

Riemann Integration

Introduction

Interval

Let $I = [a, b]$. Length of the interval $|I| = b - a$.

Disjoint interval

When 2 intervals don't share any common numbers.

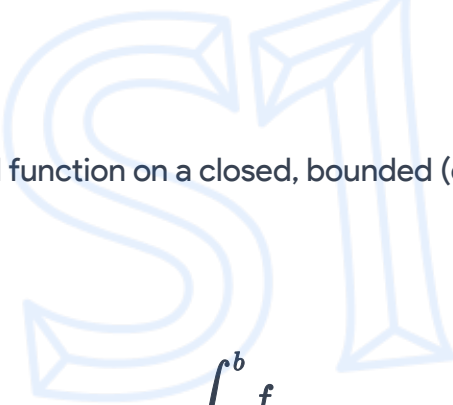
Almost disjoint interval

When 2 intervals are disjoint or intersect only at a common endpoint.

Riemann Integral

Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded function on a closed, bounded (compact) interval.

Riemann integral of f is:


$$\int_a^b f$$

Definite integral

When a, b are constants.

Indefinite integral

When a is a constant but b is replaced with x .

Partition

Let I be a non-empty, compact interval (closed and bounded). A partition of I is a finite collection $\{I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n\}$ of almost disjoint, non-empty, compact sub-intervals whose union is I .

A partition is determined by the endpoints of all sub-intervals: $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$.

A partition can be denoted by:

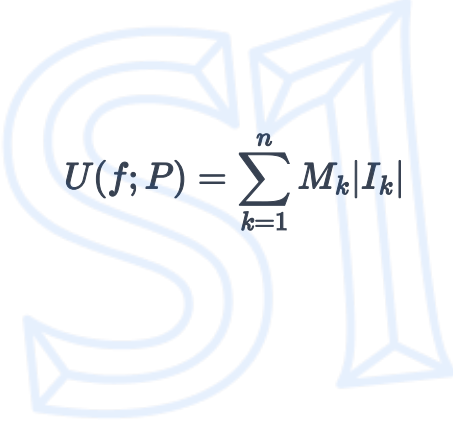
- its intervals - $P = \{I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n\}$
- the endpoints of its intervals - $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

Riemann Sum

Let

- $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded function on the compact interval $I = [a, b]$ with $M = \sup_I f$ and $m = \inf_I f$.
- $P = \{I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n\}$
- $M_k = \sup_{I_k} f = \sup \{f(x) : x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]\}$
- $m_k = \inf_{I_k} f = \inf \{f(x) : x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]\}$

Upper riemann sum


$$U(f; P) = \sum_{k=1}^n M_k |I_k|$$

Lower riemann sum

$$L(f; P) = \sum_{k=1}^n m_k |I_k|$$

$$m_k < M_k \implies L(f; P) \leq U(f; P)$$

When P_1, P_2 are any 2 partitions of I : $L(f; P_1) \leq U(f; P_2)$

Refinements

Q is called a refinement of $P \iff P$ and Q are partitions of $[a, b]$ and $P \subseteq Q$.

In that case:

$$L(f; P) \leq L(f; Q) \leq U(f; Q) \leq U(f; P)$$

If P_1 and P_2 are partitions of $[a, b]$, then $Q = P_1 \cup P_2$ is a refinement of both P_1 and P_2 .

Upper & Lower integral

Let \mathbb{P} be the set of all possible partitions of the interval $[a, b]$.

Upper Integral

$$U(f) = \inf \{U(f; P); P \in \mathbb{P}\} = \overline{\int_a^b f}$$

Lower Integral

$$L(f) = \sup \{L(f; P); P \in \mathbb{P}\} = \underline{\int_a^b f}$$

For a bounded function f , always $L(f) \leq U(f)$

Riemann Integrable

A bounded function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ **iff** $U(f) = L(f)$. In that case, the Riemann integral of f on $[a, b]$ is denoted by:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Riemann Integrable or not

Function	Yes or No?	How?
Unbounded	No	By definition
Constant	Yes	$\forall P$ (any partition) $L(f; P) = U(f; P)$

Function	Yes or No?	How?
Monotonically increasing/decreasing	Yes	Take a partition such that $\Delta x < \delta = \frac{\epsilon}{f(b)-f(a)}$
Continuous	Yes	Take a partition such that $\Delta x < \delta = \frac{\epsilon}{2(b-a)}$

Cauchy Criterion

Theorem

A bounded function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Riemann integrable **iff** for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a partition P_ϵ of $[a, b]$, such that:

$$U(f, P_\epsilon) - L(f, P_\epsilon) \leq \epsilon$$

Proof Hint

- To prove \implies : consider $L(f) - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < L(f; P)$ and $U(f; P) < U(f) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$
- To prove \impliedby : consider $L(f; P) < L(f)$ and $U(f) < U(f; P)$

Note

$f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable on $[a, b]$ when:

- The set of points of discontinuity of a bounded function f is finite.
- The set of points of discontinuity of a bounded function f is finite number of limit points. (may have infinite number of discontinuities)

In these cases, the discontinuities don't affect the result of the integration.

Theorems on Integrability

Theorem 1

Suppose $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded, and integrable on $[c, b]$ for all $c \in (a, b)$. Then f is integrable on $[a, b]$. Also valid for the other end.

Proof Hint

- Isolate a partition on the required end.
- Choose x_1 or x_{n-1} such that $\Delta x < \frac{\epsilon}{4M}$ where M is an upper or lower bound.

Theorem 2

Suppose $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded, and continuous on $[c, b]$ for all $c \in (a, b)$. Then f is integrable on $[a, b]$. Also valid for the other end.



Add proof hint. ...

Properties of Integrals

Suppose f and g are integrable on $[a, b]$.

Flipping the range

$$\int_a^b f = - \int_b^a f$$

Addition

$f + g$ will be integrable on $[a, b]$.

$$\int_a^b (f \pm g) = \int_a^b f \pm \int_a^b g$$

Converse is **not** true.

① Proof Hint

- Prove $f + g$ is integrable using:
 - $\sup(f + g) \leq \sup(f) + \sup(g)$
 - $\inf(f + g) \geq \inf(f) + \inf(g)$
- Start with $U(f + g)$ and show $U(f + g) \leq U(f) + U(g)$
- Start with $L(f + g)$ and show $L(f + g) \geq L(f) + L(g)$

Constant multiplication

Suppose $k \in \mathbb{R}$. kf will be integrable $[a, b]$.

$$\int_a^b kf = k \int_a^b f$$

Converse is **not** true.

① Proof Hint

- Prove for $k \geq 0$. Use $U - L < \frac{\epsilon}{k}$
- Prove for $k = -1$
- Using the above results, proof for $k < 0$ is apparent

Bounds

If $m \leq f(x) \leq M$ on $[a, b]$:

$$m(b-a) \leq \int_a^b f \leq M(b-a)$$

If $f(x) \leq g(x)$ on $[a, b]$:

$$\int_a^b f \leq \int_a^b g$$

Modulus

$|f|$ will be integrable on $[a, b]$.

$$\left| \int_a^b f \right| \leq \int_a^b |f|$$

① Proof Hint

Start with $-|f| \leq f \leq |f|$. And integrate both sides.

Multiple

fg will be integrable on $[a, b]$. Converse is **not** true.

① Proof Hint

- Suppose f is bounded by k
- Prove f^2 is integrable (Use $\frac{\epsilon}{2k}$)
- fg is integrable because:

$$fg = \frac{1}{2} [(f+g)^2 - f^2 - g^2]$$

Max, Min

$\max(f, g)$ and $\min(f, g)$ are integrable.

Where \max and \min functions are defined as:

$$\max(f, g) = \frac{1}{2} (|f - g| + f + g)$$

$$\min(f, g) = \frac{1}{2} (-|f - g| + f + g)$$

Additivity

$\iff f$ is Riemann integrable on $[a, c]$ and $[c, b]$ where $c \in (a, b)$.

① Proof Hint

- \implies : Use Cauchy criterion after defining these:
 - $P' = \{c\} \cap P$
 - $Q = P' \cap [a, c]$
 - $R = P' \cap [c, b]$
- \impliedby : Use Cauchy criterion on $[a, c]$, $[c, b]$ separately and then combine using a union partition

After the integrability is proven,

$$\int_a^b f = \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f$$

① Proof Hint

1. Let Q be a partition on $[a, c]$ and R be a partition on $[c, b]$. And $P = Q \cup R$.
2. Prove the below using Cauchy criteria:

$$\int_a^b f < L(f; P) + \epsilon \implies \int_a^b f \leq \int_a^c f + \int_c^b f$$

3. Prove the below using Cauchy criteria (by considering RHS):

$$\int_a^c f + \int_c^b f \leq \int_a^b f$$

Sequential Characterization of Integrability

A bounded function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Riemann integrable **iff** $\exists \{P_n\}$ a sequence of partitions, such that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [U(f; P_n) - L(f; P_n)] = 0$$

In that case:

$$\int_a^b f = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U(f; P_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L(f; P_n)$$

Proof Hint

Cauchy criteria and squeeze theorem is used for both side proof.

For \Leftarrow :

- Consider the limit definition.
- Prove f is Riemann integrable on P_n by Cauchy criteria.
- Use squeeze theorem for $U(f; P_n) - U(f) \leq U(f; P_n) - L(f; P_n)$ to prove limit of upper sum
- Prove limit of lower sum using the limit of upper sum

For \Rightarrow : Consider the below, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$0 \leq U(f; P_n) - L(f; L_n) \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

Theorem

Suppose f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$.

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \forall P \left(|P| < \delta \implies \left| \int_a^b f - \sum_{j=1}^n f(\zeta_j) I_j \right| < \epsilon \right)$$

where $\zeta_j \in [x_{j-1}, x_j], j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Proof Hint

$$\underline{\int_a^b f - \epsilon} < L(f; P) \leq \sum_{j=1}^n f(\zeta_j) I_j \leq U(f; P) < \overline{\int_a^b f + \epsilon}$$

Intermediate Value Theorem for Integrals

Suppose f is a continuous function on $[a, b]$. Then $\exists x \in (a, b)$:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f$$

Proof

Suppose $f_{\max} = M = f(x_0)$ and $f_{\min} = m = f(y_0)$.

When $M = m$: f is a constant function. Proof is trivial.

Otherwise:

$$m(b-a) \leq \int_a^b f \leq M(b-a)$$

Then there exists $x \in (x_0, y_0)$.

Generalized IVT

Suppose f, g are continuous functions on $[a, b]$ and $g \geq 0$. Then $\exists x \in (a, b)$:

$$f(x) \int_a^b g = \int_a^b fg$$

Proof Hint

Consider this and proof is similar to IVT.

$$mg \leq fg \leq Mg$$

Converging Functions

Convergence of functions is introduced in [Sequence of Functions | Real Analysis](#).

Uniform Convergence Theorem

Let f_n be a sequence of Riemann integrable functions on $[a, b]$. Suppose f_n converges to f uniformly. Then f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ and $\forall x \in [a, b]$:

$$\int_a^x f_n(x) dx \text{ converges to } \int_a^x f(x) dx \text{ uniformly}$$

and:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) dx = \int_a^b \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Proof Hint

- Consider $\frac{\epsilon}{2(b-a)}$ in place of ϵ .
- Consider Cauchy criteria for f_N .
- Prove $f - f_N$ is Riemann integrable using Cauchy criteria.
- f is Riemann integrable as $f = f_N + (f - f_N)$.

When f_n converges to f pointwise, it is not certain whether f is Riemann integrable or not. An example where f is not Riemann integrable:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \begin{cases} 1 & x = q_k \text{ where } k \leq n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Here q_k is the enumeration of rational numbers in $[0, 1]$.

Dominated Convergence Theorem

Let f_n be a sequence of Riemann integrable functions on $[a, b]$. Suppose f_n converges to f pointwise where f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$. If $\exists M > 0 \forall n \forall x \in [a, b]$ s.t. $|f_n(x)| \leq M$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Monotone Convergence Theorem

Let f_n be a sequence of Riemann integrable functions on $[a, b]$, and they are monotone (all increasing or decreasing, like $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$). Suppose f_n converges to f pointwise where f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$. If $\exists M > 0 \forall n \forall x \in [a, b]$ s.t. $|f_n(x)| \leq M$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Can be proven from the dominated convergence theorem.

Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Theorem I

If g is continuous on $[a, b]$ that is differentiable on (a, b) and if g' is integrable on $[a, b]$ then

$$\int_a^b g' = g(b) - g(a)$$

Proof Hint

Consider a general partition and use [Mean Value Theorem](#) on each partition.

Integration by parts

Suppose u, v are continuous functions on $[a, b]$ that are differentiable on (a, b) . If u' and v' are Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$:

$$\int_a^b u(x)v'(x) dx + \int_a^b u'(x)v(x) dx = u(b)v(b) - u(a)v(a)$$

Proof Hint

Consider $g = uv$ and use [FTC I](#).

Theorem II

Suppose f is an Riemann integrable function on $[a, b]$. For $x \in (a, b)$.

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$$

- $F(x)$ is uniformly continuous on $[a, b]$
- f is continuous at $x_0 \in (a, b) \implies F$ is differentiable and $F'(x_0) = f(x_0)$

① Proof Hint

For the first point:

- Consider 2 points in the interval $x, y (> x)$ such that $|x - y| < \delta = \frac{\epsilon}{M}$
- Show $|F(y) - F(x)| \leq \epsilon$

For the second point: Consider the continuity definition of f and prove is quite trivial.

$$\left| \frac{F(x) - F(x_0)}{x - x_0} - f(x_0) \right| < \epsilon$$

Theorem

Suppose f is Riemann integrable on an open interval I containing the values of differentiable functions a, b . Then:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} f(t) dt = f(b(x))b'(x) - f(a(x))a'(x)$$

① Proof Hint

Can be done using FTC I and II. Proof is quite trivial.

Theorem - Change of Variable

Suppose u is a differentiable function on an open interval J such that u' is continuous. Let I be an open interval such that $\forall x \in J, u(x) \in I$.

If f is continuous on I , then $f \circ u$ is continuous on J and:

$$\int_a^b (f \circ u)(x) u'(x) dx = \int_{u(a)}^{u(b)} f(u) du$$

Improper Riemann Integrals

Initially Riemann integrals are defined only for **bounded** functions defined on a set of **compact** intervals.

Type 1

A function that is **not** integrable at one endpoint of the interval.

Suppose $f : (a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable on $[c, b] \forall c \in (a, b)$.

$$\int_a^b f = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{a+\epsilon}^b f$$

Can be similarly defined on the other endpoint. The above integral converges **iff** the limit exists and finite. Otherwise diverges.

Type 2

A function defined on unbounded interval (including ∞).

Suppose $f : [a, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable on $[a, r] \forall r > a$.

$$\int_a^\infty f = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^r f$$

Can be similarly defined on the other endpoint. The above integral converges **iff** the limit exists and finite. Otherwise diverges.

Type 3

A function that is undefined at finite number of points. The integral can be split into multiple integrals of type 1. Similarly integrals from $-\infty$ to ∞ can be defined.

Note

The integral can be split into multiple integrals only when all those integrals exist.

Convergence of improper integrals is similar to the convergence of [series](#).

Absolute convergence test

$$\int_a^b |f| \text{ converges} \implies \int_a^b f \text{ converges}$$

Common integrals

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^p} dx \quad \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^p} dx$$

The above integrals converge **iff** p is in the integrating (open) interval. Converges to $\frac{1}{p-1}$ in that case.

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} dx \quad \int_1^\infty \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} dx$$

Both of the above integrals converges. Direct comparison test can be used.

- For the 1st integral, $\sqrt{x^{-1}}$ can be used
- For the 2nd integral, x^{-2} can be used

Gamma function

Defined as below for $n > 0$:

$$\Gamma(n) = \int_0^\infty e^{-x} x^{n-1} dx$$

Aka. Eulerian integral of the second kind.

Convergence

$\Gamma(n)$ is convergent **iff** $n > 0$.

Proof Hint

Direct comparison test is used. Proved in 3 cases:

- Case 1: for positive integer n
 - Consider the [lemma 2](#)'s limit definition
 - Take $\epsilon = 1$
 - Use the convergence of $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x/2} dx$
- Case 2: for $n > 1$ non-integers
 - Use $\lfloor n \rfloor < n < \lfloor n \rfloor + 1$
 - Use $x^{y-1} e^{-x} \leq x^{\lfloor n \rfloor} e^{-x}$
 - $\Gamma(\lfloor n \rfloor + 1)$ is converging from case 1
- Case 3: for $0 < n < 1$.
 - Proof is similar to case 1
 - But $\int_0^N e^{-x} x^{n-1} dx$ is an improper
 - Prove that it is also converging

Properties

Proofs are required for each property mentioned below.

- $\Gamma(1) = 1$
- $\Gamma(n+1) = n\Gamma(n)$
- $\Gamma(n+1) = n!$
- $\Gamma(n)\Gamma(1-n) = \pi \csc(\pi x)$
- $\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})$ can be extrapolated from $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}$ (see below for explanation)
- $\Gamma(k)$, where k is a rational number (other than integers and half of any integer), cannot be expressed in a closed form value.

Extension of gamma function

$\Gamma(n)$ function can be extended for negative non-integers using:

$$\Gamma(n) = \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{n}$$

This cannot be used to define $\Gamma(0)$ because of the denominator. And through induction, Γ function cannot be defined for negative integers.

Lemmas

Lemma 1

$$\forall s > 0 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-sx} dx \text{ converges}$$

Lemma 2

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{n-1}}{e^{x/2}} = 0$$

Transformations

Alternate forms of $\Gamma(n)$. This section is intended to be exam-focused. [Proofs for the transformations](#) are included in a separate section.

Form 0, 1, 4

For $k \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\Gamma(n) = k \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^k} x^{kn-1} dx$$

Form 0 (definition) is resulted when setting $k = 1$. Form 1 is resulted when setting $k = \frac{1}{n}$.

Form 2

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-kx} x^{n-1} dx = \frac{\Gamma(n)}{k^n}$$

Form 3

$$\Gamma(n) = \int_0^1 \left(\ln \frac{1}{x} \right)^{n-1} dx$$

Transformations Proofs

Form 1

$\forall n > 0$:

$$\Gamma(n) = \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^{1/n}} dx$$

① Proof Hint

Use $x^n = t$.

① Note

One of the most frequently used integrals in mathematics:

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$$

Form 2

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-kx} x^{n-1} dx = \frac{\Gamma(n)}{k^n}$$

① Proof Hint

Use $x = kt$.

Form 3

$$\Gamma(n) = \int_0^1 \left(\ln \frac{1}{x} \right)^{n-1} dx$$

① Proof Hint

Use $e^{-x} = t$. If the given integral's range is from 0 to 1 and there is **ln**, it's better to try this substitution.

Form 4

For $k \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\Gamma(n) = k \int_0^\infty e^{-x^k} x^{kn-1} dx$$

① Proof Hint

Use $x = t^k$.

Beta function

Beta function is defined as below, for $m, n > 0$:

$$B(m, n) = \int_0^1 x^{m-1} (1-x)^{n-1} dx$$

Aka. Eulerian integral of the first kind.

ⓘ Note

For $m, n \leq 0$, the beta function is divergent.

Properties

Symmetrical

From the definition:

$$B(m, n) = B(n, m)$$

ⓘ Proof Hint

Use $t = 1 - x$.

Relation with gamma function

$\forall m, n > 0$.

$$B(m, n) = \frac{\Gamma(m)\Gamma(n)}{\Gamma(m+n)}$$

Transformations

This section is intended to be exam-focused. [Proofs for the transformations](#) are included in a separate section.

Form 0, 6

$$\int_a^b (x-a)^{m-1}(b-x)^{n-1} dx = (b-a)^{m+n-1} B(m, n)$$

Form 0 (definition) is derived by setting $a = 0$ and $b = 1$.

Form 1, 3

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{m-1}}{(ax+b)^{m+n}} dx = \frac{B(m,n)}{a^m b^n}$$

Form 1 is derived by setting $a = b = 1$.

Form 2

$$B(m,n) = \int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1} + x^{n-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx$$

Form 4

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin^{2m-1}(x) \cos^{2n-1}(x)}{(a \sin^2 x + b \cos^2 x)^{m+n}} dx = \frac{B(m,n)}{2a^m b^n}$$

Form 5, 7

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1}(1-x)^{n-1}}{(a+bx)^{m+n}} dx = \frac{B(m,n)}{a^n(a+b)^m}$$

Form 5 is derived by setting $b = 1$.

Transformations Proofs

Form 1

$$B(m,n) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-1}}{(x+1)^{m+n}} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{m-1}}{(x+1)^{m+n}} dx$$

① Proof Hint

Use $x = \frac{1}{1+t}$ in the definition.

Form 2

$$B(m, n) = \int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1} + x^{n-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx$$

① Proof Hint

Use $x = \frac{1}{t}$ in Form 1.

Form 3

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{m-1}}{(ax+b)^{m+n}} dx = \frac{B(m, n)}{a^m b^n}$$

① Proof Hint

Use $x = \frac{a}{b}t$ in Form 1.

Form 4

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin^{2m-1}(x) \cos^{2n-1}(x)}{(a \sin^2 x + b \cos^2 x)^{m+n}} dx = \frac{B(m, n)}{2a^m b^n}$$

① Proof Hint

Use $x = \tan \theta$ in Form 3.

Form 5

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1}(1-x)^{n-1}}{(x+a)^{m+n}} dx = \frac{B(m, n)}{a^n(1+a)^m}$$

① Proof Hint

Use the substitution in the definition.

$$x = \frac{t(1+a)}{t+a}$$

Form 6

$$\int_a^b (x-a)^{m-1}(b-x)^{n-1} dx = (b-a)^{m+n-1} B(m, n)$$

① Proof Hint

Use $x = at + b(1-t)$ in the definition.

Form 7

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1}(1-x)^{n-1}}{(a+(b-a)x)^{m+n}} dx = \frac{B(m, n)}{a^n b^m}$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1}(1-x)^{n-1}}{(a+bx)^{m+n}} dx = \frac{B(m, n)}{a^n (a+b)^m}$$