

SOLUTION SET 9B

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3. In class we proved the following theorem

Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a closed rectangle, and let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded function. If f is continuous at a , then $o(f, a) = 0$.

Prove the converse.

If we have $o(f, a) = 0$, then by definition $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} (M(a, f, \delta) - m(a, f, \delta)) = 0$. Then, certainly $|f(x) - f(a)| < M(a, f, \delta) - m(a, f, \delta)$ for x within δ of a . And, because given $\epsilon > 0$, we can find a δ such that $|f(x) - f(a)| < M(a, f, \delta) - m(a, f, \delta) < \epsilon$ whenever $x - a < \delta$, continuity follows.

4. Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a closed rectangle and let $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded function. If P is a partition of A and P' is a refinement of P show that $L(f, P) \leq L(f, P')$

Let us consider one subrectangle of P , call it S . When we pass to P' , this rectangle gets broken up into rectangles S_1, \dots, S_n , such that $v(S_1) + \dots + v(S_n) = v(S)$. But, for each i , $m_{S_i}(f) \geq m_S(f)$ by definition of $m_{S_i}(f)$ and $m_S(f)$ noting that each S_i is a subset of S . Summing over the S_i 's gives us $m_s(f)v(S) = m_S(f)v(S_1) + \dots + m_S(f)v(S_n)$ which is less than or equal to $m_{S_1}v(S_1) + \dots + m_{S_n}v(S_n)$.

Considering in turn all $S \in P$ and performing a similar argument, and summing the results, gives us what we want to prove.