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ON A MODIFIED SUM INTEGRAL OF STIELTJES TYPE

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Let $[a, b]$ be a bounded interval on the real line, $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$. Given a positive function $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$, we consider finite sequences of numbers $A = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\}$ such that

- (1) $a = \alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \dots < \alpha_k = b,$
- (2) $\alpha_{j-1} \leq \tau_j \leq \alpha_j, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k,$
- (3) $|\alpha_j - \tau_j| \leq \delta(\tau_j), \quad |\alpha_{j-1} - \tau_j| \leq \delta(\tau_j), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k.$

The set of all subdivisions A of $[a, b]$ satisfying (1), (2) and (3) with a given $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ we denote by $\mathcal{A}(\delta)$.

Further, replacing (2) by the condition

- (2*) $\alpha_0 \leq \tau_1 < \alpha_1, \quad \alpha_{j-1} < \tau_j < \alpha_j, \quad j = 2, 3, \dots, k-1, \quad \alpha_{k-1} < \tau_k \leq \alpha_k$

we denote the set of all A satisfying (1), (2*) and (3) with a given $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ by $\mathcal{A}^*(\delta)$.

In [2] it was proved that $\mathcal{A}(\delta) \neq \emptyset$ for any $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ (cf. Lemma 1,1,1 in [2]). The proof is based on choosing a finite covering of $[a, b]$ by intervals of the form $(\tau - \delta(\tau), \tau + \delta(\tau))$ where $\tau \in [a, b]$. By the same argument we can prove that $\mathcal{A}^*(\delta) \neq \emptyset$ for any $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$.

Definition 1. The function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ is *K-integrable* (*K*-integrable*) on $[a, b]$ with respect to $g : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ if there exists a number I such that to every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is such a $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ that

$$|K(A) - I| < \varepsilon$$

provided $A \in \mathcal{A}(\delta)$ ($A \in \mathcal{A}^*(\delta)$) where

$$K(A) = \sum_{j=1}^k f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1}))$$

for $A = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\}$.

The number I (if it exists) will be denoted by $K \int_a^b f dg$ ($K^* \int_a^b f dg$) and will be called the Kurzweil integral (the modified Kurzweil integral) of f with respect to g on $[a, b]$.

Remark. The concept of the K-integral was introduced and studied for the first time by J. Kurzweil in [2], it is used in [2] and in a number of other papers to study ordinary differential equations.

In [2] and [4] it is shown that if g is a function of bounded variation on $[a, b]$, i.e. $g \in BV(a, b)$, then the usual Perron-Stieltjes integral P.S. $\int_a^b f dg$ (cf. [3]) is equivalent to the integral $K \int_a^b f dg$.

In [4] we studied further the relation between $K \int_a^b f dg$ and the Young σ -integral $Y \int_a^b f dg$ for $g \in BV(a, b)$ (for the Young integral see also [1]). In this direction we have obtained that for $g \in BV(a, b)$ the existence of $Y \int_a^b f dg$ does not in general imply the existence of $K \int_a^b f dg$ (cf. Sec 3 in [4]). In this note we prove that the modified Kurzweil integral includes the Young σ -integral, i.e. the following theorem holds:

Theorem 1. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$, let $g : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ be of bounded variation on $[a, b]$ ($g \in BV(a, b)$). Then if the Young σ -integral $Y \int_a^b f dg$ exists then also the modified Kurzweil integral $K^* \int_a^b f dg$ exists and both integrals are equal.*

Proposition 1. *If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$, $g \in BV(a, b)$ and $K \int_a^b f dg$ exists then $K^* \int_a^b f dg$ exists and both integrals are equal.*

Proof. It is easy to see that if $A \in \mathcal{A}^*(\delta)$ for some $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ then also $A \in \mathcal{A}(\delta)$ and the proposition is an easy consequence of Def. 1.

Proposition 2. *If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$, $g \in BV(a, b)$ such that $g(a) = g(t+) = g(t-) = g(b)$ for all $t \in (a, b)$ then $K^* \int_a^b f dg$ exists and equals zero.*

Proof. Without any loss of generality we can suppose that $g(a) = 0$. Indeed our proposition evidently holds for $g(t) = \text{const.}$ by definition and therefore the additivity of the integral yields that in the case $g(a) \neq 0$ it is sufficient to consider the function $\tilde{g}(t) = g(t) - g(a)$ for which we have $\tilde{g}(a) = 0$.

Since g is a function of bounded variation there exists a countable set $N = \{t_1, \dots, t_m, \dots\} \subset (a, b)$ such that $g(t) = 0$ for $t \in [a, b] - N$ and $g(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in N$. Moreover, we have $\text{var}_a^b g = 2 \sum_{t \in N} |g(t)| < +\infty$. Given now an arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$, we define for f, g and ε a function $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ in the following way:

If $\tau \in N$, i.e. $\tau = t_m$ for some $m = 1, 2, \dots$, then there is a $\delta(\tau) > 0$ such that

$$|g(t)| < \varepsilon \cdot 2^{-m-1} [|f(\tau)| + 1]^{-1}$$

for $0 < |t - \tau| < \delta(\tau)$. This is a consequence of the existence of limits $g(\tau-), g(\tau+)$ for all $\tau \in (a, b)$ and our assumption $g(\tau+) = g(\tau-) = 0$ for all $\tau \in (a, b)$. For $\tau \in N$ let $\delta(\tau)$ be the positive number given above.

If $\tau \in [a, b] - N$ then we define the set

$$H_l = \{t \in [a, b] - N; l \leq |f(t)| < l + 1\}$$

for all $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Evidently $\bigcup_{l=0}^{\infty} H_l = [a, b] - N$ and $H_l \cap H_m = \emptyset$ for $l \neq m$.

Further we determine for all $l = 0, 1, \dots$ a set $N_l \subset N$ such that

$$\sum_{t \in N - N_l} 2|g(t)| < \varepsilon(l + 1)^{-1} \cdot 2^{-l}.$$

This is obviously possible since the series $\sum_{t \in N} |g(t)|$ converges. If $\tau \in [a, b] - N$ then there exists a uniquely determined integer $l \geq 0$ such that $\tau \in H_l$ and we define

$$\delta(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \varrho(\tau, N_l) > 0$$

where ϱ is the Euclidean distance on the real line. This $\delta(\tau)$ is positive since $\tau \notin N_l$. By definition we have $[\tau - \delta(\tau), \tau + \delta(\tau)] \cap N_l = \emptyset$ for all $\tau \in H_l$.

Now let $A = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\}$ be arbitrary and let us consider the corresponding sum $K(A)$. We have

$$|K(A)| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^k f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1})) \right| \leq \sum_{j=1}^k |f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1}))|.$$

If $\tau_j \in N$, i.e., $\tau_j = t_m$ for some $m = 1, 2, \dots$ then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1}))| &\leq |f(t_m)| (|g(\alpha_j)| + |g(\alpha_{j-1})|) \leq \\ &\leq |f(t_m)| \cdot 2\varepsilon(|f(t_m)| + 1)^{-1} \cdot 2^{-m-1} < \varepsilon/2^m, \end{aligned}$$

since $A \in \mathcal{A}^*(\delta)$ implies $0 < |\alpha_j - t_m| < \delta(t_m)$ and $0 < |\alpha_{j-1} - t_m| < \delta(t_m)$. If $\tau_j \notin N$ then there is an integer $l \geq 0$ such that $\tau_j \in H_l$ and we have $|f(\tau_j)| \leq l + 1$. Hence

$$|f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1}))| \leq (l + 1) |g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1})| \leq (l + 1) \text{var}_{\alpha_{j-1}}^{\alpha_j} g$$

and for the sum $S_l = \sum_{\tau_j \in H_l} |f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1}))|$ of all absolute values of summands in $K(A)$ with $\tau_j \in H_l$ we can give the estimate

$$S_l \leq (l + 1) \sum_{\tau_j \in H_l} \text{var}_{\alpha_{j-1}}^{\alpha_j} g \leq (l + 1) \sum_{t \in N \cap M_l} 2|g(t)|$$

where $M_l = \bigcup_{\tau_j \in H_l} [\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j]$. Let us mention that $M_l \cap N_l = \emptyset$ since $M_l \subset \bigcup_{\tau_j \in H_l} [\tau_j - \delta(\tau_j), \tau_j + \delta(\tau_j)]$ and $[\tau_j - \delta(\tau_j), \tau_j + \delta(\tau_j)] \cap N_l = \emptyset$ for any $\tau_j \in H_l$. Hence $N \cap M_l \subset N - N_l$ and we have

$$S_l \leq (l+1) \sum_{t \in N - N_l} 2|g(t)| < (l+1) \varepsilon \cdot (l+1)^{-1} \cdot 2^{-l} = \varepsilon \cdot 2^{-l}$$

Therefore we have

$$|K(A)| < \varepsilon \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} 2^{-m} + \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} 2^{-l} \right) = 3\varepsilon$$

and the proposition follows immediately from Def. 1.

Proof of Theorem 1. Let us define the set

$$N_S = \{t \in (a, b); g(t+) = g(t-), g(t) \neq g(t-)\}$$

and the function $g_S(t) = 0$, $t \in [a, b] - N_S$, $g_S(t) = g(t)$ for $t \in N_S$. We put $g_R = g - g_S$.

Since $Y \int_a^b f dg$ exists by assumption and the existence of $Y \int_a^b f dg_S$ and also the equality $Y \int_a^b f dg_S = 0$ follows from Proposition 1,1 in [4] the integral $Y \int_a^b f dg_R$ exists. Using Theorem 3,1 from [4] we obtain that $K \int_a^b f dg_R$ exists and Proposition 1 yields the existence of $K^* \int_a^b f dg_R$ and the equality $K^* \int_a^b f dg_R = K \int_a^b f dg_R = Y \int_a^b f dg_R$. By Prop. 2 we obtain the existence of $K^* \int_a^b f dg_S$ and $K^* \int_a^b f dg_S = 0$. Thus the integral $K^* \int_a^b f dg$ exists and

$$K^* \int_a^b f dg = K^* \int_a^b f dg_S + K^* \int_a^b f dg_R = Y \int_a^b f dg_R = Y \int_a^b f dg.$$

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