

b)  $\sum(P_1) + \sum(P_2) \leq V_f(a, b) \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$   
 Since each  $\sum(P_1)$  and  $\sum(P_2)$  is non-negative, we  
 we have,

$\sum(P_1) \leq V_f(a, b)$ , for all partition of  $[a, c]$   
 and  $\sum(P_2) \leq V_f(a, b)$ , for all partition of  $[c, b]$   
 for all  $\sum(P_1) \leq \sum(P_2)$  is bounded above by  $V_f(a, b)$ .  
 $\therefore \{ \sum(P_1) : P_1 \in \mathcal{P}[a, c] \}$  is bounded above by  $V_f(a, b)$ .  
 and  $\{ \sum(P_2) : P_2 \in \mathcal{P}[c, b] \}$  is bounded above by  $V_f(a, b)$ .  
 $\Rightarrow f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, c]$  and on  $[c, b]$

$\therefore \text{Sup} \{ \sum(P_1) : P_1 \in \mathcal{P}[a, c] \}$  and

$\text{Sup} \{ \sum(P_2) : P_2 \in \mathcal{P}[c, b] \}$  exists

ii)  $V_f(a, c)$  and  $V_f(c, b)$  exists

Consider (i),

$$\sum(P_1) + \sum(P_2) \leq V_f(a, b)$$

keeping 'P<sub>2</sub>' fixed and varying P<sub>1</sub> over all the partitions  
 of  $[a, c]$  we get,

$$\text{Sup} \{ \sum(P_1) \} + [\sum(P_2)] \leq V_f(a, b)$$

$$V_f(a, c) + \sum(P_2) \leq V_f(a, b)$$

Now varying 'P<sub>2</sub>' over all the partitions of  $[c, b]$ ,

we have

$$V_f(a, c) + \text{Sup} \{ \sum(P_2) \} \leq V_f(a, b)$$

$$V_f(a, c) + V_f(c, b) \leq V_f(a, b) \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Now,

To prove that :  $V_f(a, b) \leq V_f(a, c) + V_f(c, b)$  19

Let  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be an arbitrary partition of  $[a, b]$ .

Let  $P_0 = P \cup \{c\}$  be the partition obtained by adjoining the point 'c' with 'P'

then if  $c \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta b_k| &= |f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})| \\ &= |f(x_k) - f(c) + f(c) - f(x_{k-1})| \\ &\leq |f(x_k) - f(c)| + |f(c) - f(x_{k-1})| \longrightarrow \textcircled{A} \end{aligned}$$

consider,

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{S}(P) &= \sum_{i=1}^n |\Delta b_i| + |\Delta b_n| \\ &= \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^n |\Delta b_i| + |f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})| \\ \Rightarrow \underline{S}(P) &\leq \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^n |\Delta b_i| + |f(x_k) - f(c)| + |f(c) - f(x_{k-1})| \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \underline{S}(P_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{S}(P) \leq \underline{S}(P_0) \longrightarrow \textcircled{B}$$

$$\text{Let } P_1 = P_0 \cap [a, c]$$

$$\text{and } P_2 = P_0 \cap [c, b]$$

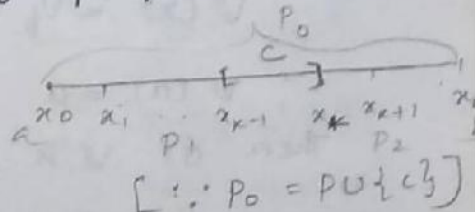
then  $P_1$  is a partition of  $[a, c]$  and  $P_2$  is the partition of  $[c, b]$ .

Then the corresponding sums of these partitions are connected by the relation.

$$\underline{S}(P_0) = \underline{S}(P_1) + \underline{S}(P_2)$$

$$\textcircled{B} \Rightarrow \underline{S}(P) \leq \underline{S}(P_0) = \underline{S}(P_1) + \underline{S}(P_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{S}(P) \leq \underline{S}(P_1) + \underline{S}(P_2)$$



$$\leq \sup \{ \sum (P_i) : P_1 \in \mathcal{P}[a, c] \} \\ + \sup \{ \sum (P_i) : P_2 \in \mathcal{P}[c, b] \}$$

$$= V_f(a, c) + V_f(c, b)$$

$$(b) \quad \sum(P) \leq V_f(a, c) + V_f(c, b), \quad \forall P \in \mathcal{P}[a, b]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sup \{ \sum(P) : P \in \mathcal{P}[a, b] \} \leq V_f(a, c) + V_f(c, b)$$

$$\Rightarrow V_f(a, b) \leq V_f(a, c) + V_f(c, b) \quad \rightarrow \text{ii}$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$V_f(a, b) = V_f(a, c) + V_f(c, b)$$

Hence the proof.

Theorem 13 Total Variation on  $[a, x]$  as a function of  $x$

Let  $f$  be a bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ .

Let  $V$  be defined on  $[a, b]$  as follows.

$$V(x) = V_f(a, x), \quad \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \text{ and } (a) \leq x$$

$$V(a) = 0$$

then (i)  $V$  is an increasing function on  $[a, b]$

(ii)  $V - f$  is an increasing function on  $[a, b]$

Proof: Given that,

$f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$

and  $V(x) = V_f(a, x)$ ,  $\forall a \leq x \leq b$ ,  $V(a) = 0$

To prove that:  $V$  is an increasing function on  $[a, b]$ .

then we have to prove that,

if  $x, y \in [a, b]$  then

$$V(x) \leq V(y) \quad \text{whenever } x < y$$

Case (i) If  $a < x$ , then

$$V(a) = 0 \quad (\text{given})$$

$$\text{and } V_f(a, x) = \sup \{ S(P) : P \in \mathcal{P}[a, x] \}$$

$$\text{but } V_f(a, x) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V(x) \geq 0$$

$$\therefore V(a) \leq V(x) \quad \text{whenever } a < x$$

$\hookrightarrow (1)$

Case (ii) : If  $a < x < y \leq b$

Since  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  and since  $x \in (a, b)$ ,

$f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, x]$ ,  $[a, y]$  and  $[x, y]$ ,  $[y, b]$

Also we have,

$$V_f(a, y) = V_f(a, x) + V_f(x, y) \quad \longrightarrow (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow V(y) = V(x) + V_f(x, y)$$

$$\Rightarrow V(y) - V(x) = V_f(x, y)$$

$$\text{But } V_f(x, y) = \sup \{ S(P) : P \in \mathcal{P}[x, y] \} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V(y) - V(x) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V(y) \geq V(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow V(x) \geq V(y) \quad \text{if } a < x < y \leq b$$

$\hookrightarrow (3)$

Using (1) and (3), we have

$$-V(x, y) \in [a, b],$$

$$V(x) \leq V(y) \quad \text{whenever } x < y$$

$\therefore V$  is an increasing function on  $[a, b]$

To prove that:  $v \cdot f$  is an increasing function on  $[a, b]$

Let  $D(x) = v(x) \cdot f(x)$ , if  $x \in [a, b]$

To prove that:  $D = v \cdot f$  is an increasing function on  $[a, b]$

(i) We have to prove that,

$$\forall x, y \in [a, b]$$

$$D(x) \leq D(y) \text{ whenever } x < y$$

If  $a \leq x < y \leq b$

(consider,  $D(y) - D(x) = v(y) \cdot f(y) - [v(x) \cdot f(x)]$ )

$$= v(y) \cdot f(y) - v(x) \cdot f(x)$$

$$= v(y) - v(x) - [f(y) - f(x)]$$

$$= v_f(a, y) - v_f(a, x) - [f(y) - f(x)]$$

$$= v_f(a, x) + v_f(x, y) - v_f(a, x)$$

$$D(y) - D(x) = v_f(x, y) - [f(y) - f(x)]$$

Since,  $v_f(x, y) = \sup \{ \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})| : P \in \mathcal{P}[x, y] \}$

$$= \sup \{ \sum_{i=1}^n |f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})| : P \in \mathcal{P}[x, y] \}$$

$$\geq \sup \{ |f(y) - f(x)| \}$$

$$\geq |f(y) - f(x)|$$

$$\therefore |f(y) - f(x)| \leq v_f(x, y)$$

(ii)  $f(y) - f(x) \leq v_f(x, y)$

$$\Rightarrow v_f(x, y) - [f(y) - f(x)] \geq 0$$

Using in (i) we have,

if  $a \leq x < y \leq b$ ,

$$D(y) - D(x) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D(y) \geq D(x)$$

$\Rightarrow D(x) \leq D(y)$  whenever  $x < y$

$\therefore D = V - f$  is an increasing function on  $[a, b]$

Hence the proof.

Theorem: 18

'f' is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  iff 'f' can be expressed as the difference of two increasing functions.

Proof: Suppose that, 'f' is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$

To prove that: 'f' can be expressed as the difference of two increasing functions.

Let  $V$  be a function defined on  $[a, b]$

as follows,

$$V(x) = V_f(a, x) \quad \text{if } a < x \leq b$$

and  $V(a) = 0$

Since 'f' is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$

$V$  is an increasing function on  $[a, b]$  and

$V - f$  is an increasing function  $[a, b]$

Now,  $f = V - (V - f)$

Since  $V$  and  $V - f$  are increasing functions on  $[a, b]$ .

$V$  and  $V - f$  are of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ .

Thus 'f' is expressed as the difference of two increasing functions.

conversely,

Assume that 'f' can be expressed as difference of two increasing functions.

T.P:  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$

Let  $f = f_1 - f_2$  where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are increasing functions on  $[a, b]$

Then  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$   
Also difference of functions of bounded variation is also of bounded variation.

$\therefore f_1 - f_2$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$

(ii)  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$

Hence the proof.

Note:

(i) The representation of a function of bounded variation as a difference of two increasing functions is not unique.

If  $f = f_1 - f_2$  where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are increasing we can find an arbitrary increasing function  $g$  such that,

$f = (f_1 + g) - (f_2 + g)$  to get a new representation of  $f$

(ii) If  $g$  is strictly increasing the same will be true for  $f_1 + g$  and  $f_2 + g$  therefore,

Theorem 1.3 also hence if increasing  $g$  is replaced by strictly increasing.

Theorem 14: Continuous functions of bounded Variation

Let  $f$  be of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ .  $\exists$   $x \in [a, b]$

Let  $V(x) = V_f(a, x)$  and  $V(a) = 0$  then every point of continuity of  $f$  is also a point of continuity of  $V$ .

The converse is also true.

Proof: Given  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  and

$V$  be a function defined as follows,

$$V(x) = V_f(a, x), \text{ if } a < x \leq b$$

$$V(a) = 0$$

Assume that  $f$  is continuous at the point  $c \in (a, b)$

T.P:  $V$  is also continuous at the point  $c \in (a, b)$

(e) To prove that  $V(c+) = V(c)$  and  $V(c-) = V(c)$

First to prove:  $V(c+) = V(c)$

Since  $f$  is continuous at  $c \in (a, b)$

For any given  $\epsilon_1 > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  such that

$$|f(x) - f(c)| \leq \epsilon_1 \text{ whenever } 0 < |x - c| < \delta, \epsilon > 0$$

Now,  $V_f(c, b) = \sup \{ \sum(P) : P \in \mathcal{P}[c, b] \}$

for the same  $\epsilon_1$ ,

$V_f(c, b) - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  is not an upper bound of the

set  $\{ \sum(P) : P \in \mathcal{P}[c, b] \}$

$\therefore$  there exists a partition  $P$  of  $[c, b]$  s.t.

$$P = \{ c = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = b \}$$

Such that

$$V_f(c, b) - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \sum_{k=1}^n | \Delta f_k | \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$



Addition of more points to  $P$  can only increase the sum  $\sum_{k=1}^n |\Delta b_k|$  and hence we can assume that

$$0 < x_1 - x_0 < \delta$$

$$(i) \quad 0 < x_1 - c < \delta$$

$\Rightarrow$  Since  $0 < (x_1 - c) < \delta$  then  $v_f(a, b) = \sup \{ \sum_{k=1}^n (P) : P \in \mathcal{P}[a, b] \}$

$$|f(x_1) - f(c)| < \epsilon/2$$

$$\Rightarrow v_f(c, b) - \epsilon/2 < \sum_{k=2}^n |\Delta b_k|$$

$$= |\Delta b_1| + \sum_{k=2}^n |\Delta b_k|$$

$$= |f(x_1) - f(c)| + \sum_{k=2}^n |\Delta b_k|$$

$$< \epsilon/2 + \sum_{k=2}^n |\Delta b_k| \rightarrow (3)$$

But  $v_f(x_1, b) = \sup \{ \sum_{k=2}^n |\Delta b_k| : P \in \mathcal{P}[x_1, b] \}$

Since  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  is a partition of  $[x_1, b]$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=2}^n |\Delta b_k| \leq v_f(x_1, b)$$

Substituting  $\sum_{k=2}^n |\Delta b_k|$  value in (3)

$$(3) \Rightarrow v_f(c, b) - \epsilon/2 < \epsilon/2 + v_f(x_1, b)$$

$$\Rightarrow v_f(c, b) - v_f(x_1, b) < \epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow v_f(c, b) - v_f(x_1, b) < \epsilon \rightarrow (4)$$

But  $0 \leq v(x_1) - v(c) = v_f(c, c) + v_f(c, x_1) - v_f(a, c)$

$$= v_f(c, x_1)$$

$$= v_f(c, b) - v_f(x_1, b)$$

$$\Rightarrow v_f(c, b) - v_f(x_1, b) < \epsilon$$

$\Rightarrow 0 \leq V(x_1) - V(c) < \epsilon$  whenever  $0 < x_1 - c < \delta$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $V(x)$  exist  
 $x \rightarrow c^+$

And  $V(c^+) = V(c)$

A similar argument yields  $V(c^-) = V(c)$

$$\therefore V(c^+) = V(c) = V(c^-)$$

$\therefore V$  is continuous at  $c \in (a, b)$

$\therefore$  A point of continuity of  $f$  is also a point of continuity of  $V$

Conversely,

Let  $V$  be continuous at  $x \in (a, b)$

T.P:  $f(x^+) = f(x)$  and  $f(x^-) = f(x)$

Since  $V$  is continuous at  $x$

For any given  $\epsilon > 0$  we can find  $\delta > 0$  such that,

$$|V(x^+) - V(x)| < \epsilon \text{ and } |V(x) - V(x^-)| < \epsilon \text{ whenever}$$

$$0 < |x - c| < \delta$$

$|V(y) - V(x)| < \epsilon$  whenever  $0 < |y - x| < \delta$

Since  $V$  is an increasing function, the right and left hand limits exists for each point  $x$  in  $(a, b)$

The same is true for  $f(x^+)$  and  $f(x^-)$

i.e)  $f$  is an increasing function on  $[a, b]$

$\therefore f(x^+)$  and  $f(x^-)$  exists

If  $a < x < y \leq b$ .

$$V_y(x, y) = \sup \{ \sum |\Delta b_k| : P \in \mathcal{P}[x, y] \}$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(y) - f(x)| \leq V_y(x, y)$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(y) - f(x)| \leq V_y(a, y) - V_y(a, x)$$