completes the proof.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Suppose that  $u$  is summable with respect to  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ , and that  $a < c < b$ . Then  $u$  is summable with respect to  $v$  in  $[a, c]$  and in  $[c, b]$ ; and  $\int_a^c u(x)dv(x) + \int_c^b u(x)dv(x) = \int_a^b u(x)dv(x)$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $G$  denote a summability set for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ , let  $G_1$  denote the set whose members are  $c$  and the members of  $G$  which are in  $[a, c]$ , and let  $G_2$  denote the set whose members are  $c$  and the members of  $G$  which are in  $[c, b]$ . If  $c$  is in  $G$ , it readily follows from Definition 2.3 and Lemma 2.2 that  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are summability sets for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, c]$  and  $[c, b]$ , respectively, and consequently that the conclusion of the theorem is true. Suppose that  $c$  is not in  $G$ . By Lemma 3.2a,  $c$  is not an exceptional number for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$  and hence is not an exceptional number for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, c]$  or in  $[c, b]$ . Since  $c$  is not in  $G$ , it follows that if  $\epsilon$  is a positive number, then there is a subinterval  $[p, q]$  of  $[a, b]$  such that  $p$  and  $q$  are in  $G$ ,  $c$  is between  $p$  and  $q$ , and  $|S_P(u, v) - S_Q(u, v)| < \epsilon$  if  $P$  and  $Q$  are subdivisions of  $[p, q]$ . From Lemma 2.2 and Definition 2.3 it readily follows that  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are summability sets for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, c]$  and  $[c, b]$ , respectively, and consequently that the conclusion of the theorem is true. This completes the proof.

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Suppose that  $[a, b]$  is an interval,  $H$  is a subset of the segment  $(a, b)$ ,  $G$  is the complement of  $H$  in  $[a, b]$ , and  $u, v, u_1, v_1$  are functions such that*

- (i)  $u_1$  is integrable with respect to  $v_1$  in  $[a, b]$ ,
- (ii) each of  $(v, u, H)$  and  $(v_1, u_1, H)$  is a singular graph,
- (iii)  $u(x) = u_1(x)$  and  $v(x) = v_1(x)$  if  $x$  is in  $G$ , and

(iv) if  $x$  is in  $G$  then  $x$  is not an exceptional number for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ .

Then  $G$  is a summability set for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$ , and  $\int_a^b u(x)dv(x) = \int_a^b u_1(x)dv_1(x)$ .

PROOF. By hypothesis  $u_1$  is integrable with respect to  $v_1$  in  $[a, b]$ ; so if  $x$  is in  $G$ , then  $x$  is not an exceptional number for  $u_1$  and  $v_1$  in  $[a, b]$ , and since  $(v_1, u_1, H)$  is a singular graph it can readily be seen that  $G$  is a summability set for  $u_1$  and  $v_1$  in  $[a, b]$ . But if  $D$  is a subdivision of  $[a, b]$  each of whose terms is in  $G$ , then  $S_D(u, v) = S_D(u_1, v_1)$ , and consequently  $G$  is a summability set for  $u$  and  $v$  in  $[a, b]$  and  $\int_a^b u(x)dv(x) = \int_a^b u_1(x)dv_1(x)$ . This completes the proof.

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