

7. On Hausdorff's Theorem

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In his paper [2], Professor T. Satō considers directed sequences of real numbers, and the Riemann-Stieltjes integral as its application.

In the case of the Riemann-Stieltjes integral, he generalizes Darboux's theorem on the Riemann integral and obtains the following two theorems:

Theorem 1. *Let $\{\psi_n(x)\}$ be a sequence of bounded functions in $[a, b]$.*

If $\psi_1(x) \geq \psi_2(x) \geq \dots \geq \psi_n(x) \geq \dots$, and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi_n(x) = 0,$$

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b \psi_n(x) d\sigma(x) = 0.$$

Theorem 2. *Let $\{f_n(x)\}$ be a sequence of uniformly bounded functions in $[a, b]$.*

If a sequence of functions $f_n(x)$ ($n=1, 2, \dots$) converges to a function $f(x)$, then

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) d\sigma(x) \leq \int_a^b f(x) d\sigma(x),$$

$$\underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) d\sigma(x) \geq \int_a^b f(x) d\sigma(x).$$

We shall generalize the latter using his method.

In this note, we shall prove the following theorem which is a generalization of the theorem 2.

Theorem. *Let $\{f_n(x)\}$ be a sequence of uniformly bounded functions in $[a, b]$.*

Let $\underline{f}(x) = \underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$, $\overline{f}(x) = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$, then we have

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) d\sigma(x) \leq \int_a^b \overline{f}(x) d\sigma(x),$$

$$\underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) d\sigma(x) \geq \int_a^b \underline{f}(x) d\sigma(x).$$

To prove the theorem above, we shall first explain some notations.

Let $\sigma(x)$ be a continuous and strictly increasing function in $[a, b]$. We subdivide the interval $[a, b]$ by means of the points $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n$, so that