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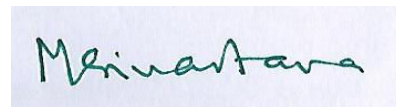
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**LECTURE -1**

*Now today we will study about functions of bounded variation and its properties.*

Definition- Functions of bounded variation consider a function  $f$  defined on  $[a, b]$ . let  $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n = b\}$  be any partition of  $[a, b]$ . The number  $v(f, P) = \sum_{r=1}^n |\delta f_r| = \sum_{r=1}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})|$  is called the variation of  $f$  corresponding to  $P$ .

Thus  $f$  has bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  if  $\exists$  or there exists

$$K > 0, \text{ such that } V(f, P) \leq K \quad \forall P \in P[a, b] \dots\dots\dots$$

Where  $P[a, b]$  denotes the family of all partitions of  $[a, b]$ .....

$$V[f, (a, h)] = \text{Sup} \{V(f, P) : P \in P[a, h]\} \text{ then } v[f, (a, h)] \text{ is}$$

write  $v(f, [a, b])$  is defined to be the total variation of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$

defined to be the total variation of  $f$  on  $(a, h)$

clearly if  $f$  has bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  and  $a < c < b$ , then  $f$  is on bounded variation of  $[a, c]$  and  $[c, b]$  and  $v(f, [a, b]) = v(f, [a, c]) + v(f, [c, b])$ .....(1)

Theorem 1: If  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$

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

$$\Rightarrow \exists k > 0 \text{ such that } v\{f, p\} \leq k$$

$$\Rightarrow v(f, [a, b]) \leq M.$$

$$\text{Also } |f(x) - f(a)| \leq v[f, [a, b]] \leq M \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

$$\text{Now } |f(x) - f(a)| \leq M \Rightarrow |f(x)| - |f(a)| \leq M$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x)| \leq M + f(a) \forall x \in (a, b)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \text{ is bounded on } (a, b)$$

**Theorem 2:** If the derivative  $f'(x)$  exists and is bounded in closed interval  $[a, b]$  then the function  $f$  is of bounded variation.

**Proof:** Let  $P = \{a = x_0 \dots x_n = b\}$  be a partition of closed interval  $[a, b]$

$$\text{Write } v(f, P) = \sum_{r=1}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})| \quad r=1, 2, \dots, n \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } V(f, [a, b]) = \sup \{v(f, P) \mid P \in P[a, b]\} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Since } f'(x) \text{ is bounded in } [a, b] \exists K > 0 \text{ such that } |f'(x)| \leq K \forall x \in (a, b) \quad (3)$$

By Lagrange's mean value theorem

$$\frac{f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})}{(x_r - x_{r-1})} = f'(\xi) \text{ where } \xi \in (a, b)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1}) = (x_r - x_{r-1})f'(\xi_r)$$

$$\therefore |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})| = (x_r - x_{r-1})|f'(\xi_r)| \quad (4)$$

For  $x_{r-1} < x_r$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

$$\therefore |x_r - x_{r-1}| = (x_r - x_{r-1})$$

Using (3) and (4) we get

$$|f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})| \leq (x_r - x_{r-1}) K \quad (5)$$

Using (5) in (1) we get

$$v(f, P) = \sum_{r=1}^n (x_r - x_{r-1})K = K(x_n - x_0) = K(b - a)$$

Taking supremum of both sides and from (2) we get

$$v(f, [a, b]) = K(b - a)$$

$$\Rightarrow v(f, [a, b]) \text{ is finite}$$

Consequently  $f$  is bounded.

**Theorem:3** If  $c \in [a, b]$  then show that  $f$  is bounded variation on  $[a, c]$  and  $[c, b]$  iff  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ .

Also prove that

$$V(f, [a, b]) = V(f, [a, c]) + V(f, [c, b])$$

Solution Let  $P_1 = \{a = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = c\}$

and  $P_2 = \{y_0 = c, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m = b\}$

where  $x_n = y_0 = c$  and  $P = P_1 \cup P_2$ ,

Then  $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n = c = y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m = b\}$

Evidently  $P_1, P_2, P$  are respectively partitions of  $[a, c], [c, b]$  and  $[a, b]$

Step: 1. Suppose  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ .

To prove that  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, c]$  and  $[c, b]$  both.

By assumption,  $V(f, [a, b]) = \text{finite} = k$ , say.

Evidently  $\sum_{r=1}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})| + \sum_{r=1}^m |f(y_r) - f(y_{r-1})| \leq V(f, [a, b]) = k$

Write  $S_1 = \sum_{r=1}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})|$ ,  $S_2 = \sum_{r=1}^m |f(y_r) - f(y_{r-1})|$

Then  $S_1, S_2 > 0$  and  $S_1 + S_2 \leq k$ ,  $S_2 < S_1 + S_2 \leq k$

or  $S_1 \leq k$ ,  $S_2 \leq k$

Taking supremum over all partitions  $P_1$  and  $P_2$

$\therefore V(f, [a, c]) \leq k$ ,  $V(f, [c, b]) \leq k$

This  $\Rightarrow f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, c]$  and  $[c, b]$  both.

Step II. Let  $f$  be of bounded variation on  $[a, c]$  and  $[c, b]$  respectively. Then

$$V(f, [a, c]) = k_1 = \text{finite},$$

$$V(f, [c, b]) = k_2 = \text{finite},$$

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

Let  $P = \{ a = z_0, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n = c, z_{n+1}, \dots, z_m = b \}$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=1}^n |f(z_r) - f(z_{r-1})| &= \sum_{r=1}^n |f(z_r) - f(z_{r-1})| + \sum_{r=n+1}^m |f(z_r) - f(z_{r-1})| \\ &\leq V(f, [a, c]) + V(f, [c, b]) = k_1 + k_2 = \text{finite} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \sum_{r=1}^n |f(z_r) - f(z_{r-1})| \leq k_1 + k_2 = \text{finite} \quad (1)$$

This  $\Rightarrow$   $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ .

Also, by (1)

$$V(f, [a, b]) \leq V(f, [a, c]) + V(f, [c, b]) \quad (2)$$

Step III:  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, c]$ .

$\Rightarrow$  given  $\varepsilon > 0 \exists$  a partition  $P_1 = \{ a = x_0, \dots, x_n = c \}$

$$\text{Such that } \sum_{r=1}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})| > V(f, [a, c]) - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (3)$$

Similarly  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[c, b]$

$$\text{gives } \sum_{r=1}^m |f(y_r) - f(y_{r-1})| > V(f, [c, b]) - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (4)$$

Adding (3) and (4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=1}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})| + \sum_{r=1}^m |f(y_r) - f(y_{r-1})| \\ > V(f, [a, c]) + V(f, [c, b]) - \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } V(f, [a, b]) > V(f, [a, c]) + V(f, [c, b]) - \varepsilon$$

Making  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we get

$$V(f, [a, b]) \geq V(f, [a, c]) + V(f, [c, b]) \quad (5)$$

(2) and (5)  $\Rightarrow V(f, [a, b]) = V(f, [a, c]) + V(f, [c, b])$  where  $a \leq c \leq b$ .

$\therefore V(f, [a, b]) = k_1 + k_2 = \text{finite}$

$\Rightarrow f$  is of bounded variation in  $[a, b]$

## *LECTURE -2*

*we will study about variation function and its properties and theorem based on it.*

**Def. Variation Function,** Let  $f$  be a function of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  and  $x \in [a, b]$ . The total variation of  $f$  on  $[a, c]$  is denoted by  $V(f, [a, x])$  which is clearly a function of  $x$ .

Write  $v_j(x) = v(f, [a, x])$

Then  $v_j(x)$  is defined as variation function or total variation function of  $f$ . Sometimes we also write  $v_j(x) = v(x)$ .

Let  $x_1, x_2, \in [a, b]$  be arbitrary s.t.  $x_1 < x_2$ .

Since  $V(f, [a, b]) = V(f, [a, c]) + V(f, [c, b])$

and so  $V(f, [a, b]) - V(f, [a, c]) = V(f, [c, b])$

Hence  $V(f, [a, x_2]) - V(f, [a, x_1]) = V(f, [x_1, x_2])$  (1)

or  $v(x_2) - v(x_1) = V(f, [x_1, x_2])$  (2)

Since  $0 \leq |f(x_2) - f(x_1)| \leq V(f, [x_1, x_2])$

Using (2), we get  $v(x_2) - v(x_1) \geq 0$

or  $v(x_2) \geq v(x_1)$

Thus  $x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow v(x_1) \leq v(x_2)$

This  $\Rightarrow v(x)$  is monotonic non-decreasing function on  $[a, b]$ .

**Theorem 4:** The variation function  $v(x)$  of a function of bounded variation is continuous iff  $f$  is a continuous function.

**Proof.** Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a map. Let  $x, c \in [a, b]$  be arbitrary but  $x < c$ .

We have  $v(x) = V(f, [a, x])$  (1)

$0 \leq |f(x) - f(c)| \leq V(f, [x, c])$  (2)

and  $V(f, [x, c]) = V(f, [a, c]) - V(f, [a, x])$  (3)

By (2) and (3), we get

$0 \leq |f(x) - f(c)| \leq V(f, [a, c]) - V(f, [a, x])$

$$= v(c) - v(x)$$

$$\text{or } 0 \leq |f(x) - f(c)| \leq v(c) - v(x) \quad (4)$$

$x < c \Rightarrow v(x) < v(c)$  as  $v(x)$  is monotonic increasing function .

$$(4) \Rightarrow 0 \leq |f(x) - f(c)| \leq v(c) - v(x) \quad (4')$$

Let  $f$  be a function of bounded variation so that

$$v(c), v(x) \leq \text{finite number} \quad (5)$$

**Step 1.** Let  $v(x)$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  (6)

**Aim:**  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ .

For this we show that  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = c$ .

By (6) given  $\varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.

$$|x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |v(x) - v(c)| < \varepsilon \quad (7)$$

Using (4) in (7) we get

$$|f(x) - f(c)| < \varepsilon \text{ for } |x - c| < \delta$$

$\therefore f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = c$ .

**Step II.** Let  $f(x)$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$

**Aim.**  $v(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  .

By assumption, given  $\varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.

$$|x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(c)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (8)$$

$\therefore f$  is bounded variation

$\therefore \exists$  partition  $p = [c, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n = b]$  of  $[c, b]$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{r=1}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})| > V(f, [c, b]) - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (9)$$

Further suppose that length of first sub-interval  $x_1 - c$  is less than  $\delta$ . By doing this change, (9) will remain unaffected.

$$\Rightarrow 0 < |x_1 - c| = x_1 - c < \delta$$



$$\text{and by (8)} \quad \left| f(x_1) - f(c) \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (10)$$

and by (8) and (9)

$$\left| f(x_1) - f(c) \right| + \sum_{r=2}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})| > V(f, [c, b]) - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$\text{or } V(f, [c, b]) - \sum_{r=2}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})| < \left| f(x_1) - f(c) \right| + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon, \text{ by (10).}$$

$$\text{or } V(f, [c, b]) - V(f, [x_1, b]) < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{or } V(f, [c, x_1]) < \varepsilon \quad (11)$$

$$\text{But } V(f, [a, b]) = V(f, [a, c]) + V(f, [c, b])$$

$$V(f, [a, b]) - V(f, [a, c]) = V(f, [c, b])$$

$$\text{or } V(f, [a, x_1]) - V(f, [a, c]) = V(f, [c, x_1]) < \varepsilon, \text{ by (11)}$$

$$\text{or } V(f, [a, x_1]) - V(f, [a, c]) < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{or } v(x_1) - v(c) < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{or } |v(x_1) - v(c)| < \varepsilon \text{ } v(x) \text{ is an increasing function.}$$

$$\text{for } |x_1 - c| < \delta$$

This  $\Rightarrow v(x)$  is continuous at  $x = c$ .

**Theorem 5:** A monotonic function is a function of bounded variation.

or

Let  $f$  be monotonic function and bounded on  $[a, b]$ . Then  $f$  is bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  and  $v(f) = |f(b) - f(a)|$

**Proof:** let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a monotonic function.

Let  $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = b\}$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$

$$\text{Then } v(f, P) = \sum_{r=1}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})| \quad (1)$$

Case 1: When  $f$  is monotonic increasing function

$$x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) < f(x_2) \Rightarrow f(x_2) - f(x_1) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x_2) - f(x_1)| = f(x_2) - f(x_1)$$

Now (1) becomes

$$v(f, P) = \sum_{r=1}^n [f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})]$$

$$= [f(x_1) - f(x_0)] + [f(x_2) - f(x_1)] + \dots + [f(x_n) - f(x_{n-1})]$$

$$= f(x_n) - f(x_0) = f(b) - f(a)$$

or  $v(f, P) = |f(b) - f(a)|$

as  $a < b \Rightarrow f(a) < f(b)$ . (2)

**Case II:** When  $f$  is monotonic decreasing.

$$x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) > f(x_2) \Rightarrow f(x_1) - f(x_2) > 0$$

Now (1) becomes

$$v(f, P) = \sum_{r=1}^n [f(x_{r-1}) - f(x_r)]$$

$$= [f(x_0) - f(x_1)] + [f(x_1) - f(x_2)] + \dots + [f(x_{n-1}) - f(x_n)]$$

$$= f(x_0) - f(x_n) = f(a) - f(b)$$

as  $a < b \Rightarrow f(a) > f(b) \Rightarrow f(a) - f(b) > 0$

$\therefore v(f, P) = |f(a) - f(b)|$  (3)

By (2) and (3), we have, in either case,

$$v(f, P) = |f(b) - f(a)| = \text{finite}$$

This  $\Rightarrow f$  is of bounded variation

### LECTURE -3

*We will study some algebraic properties of bounded variation*

**Theorem 6:** If  $f$  and  $g$  are functions of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ , then their sum  $f + g$ , product  $f g$  and difference  $f-g$  are functions of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$

**Proof:** Let  $p = \{a = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = b\}$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$ .

$$v(f, P) = \sum_{r=1}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})|$$

$$v(g, P) = \sum_{r=1}^n |g(x_r) - g(x_{r-1})|$$

$f$  and  $g$  are of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$

$$\Rightarrow \exists k_1, k_2 > 0 \text{ s.t. } v(f, P) < k_1, v(g, P) < k_2,$$

Also they must be bounded on  $[a, b]$  and so  $\exists m_1, m_2 > 0$  s.t.

$$|f(x)| < m_1, |g(x)| \leq m_2 \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

**Step1:** To prove that  $f + g$  is of bounded variation

$$\begin{aligned} v(f + g, P) &= \sum_{r=1}^n |(f + g)(x_r) - (f + g)(x_{r-1})| \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^n \{|f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})\} + \{g(x_r) - g(x_{r-1})\}| \\ &\leq \sum_{r=1}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})\} + \sum_{r=1}^n |g(x_r) - g(x_{r-1})\}| \\ &= v(f, P) + v(g, P) < k_1 + k_2 \end{aligned}$$

or,  $v(f + g, P) < k_1 + k_2$

This  $\Rightarrow f + g$  is of bounded variation.

Note. Here we have  $V(f+g, I) \leq V(f, I) + V(g, I)$  where  $I = [a, b]$ .

**Step II:** To prove that  $fg$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} v(fg, P) &= \sum_{r=1}^n |(fg)(x_r) - (fg)(x_{r-1})| \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^n \{|f(x_r)g(x_r)\} - f(x_{r-1})g(x_{r-1})\}| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum |f(x_r) \{g(x_r) - g(x_{r-1}) - g(x_{r-1})\} + g(x_{r-1}) \{f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})\}| \\
&\leq \sum |f(x_r)| |g(x_r) - g(x_{r-1})| + \sum |g(x_{r-1})| |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})| \\
&\leq m_1 \sum_{r=1}^n |g(x_r) - g(x_{r-1})| + m_2 \sum_{r=1}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})| \\
&= m_1 v(g, P) + m_2 v(f, P) \\
&< m_1 k_2 + m_2 k_1
\end{aligned}$$

or  $v(fg, P) < m_1 k_2 + m_2 k_1 = \text{finite}$

This  $\Rightarrow fg$  is of bounded variation

**Step III:** To prove that  $f - g$  is of bounded variation.

$$\begin{aligned}
v(f - g, P) &= \sum_{r=1}^n |(f - g)(x_r) - (f - g)(x_{r-1})| \\
&= \sum_{r=1}^n |\{f(x_r) - g(x_r)\} - \{f(x_{r-1}) - g(x_{r-1})\}| \\
&= \sum_{r=1}^n |\{f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})\} - \{g(x_r) - g(x_{r-1})\}| \\
&\leq \sum_{r=1}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})| + \sum_{r=1}^n |g(x_r) - g(x_{r-1})| \\
&= v(f, P) + v(g, P) < k_1 + k_2
\end{aligned}$$

or  $v(f - g, P) < k_1 + k_2 = \text{finite}$

This  $\Rightarrow f - g$  is of bounded variation

**Note:** Here we have the following results.

$$V(f + g, I) \leq V(f, I) + V(g, I)$$

$$V(f - g, I) \leq V(f, I) + V(g, I)$$

$$V(fg, I) \leq m_1 V(g, I) + m_2 V(f, I)$$

Where  $I = [a, b]$ ,  $|f(x)| \leq m_1$ ,  $|g(x)| < m_2$

**Theorem 7:** If a function  $f$  is of bounded variation of  $[a, b]$  and if  $\exists k > 0$  s.t.

$|f(x)| \geq k \forall x \in [a, b]$ , then  $\frac{1}{f}$  is also of bounded variation.

Proof, Let  $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = b\}$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 v\left(\frac{1}{f}, P\right) &= \sum_{r=1}^n \left| \frac{1}{f(x_r)} - \frac{1}{f(x_{r-1})} \right| \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^n \left| \frac{f(x_{r-1}) - f(x_r)}{f(x_r) f(x_{r-1})} \right| \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{|f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})|}{|f(x_r)| \cdot |f(x_{r-1})|} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{k^2} \sum_{r=1}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})| = \frac{1}{k^2} v(f, P)
 \end{aligned}$$

as  $|f(x)| \geq k \Rightarrow \frac{1}{|f(x)|} \leq \frac{1}{k}$

or  $v\left(\frac{1}{f}, P\right) = \frac{1}{k^2} v(f, P)$  (1)

Further  $f$  is of bounded variation.

$\therefore v(f, P) < k_1$ , where  $k_1 > 0$ .

$\therefore$  By (2)  $v\left(\frac{1}{f}, P\right) < \frac{k_1}{k^2} = \text{finite number}$

$\therefore \frac{1}{f}$  is of bounded variation.

**Theorem 8: (Jordan Theorem):** A function of bounded variation is expressible as a difference of two monotone increasing functions.

**Proof:** Let  $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = b\}$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$ . Then

$$v(f, P) = \sum_{r=1}^n |f(x_r) - f(x_{r-1})|$$

$$v(f, [a, b]) = \sup\{v(f, P) : P \in P[a, b]\}$$

Let  $x \in [a, b]$  be arbitrary. Then

$v(x) = V(f, [a, x])$  is called variation function. We define

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{2} [v(x) + f(x)] \quad (1)$$

$$q(x) = \frac{1}{2} [v(x) - f(x)] \quad (2)$$

$v(x)$  is a monotonic increasing function.

Evidently  $x_1 < x_2 < x_3 \dots\dots\dots$

$$I. \quad P(x_2) - P(x_1) = \frac{1}{2} [v(x_2) + f(x_2)] - \frac{1}{2} [v(x_1) + f(x_1)]$$

$$\text{or} \quad P(x_2) - P(x_1) = \frac{1}{2} [v(x_2) - v(x_1)] + \frac{1}{2} [f(x_2) - f(x_1)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But} \quad v(x_2) - v(x_1) &= v(f, [a, x_2]) - [v(f, [a, x_1])] \\ &= v(f, [x_1, x_2]) \geq |f(x_2) - f(x_1)| \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P(x_2) - P(x_1) \geq \frac{1}{2} [v(x_2) - v(x_1)] + \frac{1}{2} \{f(x_2) - f(x_1)\} \geq 0$$

$$\text{or,} \quad P(x_2) - P(x_1) \geq 0 \text{ or } P(x_2) \geq P(x_1)$$

$$\text{Thus} \quad x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow P(x_1) \leq P(x_2)$$

This proves that  $P(x)$  is an increasing function.

$$II. \quad q(x_2) - q(x_1) = \frac{1}{2} [v(x_2) - f(x_2)] - \frac{1}{2} [v(x_1) - f(x_1)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [v(x_2) - v(x_1)] - \frac{1}{2} [f(x_2) - f(x_1)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} v(f[x_1, x_2]) - \frac{1}{2} [f(x_2) - f(x_1)]$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2} |f(x_2) - f(x_1)| - \frac{1}{2} \{f(x_2) - f(x_1)\} \geq 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad q(x_2) - q(x_1) \geq 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad q(x_2) \geq q(x_1)$$

$$\text{or} \quad x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow q(x_1) \leq q(x_2)$$

This  $\Rightarrow q(x)$  is monotonic increasing function.

$$(1) - (2) \text{ gives } P(x) - q(x) = f(x)$$

or  $f(x) = P(x) - q(x)$

This  $\Rightarrow f(x)$  is expressible as a difference of two monotonic increasing functions.

**Theorem 9:** If  $f$  is of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ , then  $V = P + N$  and  $P - N = f(b) - f(a)$ , where  $V, P, N$  respectively denote total, positive and negative variations of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ .

Or

$$T_a^b = P_a^b + N_a^b \text{ and } P_a^b - N_a^b = f(b) - f(a).$$

**Proof.** Let  $V = \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} |f(x_{r+1}) - f(x_r)|$ .

Here the closed interval  $[a, b]$  is divided by means of points

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = b.$$

Let  $p$  be the sum of those differences  $f(x_{r+1}) - f(x_r)$  which are positive. -  $n$  that the sum of those differences which are negative. Evidently

$$v = P + n, \quad f(b) - f(a) = p - n.$$

From which we get

$$v + f(b) - f(a) = 2p.$$

and  $v - f(b) + f(a) = 2n$ .

$$\text{i.e.} \quad v = 2p + f(a) - f(b) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and} \quad v = 2n + f(b) - f(a) \quad (2)$$

Set  $P = \sup p, N = \sup n, V = \sup v$

where we take the suprema over all possible sub-division of  $[a, b]$ . Taking suprema in (1) and (2).

$$V = 2p + f(a) - f(b) \quad (3)$$

$$V = 2N + f(b) - f(a) \quad (4)$$

upon addition,  $2V = 2P + 2N$

or 
$$V = P + N \tag{5}$$

(3) - (4) gives

$$0 = 2(P - N) + [f(a) - f(b)]$$

or 
$$f(b) - f(a) = P - N \tag{6}$$

(5) and (6)  $\Rightarrow$  required results.

**Theorem 10:** To prove that a function  $f$  is of bounded variation if and only if it is expressible as a difference of two monotonic functions both non-increasing or both non-decreasing.

Proof: Let a function  $f$  be defined and finite on a closed interval  $[a, b]$  so that  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$  are finite numbers. We shall show that

(i) if  $f$  is of bounded variation then it is represent able as a difference of two monotonic increasing functions.

(ii) If  $f = g - h$ , where  $g$  and  $h$  both are monotonic increasing functions, then  $f$  is of bounded variation.

(i) Let  $f$  be of bounded variation. Divide the interval  $[a, b]$  by means of points

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = b.$$

Let 
$$v = \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} |f(x_{r+1}) - f(x_r)|, \sup v = V$$

Let  $P$  be the sum of those differences  $f(x_{r+1}) - f(x_r)$  which are positive, -  $n$  that the sum of those differences which are negative

Evidently 
$$v = p + n, f(b) - f(a) = p - n$$

Solving for  $p$  and  $n$ , we get

$$v + f(b) - f(a) = 2p$$

$$v - f(b) + f(a) = 2n$$

$\Rightarrow$  and 
$$\left. \begin{aligned} v &= 2p + f(a) - f(b) \\ v &= 2n + f(b) - f(a) \end{aligned} \right] \tag{1}$$



Set  $P = \sup p$ ,  $N = \sup n$ ,  $V = \sup v$

where the suprema is taken over all possible subdivisions of  $[a, b]$ .

Taking suprema in (1), we obtain

$$V = 2P + f(a) - f(b) \quad (2)$$

$$V = 2N + f(b) - f(a) \quad (3)$$

Further we suppose that  $V(x)$ ,  $P(x)$ ,  $N(x)$  respectively denote total variation, positive and negative variations of  $f$  in the interval  $[a, x]$ , where  $x \leq b$ . With the help of (2) and (3),

$$V = 2P(x) + f(a) - f(x) \quad (4)$$

$$V = 2N(x) + f(x) - f(a) \quad (5)$$

(4)- (5) gives

$$0 = 2[P(x) - N(x)] + 2[f(a) - f(x)]$$

or  $f(x) = P(x) - N(x) + f(a)$

Taking  $f(a) + P(x) = P'(x)$ , we get

$$f(x) = P'(x) - N(x) \quad (6)$$

It is easy to verify that  $P(x)$  and  $N(x)$  both are monotonic increasing functions.  $P(x)$  is an increasing function implies that  $p(x)$  is also increasing function.

Now the required result at once follows from (6).

(ii) Let  $f=g-h$ , where  $g$  and  $h$  both are increasing functions, For any mode of sub-division of  $[a, b]$ ,

$$V(f) = \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} |f(x_{r+1}) - f(x_r)|$$

where  $a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = b$

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x_{r+1}) - f(x_r)| &= |[g(x_{r+1}) - h(x_{r+1})] - [g(x_r) - h(x_r)]| \\ &= |[g(x_{r+1}) - g(x_r)] - [h(x_{r+1}) - h(x_r)]| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left| g(x_{r+1}) - g(x_r) \right| - \left| h(x_{r+1}) - h(x_r) \right| \\
&\leq \left| g(x_{r+1}) - g(x_r) \right| + \left| h(x_{r+1}) - h(x_r) \right| \\
&= \left| g(x_{r+1}) - g(x_r) \right| + \left| h(x_{r+1}) - h(x_r) \right|.
\end{aligned}$$

For  $g$  and  $h$  both are monotonic increasing functions.

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore \quad v &= \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \left| f(x_{r+1}) - f(x_r) \right| \leq \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} [f(x_{r+1}) - f(x_r)] + \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} [h(x_{r+1}) - h(x_r)] \\
&= g(b) - g(a) + h(b) - h(a) \\
&= \text{a finite number.}
\end{aligned}$$

[ For  $f$  is finite valued  $\Rightarrow g$  and  $h$  both are finite valued ].

$$\therefore \quad v < V(f) \leq \text{a finite number}$$

This  $\Rightarrow f$  is of bounded variation.

## LECTURE -4

*We will study some problems related to absolute continuous function*

**Theorem 11:** Every absolutely continuous function is of bounded variation.

**Proof.** Let  $f$  be an absolutely continuous function on a closed interval  $[a, b]$  so that we can select a  $\delta > 0$  s.t.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |f(b_k) - f(a_k)| < \delta \text{ whenever } \sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - a_k) < \delta$$

for all numbers  $a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, \dots, a_n, b_n$

where  $a = a_1 < b_1 \leq a_2 < b_2 \leq \dots \leq a_n < b_n = b$ .

Again divide the closed interval  $[a, b]$  by means of points

$$a = c_0 < c_1 < c_2 < \dots < c_{n_0} = b$$

in  $n_0$  parts s.t.  $c_{k+1} - c_k < \delta$ .

Consequently for any subdivision of  $[c_k, c_{k+1}]$

$$\sum_i |f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)| \leq 1 \text{ where } x_{i+1}, x_i \in [c_k, c_{k+1}]$$

i.e.  $V_{c_k}^{c_{k+1}}(f) \leq 1$ .

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} V_a^b(f) &= V_{c_0}^{c_1}(f) + V_{c_1}^{c_2}(f) + \dots + V_{c_{n_0-1}}^{c_{n_0}}(f) \\ &\leq 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots = n_0 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $V_a^b(f) < \infty$

Consequently  $f$  is of bounded variation.

**Theorem 12:** If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are absolutely continuous functions, then their sum, difference and product are also absolutely continuous functions. Further if  $g(x)$  does not vanish for any  $x$ , then the quotient  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  is also absolutely continuous.

**Proof.** Let  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be absolutely continuous functions over the closed interval  $[a, b]$  so that

Given  $\varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |f(b_k) - f(a_k)| < \varepsilon \text{ and } \sum_{k=1}^n |g(b_k) - g(a_k)| < \varepsilon$$

whenever  $\sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - a_k) < \delta$

$\forall a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, \dots, a_n, b_n, \text{ s.t.}$

$$a_1 < b_1 \leq a_2 < b_2 \leq \dots \leq a_n < b_n$$

**Step (i):** To prove that  $f(x) \pm g(x)$  is absolutely continuous over  $[a, b]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^n |f(b_k) \pm g(b_k) - [f(a_k) \pm g(a_k)]| \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \sum_{k=1}^n |f(b_k) - f(a_k)| + \sum_{k=1}^n |g(b_k) - g(a_k)| \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad < \varepsilon + \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Finally

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |f(b_k) \pm g(b_k) - [f(a_k) \pm g(a_k)]| < 2\varepsilon$$

From this the required result follows.

**Step (ii):** to prove that  $f(x)g(x)$  is absolutely continuous over  $[a, b]$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^n |f(b_k)g(b_k) - f(a_k)g(a_k)| \\ & = \sum_{k=1}^n |f(b_k)[g(b_k) - g(a_k)] + g(a_k)[f(b_k) - f(a_k)]| \\ & \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |f(b_k)| |g(b_k) - g(a_k)| + \sum_{k=1}^n |g(a_k)| |f(b_k) - f(a_k)| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } \sum_{k=1}^n |f(b_k)g(b_k) - f(a_k)g(a_k)| \\ \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |f(b_k)| |g(b_k) - g(a_k)| + \sum_{k=1}^n |g(a_k)| |f(b_k) - f(a_k)| \dots\dots\dots(1) \end{aligned}$$

We know that

Absolutes continuity  $\Rightarrow$  continuity

$\Rightarrow$  boundednes

$\Rightarrow f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are bounded in  $[a, b]$

$\Rightarrow f(x) \leq M_1, g(x) \leq M_2, \forall x \in [a, b]$ .

$M_1$  and  $M_2$  are upper bounds of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  respectively in  $[a, b]$ .

In this event (1) takes the form

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |f(b_k)[g(b_k) - f(a_k)] + g(a_k)| < \varepsilon (|M_1| + |M_2|)$$

Setting  $\varepsilon (|M_1| + |M_2|) = \varepsilon'$ , we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |f(b_k)[g(b_k) - f(a_k)] + g(a_k)| < \varepsilon'$$

From this the required result follows.

**Step (iii):** Let  $g(x)$  vanish no where in  $[a, b]$  so that  $\exists \delta > 0$  s. t.  $|g(x)| \geq \sigma \forall x \in [a, b]$ .

To prove that  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  is absolutely continuous over  $[a, b]$ .

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{1}{g(b_k)} - \frac{1}{g(a_k)} \right| = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{|g(b_k) - g(a_k)|}{|g(b_k)g(a_k)|} < \frac{\varepsilon}{\sigma^2}$$

Setting  $\frac{\varepsilon}{\sigma^2} = \varepsilon'$  we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left| \frac{1}{g(b_k)} - \frac{1}{g(a_k)} \right| < \varepsilon'$$

This proves that  $\frac{1}{g(x)}$  is absolutely continuous over  $[a, b]$ .

By step (ii),  $f(x) \frac{1}{g(x)} = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  is absolutely continuous over  $[a, b]$ . This concludes the problem.

**Theorem 13: (Integration by parts).** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  and let  $f$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f dg &= [f(x)g(x)]_a^b - \int_a^b g df \\ &= f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a) - \int_a^b g df \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Let  $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n = b\}$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$  and  $Q = \{a = \xi_0, \xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n = b\}$  be an intermediate partition of  $P$ .

so that  $x_{r-1} \leq \xi_r \leq x_r$ , for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

$$\text{From the sum } S(f, g, P) = \sum_{r=1}^n f(\xi_r) \delta g_r \quad (1)$$

Evidently when  $\|P\| = \max \delta_r = \max (x_r - x_{r-1}) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then

$$S(f, g, P) = \int_a^b f dg$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By (1)} \quad S(f, g, P) &= \sum_{r=1}^n f(\xi_r) [g(x_r) - g(x_{r-1})] \\ &= f(\xi_1) \{g(x_1) - g(x_0)\} + f(\xi_2) \{g(x_2) - g(x_1)\} + \dots + f(\xi_n) \{g(x_n) - g(x_{n-1})\} \\ &\quad [\text{adding and subtracting } f(\xi_0)g(x_0) \text{ and re-arranging the terms}] \\ &= -(\xi_0)g(x_0) - [g(x_0)\{f(\xi_1) - f(\xi_0)\} + g(x_1)\{f(\xi_2) - f(\xi_1)\} + \dots \\ &\quad + g(x_{n-1})\{f(\xi_n) - f(\xi_{n-1})\}] + f(\xi_n)g(x_n) \\ &= [f(\xi_n)g(x_n) - f(\xi_0)g(x_0)] - \sum_{r=1}^n g(x_{r-1})\{f(\xi_r) - f(\xi_{r-1})\} \\ &= [f(x)g(x)]_a^b - \sum_{r=1}^n g(x_{r-1})\{f(\xi_r) - f(\xi_{r-1})\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= [f(x)g(x)]_a^b - S(f, g, P, Q)$$

Making  $\|P\| \rightarrow 0$  and so also  $\|Q\| \rightarrow 0$ , we get

$$\int_a^b fdg = [f(x)g(x)]_a^b - \int_a^b fdg$$

**Theorem 14: Second Mean Value Theorem,** Let  $f$  be monotonic and  $g$  be real valued continuous and of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ . Then  $\exists \xi \in [a, b]$  such that

$$\int_a^b fdg = f(a)\{g(\xi) - g(a)\} + f(b)[g(b) - g(\xi)].$$

**Proof:** By Theorem integration by parts.,

$$\int_a^b fdg = f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a) - \int_a^b gdf \quad (1)$$

By the first mean value theorem  $\exists \xi \in [a, b]$  such that

$$\int_a^b gdf = g(\xi)[f(b) - f(a)],$$

Using this in (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b gdf &= f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a) - g(\xi)[f(b) - f(a)] \\ &= f(a)[g(\xi) - g(a)] + f(b)[g(b) - g(\xi)]. \end{aligned}$$

### 13.7 Change of Variable:

**Theorem 15:** Let  $f$  and  $\phi$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  and let  $\phi$  be increasing on  $[a, b]$ . If  $F$  is inverse function of  $\phi$ , then

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \int_{\phi(a)}^{\phi(b)} f[F(y)]d[F(y)]$$

**Proof:** Let  $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = b\}$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$ . Let  $y_r = \phi(x_r)$ , so that  $x_r = F(y_r)$ , as  $F$  is inverse function of  $\phi$ . Consider the partition  $Q$  defined by  $Q = \{y_0 = \phi(a), y_1, \dots, y_n = \phi(b)\}$  of  $[a, b]$ . We put  $h(y) = f[F(y)]$ .

Since  $\phi$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  it is uniformly continuous on  $[a, b]$ . Also by definition  $\|Q\| \rightarrow 0$ , if  $\|P\| \rightarrow 0$ . Further

$$\lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{r=1}^n f(x_r)(x_r - x_{r-1}) = \int_a^b f dx$$

and 
$$\lim_{\|Q\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{r=1}^n h(y_r)[F(y_r) - F(y_{r-1})] = \int_{y_0}^{y_n} h dF$$

$$= \int_{\phi(a)}^{\phi(b)} f(F) dF. \quad (1)$$

Now  $x_r = F(y_r)$  and  $h(y) = f[F(y)]$  give

$$\sum_{r=1}^n f(x_r)(x_r - x_{r-1}) = \sum_{r=1}^n f\{F(y_r)\}[F(y_r) - F(y_{r-1})].$$

Making  $\|P\| \rightarrow 0$  and so  $\|Q\| \rightarrow 0$ , we get

$$\int_a^b f dx = \int_{y_0}^{y_n} h(y) d[F(y)] = \int_{\phi(a)}^{\phi(b)} f[F(y)] d[F(y)], \text{ by (1)}$$