

# Re: Convergence of continuous function

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On 1 Mar 2005 07:08:55 -0800, "krill" <[krillqill@hotmail.com](mailto:krillqill@hotmail.com)> wrote:

>When I read Bartle I find the squeeze theorem which said that a  
>function is Riemann integrable iff it is a limit of sequences of  
> $R$ -integrable function (converges in the sense of Riemann integral).

What does "converges in the sense of Riemann integral" mean?

>However, I find this theorem somewhat trivial, just as one tell me that  
>a continuous function is a limit of sequences of continuous functions.

That's true or not, depending on what sort of convergence  
you're talking about.

>So I would like to ask:

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>1. Is it true that a function  $f$  is  $R$ -integrable iff for every  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  
>there exists two continuous function  $g, h: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that  
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> $g(x) \leq f(x) \leq h(x)$   
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>and  $\int (h(x) - g(x)) < \epsilon$ ??

Yes, this is easy to see from the characterization in terms of  
upper and lower sums.

>2. If a sequence of continuous function  $\{f_n\}$ , where  $f_n: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
>converges to  $f$ , and  $f$  is bounded, is  $f$   $R$ -integrable (or equivalently,  
>the discontinuity set of  $f$  is Lebesgue measure zero?

What sort of convergence do you mean here?

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