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ON THE RELATION BETWEEN YOUNG'S AND KURZWEIL'S  
CONCEPT OF STIELTJES INTEGRAL

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The considerations in this paper are limited to the closed interval  $[a, b]$ ,  $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$  and to finite real functions defined on this interval. For a real function  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  we denote by  $\text{var}_a^b g$  the obvious (total) variation of  $g$  on  $[a, b]$ . The set of all real functions  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  with  $\text{var}_a^b g < +\infty$  is denoted by  $BV(a, b)$ .

1. THE RIEMANN AND YOUNG INTEGRALS.

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the set of all sequences  $D = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$  of points in the interval  $[a, b]$  such that

$$(1,1) \quad a = \alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \dots < \alpha_k = b.$$

We consider finite sequences (subdivisions of  $[a, b]$ )  $B = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\}$ . For a given  $D = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\} \in \mathcal{D}$  we denote by  $\mathcal{B}^*(D)$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(D)$  the sets of all subdivisions  $B = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\}$  such that, respectively,

$$(1,2) \quad \text{a) } \alpha_{j-1} \leq \tau_j \leq \alpha_j, \quad \text{b) } \alpha_{j-1} < \tau_j < \alpha_j$$

for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

On  $\mathcal{D}$  we define the binary relation  $\succ$  in the following manner: for  $D, D' \in \mathcal{D}$  we have  $D' \succ D$  if  $D'$  is a refinement of  $D$ , i.e. if any point  $\alpha_j$  from  $D$  appears also in  $D'$ .

If we define  $|D| = \max_{j=1, \dots, k} |\alpha_j - \alpha_{j-1}|$  for  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  then another binary relation  $\gg$  may be defined on  $\mathcal{D}$  by  $D' \gg D$  if  $|D'| \leq |D|$ .

It can be easily shown that  $(\mathcal{D}, \succ)$  and  $(\mathcal{D}, \gg)$  are directed sets.

Let now be given finite functions  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ ; for every  $B = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\}$  satisfying (1,1) and (1,2) a) we put

$$(1,3) \quad R(B) = \sum_{j=1}^k f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1})).$$

**Definition 1.1.** The function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  is Riemann-Stieltjes integrable (Riemann-Stieltjes norm integrable) on the interval  $[a, b]$  with respect to  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  if there is a real number  $I$  such that to every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\bar{D} \in \mathcal{D}$  so that

$$|R(B) - I| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}^*(D)$  if  $D \succ \bar{D} (D \gg \bar{D})$ . The number  $I$  will be denoted by  $R \int_a^b f dg$  ( $NR \int_a^b f dg$ ) and is called the Riemann-Stieltjes (Riemann-Stieltjes norm) integral of  $f$  with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]$ .

Supposing that for the function  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  the limits  $\lim_{s \rightarrow t^+} g(s) = g(t+)$ ,  $\lim_{s \rightarrow t^-} g(s) = g(t-)$  exist for all  $t \in [a, b]$  (for the endpoints of  $[a, b]$  the corresponding onesided limits) then we put for  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  and  $B = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\}$  satisfying (1,1), (1,2) b)

$$\begin{aligned} (1,4) \quad Y(B) &= \sum_{j=1}^k [f(\alpha_{j-1})(g(\alpha_{j-1}+) - g(\alpha_{j-1})) + f(\tau_j)(g(\alpha_j-) - g(\alpha_{j-1}+)) + \\ &\quad + f(\alpha_j)(g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_j-))] = \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^k [f(\alpha_{j-1}) \Delta^+ g(\alpha_{j-1}) + f(\tau_j)(g(\alpha_j-) - g(\alpha_{j-1}+)) + f(\alpha_j) \Delta^- g(\alpha_j)] = \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k f(\alpha_j) \Delta g(\alpha_j) + \sum_{j=1}^k f(\tau_j)(g(\alpha_j-) - g(\alpha_{j-1}+)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta^+ g(\alpha_j) = g(\alpha_j+) - g(\alpha_j)$ ,  $\Delta^- g(\alpha_j) = g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_j-)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ ,  $\Delta^+ g(b) = \Delta^- g(a) = 0$  and  $\Delta g(\alpha_j) = \Delta^+ g(\alpha_j) + \Delta^- g(\alpha_j)$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

**Definition 1.2.** If for  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  the limits  $g(t+)$ ,  $g(t-)$  exist for all  $t \in [a, b]$  then the function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  is said to be Young (Young norm) integrable on the interval  $[a, b]$  with respect to  $g$  if there is a number  $I$  such that to every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\bar{D} \in \mathcal{D}$  so that

$$|Y(B) - I| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}(D)$  if  $D \succ \bar{D} (D \gg \bar{D})$ . The number  $I$  will be denoted by  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  ( $NY \int_a^b f dg$ ) and is called the Young integral (Young norm integral) of  $f$  with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]$ .

**Remark 1.1.** From Def. 1,1 and Def. 1,2 it is clear that if  $NR \int_a^b f dg$ ,  $NY \int_a^b f dg$  exist then also  $R \int_a^b f dg$ ,  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  exist respectively, because evidently  $D \succ D'$  implies  $D \gg D'$ . The concept of the Stieltjes type integral from Def. 1,2 is in detail described and studied in the book [2] (cf. II.19.3 in [2]).

In the sequel we suppose that  $g \in BV(a, b)$ . Hence  $Y(B)$  from (1,4) is defined, because  $g(t-)$ ,  $g(t+)$  exist for any  $t \in [a, b]$ .

For the Riemann-Stieltjes integral the following result is known (cf. II.10.10 in [2] or [1])

**Theorem 1,1.** *If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ ,  $g \in BV(a, b)$  and  $R \int_a^b f dg$  exists, then  $f$  is bounded on a finite number of closed intervals which are complementary to a finite number of open intervals on which the function  $g$  is constant.*

In [2] (Theorem 19.3.1 in [2]) the same statement is asserted,  $R \int_a^b f dg$  being replaced by  $Y \int_a^b f dg$ . Unfortunately, this statement does not hold in general. This fact can be demonstrated in the following way: Let  $g \in BV(a, b)$ ,  $g(a) = g(b) = g(t+) = g(t-)$  for all  $t \in (a, b)$  (i.e.  $g$  is different from a constant on a countable set of points in  $(a, b)$ ). Further let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  be an arbitrary finite function. For any  $D \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $B = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\} \in \mathcal{B}(D)$  we have

$$Y(B) = \sum_{j=0}^k f(\alpha_j) \Delta g(\alpha_j) + \sum_{j=1}^k f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j-) - g(\alpha_{j-1}+)) = 0$$

because  $g(\alpha_j+) = g(\alpha_j-)$  and  $\Delta g(\alpha_j) = 0$ . This yields the following.

**Proposition 1,1.** *Let  $g \in BV(a, b)$ ,  $g(a) = g(b) = g(t+) = g(t-)$  for all  $t \in (a, b)$ . Then  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  exists and equals zero for every finite function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ .*

**Example 1,1.** Let us define  $g(1/(k+1)) = 2^{-k}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $g(t) = 0$  for  $t \in [0, 1] - \{1/(k+1)\}_{k=1}^\infty$ . We put  $f(1/(k+1)) = 2^k$ ,  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$  and we suppose that  $f$  is linear in  $[\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ ,  $[1/(k+2), 1/(k+1)]$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . The Young integral  $Y \int_0^1 f dg$  exists by Proposition 1,1 and equals zero by the same Proposition. Any finite number of closed intervals which are complementary to a finite number of open intervals on which  $g$  is constant contains necessarily an interval of the form  $[0, \alpha]$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  on which  $g$  is not constant and the function  $f$  defined above is not bounded. Hence we obtain that Theorem 19.3.1 from Chapter II. in [2] is false.

For the Young integral the following Theorem (an analogue to Theorem 1,1) holds:

**Theorem 1,2.** *If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ ,  $g \in BV(a, b)$  and  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  exists, then  $f$  is bounded on a finite number of closed intervals which are complementary to a finite number of open intervals  $J_i = (a_i, b_i)$ ,  $a_i < b_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, l$  such that  $g(a_i+) = g(b_i-) = g(t+) = g(t-)$  for all  $t \in J_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, l$ .*

**Proof.** By definition for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\tilde{D} \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $|Y(B) - Y \int_a^b f dg| < \varepsilon$  for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}(D)$  if  $D \succ \tilde{D}$ . We choose a fixed  $D = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\} \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $D \succ \tilde{D}$ . We have evidently

$$|Y(B)| = \left| \sum_{j=0}^k f(\alpha_j) \Delta g(\alpha_j) + \sum_{j=1}^k f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j-) - g(\alpha_{j-1}+)) \right| < |Y \int_a^b f dg| + \varepsilon$$

for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}(D)$ , i.e. for all  $\tau_j \in (\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Hence there is a constant  $K > 0$  ( $K = \left| \sum_{j=0}^k f(\alpha_j) \Delta g(\alpha_j) + \left| Y \int_a^b f dg \right| + \varepsilon \right)$  such that

$$(1,5) \quad \left| \sum_{j=1}^k f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j-) - g(\alpha_{j-1}+)) \right| \leq K$$

for all  $\tau_j \in (\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

Let us suppose that  $f$  is unbounded in some  $(\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j)$ . If  $g(\alpha_j-) - g(\alpha_{j-1}+) \neq 0$  then  $f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j-) - g(\alpha_{j-1}+))$  would be arbitrarily large for a suitable choice of  $\tau_j \in (\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j)$ , but this contradicts (1,5). Therefore we have necessarily  $g(\alpha_j-) = g(\alpha_{j-1}+) = c$ , where  $c$  is a constant. Let now  $a \in (\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j)$  be given; by the assumption  $f$  is not bounded either in  $(\alpha_{j-1}, a)$  or in  $(a, \alpha_j)$ . If we add the point  $a$  to  $D$  then we obtain  $D' = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{j-1}, a, \alpha_j, \alpha_{j+1}, \dots, \alpha_k\} \in \mathcal{D}$  where evidently  $D' \succ D \succ \bar{D}$  and the same argument as above gives either  $g(a-) = c$  or  $g(a+) = c$ . In this way we obtain that if  $f$  is not bounded in some  $(\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j)$  then  $g(\alpha_j-) = g(\alpha_{j-1}+) = c$  and for any  $a \in (\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j)$  we have either  $g(a+) = c$  or  $g(a-) = c$ . Since we suppose  $g \in BV(a, b)$ , the limits  $g(t+)$  and  $g(t-)$  exist for any  $t \in (\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j)$  and it is a matter of routine to show that  $g(a+) = g(a-) = c$  for all  $a \in (\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j)$ . This proves the Theorem, since the number of intervals  $(\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j)$  is finite.

**Remark 1,2.** Evidently in Theorem 1,2 the assumption  $g \in BV(a, b)$  can be replaced by the requirement that the limits  $g(t+)$  and  $g(t-)$  exist for all  $t \in [a, b]$  (with the corresponding onesided limits at the endpoints of  $[a, b]$ ).

**Corollary 1,1.** Let  $g \in BV(a, b)$  be given and let  $J_i = (a_i, b_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, l$  be a finite system of open intervals in  $[a, b]$  such that  $g(a_i+) = g(b_i-) = g(t+) = g(t-)$  holds for all  $t \in J_i$ . If for  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the integral  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  exists and if  $\tilde{f}: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is such a function that  $f(t) = \tilde{f}(t)$  for all  $t \in [a, b] - \bigcup_{i=1}^l J_i$  then  $Y \int_a^b \tilde{f} dg$  exists and  $Y \int_a^b \tilde{f} dg = Y \int_a^b f dg$ . The same statement holds also for the Young norm integral.

The proof follows easily from the definition of the Young integral and from the fact that the term from  $Y(B)$  (cf. (1,4)) which corresponds to some  $[\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j] \subset J_i$  equals zero for any function  $f$ .

The Young integral is an extension of the Riemann-Stieltjes integral; the following theorem holds:

**Theorem 1,3.** (cf. II.19.3.3 in [2]). If  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g \in BV(a, b)$  and  $R \int_a^b f dg$  exists then  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  exists and the two integrals are equal. (The same holds for the norm integrals.)

In the opposite direction we have the following

**Theorem 1.4.** (cf. II.19.3.4 in [2]). If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ ,  $g \in BV(a, b)$   $g$  is continuous in  $[a, b]$  and  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  exists then  $R \int_a^b f dg$  exists and both integrals are equal. The same statement is valid for the norm integrals.

For continuous  $g \in BV(a, b)$  we can state the following Theorem which is a reversion of the statement given in Remark 1,1.

**Theorem 1.5.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ ,  $g \in BV(a, b)$ ,  $g$  continuous and let  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  exist. Then  $NY \int_a^b f dg$  exists and  $Y \int_a^b f dg = NY \int_a^b f dg$ .

Proof. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. By definition there is a  $\tilde{D} = \{a_0, a_1, \dots, a_k\} \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $|Y(B') - Y \int_a^b f dg| < \varepsilon$  for all  $B' \in \mathcal{B}(D')$ ,  $D' \succ \tilde{D}$ . Regarding Theorem 1,2 and Corollary 1,1 we can suppose without any loss of generality that the function  $f$  is bounded, i.e.  $|f(t)| \leq M$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$ . If this is not satisfied, then we define the function  $\tilde{f}$  by Corollary 1,1 so that  $\tilde{f}$  is bounded and we work with the integral  $Y \int_a^b \tilde{f} dg$  instead of  $Y \int_a^b f dg$ .

From the continuity of  $g$  at all points  $a_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$  we obtain the existence of a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|g(t) - g(a_i)| < \varepsilon/2Mk$  provided  $|t - a_i| < \delta$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .

Let  $D = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l\} \in \mathcal{D}$  be an arbitrary subdivision such that  $|D| < \delta$  and let us construct a subdivision  $D'$  which is a common refinement of  $D$  and  $\tilde{D}$ ; evidently  $D' \succ \tilde{D}$ . For a given  $B \in \mathcal{B}(D)$  and  $B' \in \mathcal{B}(D')$  we give an estimate of  $|Y(B) - Y(B')|$ .

If it occurs that  $\alpha_{j-1} < a_{h+1} < \dots < a_{h+m_j} < \alpha_j$  then

$$\begin{aligned} s_j &= f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1})) = \\ &= f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(a_{h+m_j})) + (g(a_{h+m_j}) - g(a_{h+m_j-1})) + \dots + (g(a_{h+1}) - g(\alpha_{j-1})) \end{aligned}$$

is the term of  $Y(B)$  corresponding to  $\alpha_{j-1} < \tau_j < \alpha_j$  and the terms of  $Y(B')$  are of the form

$$\begin{aligned} s'_j &= f(\tau'_{q+m_j}) (g(\alpha_j) - g(a_{h+m_j})) + f(\tau'_{q+m_j-1}) (g(a_{h+m_j}) - g(a_{h+m_j-1})) + \dots \\ &\dots + f(\tau'_q) (g(a_{h+1}) - g(\alpha_{j-1})). \end{aligned}$$

The difference  $s_j - s'_j$  consists of  $m + 1$  terms of the form

$$(f(\tau_j) - f(\tau'_{q+x})) (g(u) - g(v))$$

where  $|u - v| < \delta$  (since  $|D| < \delta$ ) and either  $u$  or  $v$  equals to some  $a_i$ . Hence

$$|f(\tau_j) - f(\tau'_{q+x})| (g(u) - g(v)) < 2M \cdot (\varepsilon/2Mk) = \varepsilon/k$$

and

$$|s_j - s'_j| < \varepsilon(m_j + 1)/k = \varepsilon m_j/k + \varepsilon/k.$$

If the interval  $(\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j)$  does not contain points from  $\tilde{D}$  then the corresponding terms

from  $Y(B)$  and  $Y(B')$  are equal. Hence we have

$$|Y(B) - Y(B')| < \varepsilon \sum (m_j + 1)/k$$

where the sum on the right hand side is taken over all  $j$  for which  $(\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j)$  contains points from  $\bar{D}$ . The number of such intervals is at most  $k - 1$  and  $\sum m_j \leq k$ ; this yields

$$|Y(B) - Y(B')| < \varepsilon(1 + ((k - 1)/k)) < 2\varepsilon.$$

In this way we obtain

$$\left| Y(B) - Y \int_a^b f dg \right| \leq |Y(B) - Y(B')| + \left| Y(B') - Y \int_a^b f dg \right| < 3\varepsilon$$

for all  $B \in \mathcal{B}(D)$ ,  $|D| < \varepsilon$ , i.e.  $NY \int_a^b f dg$  exists and is equal to  $Y \int_a^b f dg$ .

If  $g, h \in BV(a, b)$ ,  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow R$ ,  $|f(t)| \leq M$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$  and if  $B = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau, \alpha_k\} \in \mathcal{B}(D)$  for some  $D = \{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k\} \in \mathcal{D}$  then we denote

$$Y_h(B) = \sum_{j=0}^k f(\alpha_j) \Delta h(\alpha_j) + \sum_{j=1}^k f(\tau_j) (h(\alpha_j -) - h(\alpha_{j-1} +))$$

and similarly  $Y_g(B)$  denotes the Young sum for  $g$  (cf. (1,4)).

Evidently the inequality

$$(1,6) \quad |Y_g(B) - Y_h(B)| \leq M \text{var}_a^b(g - h)$$

holds.

Similarly for  $f, \tilde{f}: [a, b] \rightarrow R$  and  $g \in BV(a, b)$  we have

$$(1,7) \quad |Y^f(B) - Y^{\tilde{f}}(B)| \leq \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |f(t) - \tilde{f}(t)| \text{var}_a^b g$$

for any  $B \in \mathcal{B}(D)$ ,  $D \in \mathcal{D}$ , where  $Y^f(B) = \sum_{j=0}^k f(\alpha_j) \Delta g(\alpha_j) + \sum_{j=1}^k f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j -) - g(\alpha_{j-1} +))$  and similarly for  $Y^{\tilde{f}}(B)$  (cf. (1,4)).

The inequality (1,6) immediately leads to the following

**Proposition 1,2.** (cf. II. 19.3.9 in [2]). *If  $g_n, g \in BV(a, b)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$   $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{var}_a^b(g_n - g) = 0$ ,  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow R$ ,  $|f(t)| \leq M$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $Y \int_a^b f dg_n$  exists for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  then both  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y \int_a^b f dg_n$  exist and are equal.*

**Corollary 1,2.** *If  $g_b \in BV(a, b)$  is a pure break function and  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow R$  is bounded ( $|f(t)| \leq M$  for  $t \in [a, b]$ ) then  $Y \int_a^b f dg_b$  exists and we have  $Y \int_a^b f dg_b = \sum_{t \in [a, b]} f(t) \Delta g_b(t)$ .*

**Proof.** To every pure break function  $g_b \in BV(a, b)$  there exists a sequence  $g_n \in BV(a, b)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  of break functions with a finite number of discontinuities

such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{var}_a^b(g_n - g) = 0$ . Therefore by Proposition 1,2 it is sufficient to prove that  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  exists for any pure break function  $g \in BV(a, b)$  with a finite number of discontinuities at the points  $\{t_1, \dots, t_v\} \subset [a, b]$ ; let us now prove it: we choose an arbitrary  $\tilde{D} = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\} \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $\{t_1, \dots, t_v\} \subset \tilde{D}$ . For every  $B = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\} \in \mathcal{B}(D)$ ,  $D \succ \tilde{D}$  we have

$$Y(B) = \sum_{j=1}^k f(\alpha_j) \Delta g(\alpha_j) + \sum_{j=1}^k f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_{j-}) - g(\alpha_{j-1}+)) = \sum_{i=1}^v f(t_i) \Delta g(t_i)$$

because  $g(\alpha_{j-}) - g(\alpha_{j-1}+) = 0$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $\Delta g(\alpha_j) = 0$  if  $\alpha_j \notin \{t_1, \dots, t_v\}$ . This implies the existence of  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  and moreover we have obtained the equality

$$Y \int_a^b f dg = \sum_{i=1}^v f(t_i) \Delta g(t_i).$$

From the inequality (1,7) we obtain

**Proposition 1,3.** (cf. II. 19.3.8 in [2]). *If  $f_n : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ ,  $\lim f_n = f$  uniformly in  $[a, b]$ ,  $g \in BV(a, b)$  and if  $Y \int_a^b f_n dg$  exists for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  then  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  as well as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y \int_a^b f_n dg$  exist and are equal.*

**Corollary 1,3.** *If  $f, g \in BV(a, b)$  then  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  exists.*

**Proof.** It is known that every  $f \in BV(a, b)$  is representable as the uniform limit of a sequence  $f_n$  of step-functions on  $[a, b]$  (see for example 7.3.2.1 in [1]), i.e. every  $f_n$  is a pure break function with a finite number of points of discontinuity  $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{v_n}\} \subset [a, b]$ . We prove that  $Y \int_a^b f_n dg$  exists for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $\tilde{D} \in \mathcal{D}$  be an arbitrary subdivision of  $[a, b]$  with  $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{v_n}\} \subset \tilde{D}$ ; let be  $D \succ \tilde{D}$ ,  $B = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \dots, \tau_{v_n}, \alpha_{v_n}\} \in \mathcal{B}(D)$  and let us suppose that  $a < t_1 < \dots < t_{v_n} < b$ .

Hence using the fact that the function  $f_n$  is constant with values  $f(a), f(t_i+)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, v_n - 1, f(b)$  in the intervals  $[a, t_1), (t_i, t_{i+1})$   $i = 1, \dots, v_n - 1, (t_{v_n}, b]$  respectively, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Y(B) &= \sum_{j=0}^k f_n(\alpha_j) \Delta g(\alpha_j) + \sum_{j=1}^k f_n(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_{j-}) - g(\alpha_{j-1}+)) = \\ &= f(a) \Delta^+ g(a) + \sum_{i=1}^{v_n} f(t_i) \Delta g(t_i) + f(b) \Delta^- g(b) + \\ &+ f(a+) (g(t_1-) - g(a+)) + \sum_{i=1}^{v_n} f(t_i+) (g(t_{i+1}-) - g(t_i+)) + \\ &+ f(b-) (g(b-) - g(t_{v_n}+)) = \sum_{i=1}^{v_n} f(t_i) \Delta g(t_i) + \sum_{i=1}^{v_n-1} f(t_i+) (g(t_{i+1}-) - g(t_i+)) + \\ &+ f(a) (g(t_1-) - g(a)) + f(b) (g(b) - g(t_{v_n}+)), \end{aligned}$$



i.e. the Young sum depends only on  $t_1, \dots, t_{v_n}$  and is independent of the choice of  $D > \bar{D}$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}(D)$ . This implies that the integral  $Y \int_a^b f_n dg$  exist and has the value  $Y(B)$  evaluated above.

The analogous argument gives the same result if  $a = t_1$  or  $b = t_{v_n}$ . The existence of  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  follows now from Proposition 1,3.

## 2. THE KURZWEIL INTEGRAL

Let for any  $\tau \in [a, b]$  a  $\delta = \delta(\tau) > 0$  be given (i.e.  $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ ).

Put

$$(2,1) \quad S = \{(\tau, t) \in R^2; a \leq \tau \leq b, \tau - \delta(\tau) \leq t \leq \tau + \delta(\tau)\}$$

and denote by  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}(a, b)$  the system of all such sets  $S \in R^2$ . Any set  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  can be evidently characterized by a 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

$$(2,2) \quad a = \alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \dots < \alpha_k = b,$$

$$(2,3) \quad \alpha_{j-1} \leq \tau_j \leq \alpha_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, k.$$

For a given set  $S \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $A$  is called a subdivision of  $[a, b]$  subordinate to  $S$  if

$$(2,4) \quad (\tau_j, t) \in S \quad \text{for} \quad t \in [\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j], \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, k.$$

The set of all subdivisions  $A$  of  $[a, b]$  subordinate to  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  let be denoted by  $A(S)$  (cf. Definition 1,1,3 in [3]). In [3], Lemma 1,1,1 it is proved that  $A(S) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $S \in \mathcal{S}$ .

Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ ,  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  be given. For every  $A = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\}$  satisfying (2,2) and (2,3) we put

$$(2,5) \quad K(A) = \sum_{j=1}^k f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1})).$$

**Definition 2,1.** The function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  is Stieltjes integrable on the interval  $[a, b]$  with respect to  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  in the sense of Kurzweil if there is a number  $I$  such that to every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists such a set  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  that

$$(2,6) \quad |K(A) - I| < \varepsilon$$

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

The following proposition is an obvious consequence of the completeness of  $R$  and of Def. 2,1:

**Proposition 2,1.** Let  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ . The integral  $K \int_a^b f dg$  exists if and only if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a set  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  such that

$$(2,7) \quad |K(A_1) - K(A_2)| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $A_1, A_2 \in A(S)$ .

**Remark 2,1.** The above Def. 1. follows the definition given in [3] (see 1.2 in [3]). In [3] the notation  $\int_a^b DU(\tau, t)$  with  $U(\tau, t) = f(\tau) g(t)$  is used instead of our symbol  $K \int_a^b f dg$ . Some fundamental theorems (additivity etc). about the Kurzweil integral can be found in [3] (cf. 1,3 in [3]).

**Remark 2,2.** It is almost evident that if the Riemann-Stieltjes norm integral  $NR \int_a^b f dg$  exists then also the Kurzweil integral  $K \int_a^b f dg$  exists and both integrals are equal. To prove this fact it is sufficient to set  $\delta(\tau) = |\bar{D}|$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  where  $\bar{D}$  is the subdivision from Def. 1,1.

Though it is not immediately apparent, the Kurzweil integral from Def. 2,1 is equivalent to the Perron-Stieltjes integral if we suppose  $g \in BV(a, b)$ .

**Remark 2,3.** For given finite  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ ,  $g \in BV(a, b)$  we denote by  $P \int_a^b f dg$  the Perron-Stieltjes integral of the point function  $f$  with respect to the additive function  $G$  of a interval in  $[a, b]$  which is defined by the relation  $G(I) = g(d) - g(c)$  for  $I = [c, d] \subset [a, b]$  (cf. [4]).

The following theorem states the result promised above.

**Theorem 2,1.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  be finite,  $g \in BV(a, b)$ . Then the integral  $K \int_a^b f dg$  exists if and only if the integral  $P \int_a^b f dg$  exists and both integrals have the same value.

**Proof.** 1. Let  $P \int_a^b f dg$  exist. From the definition (cf. [4]) we have: For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a major function  $U$  and a minor function  $V^*$  ( $U$  and  $V$  are additive functions of interval in  $[a, b]$ ) of  $f$  with respect to  $G$  such that

$$(2,8) \quad U([a, b]) - V([a, b]) < \varepsilon$$

Let  $\delta_1 : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ ,  $\delta_2 : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  be the function occurring in the definition of the minor function  $V$  and the major function  $U$ , respectively. Let us put  $\delta(\tau) = \min(\delta_1(\tau), \delta_2(\tau))$  for any  $\tau \in [a, b]$  and let  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  be the set which corresponds to  $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  by (2,1). We suppose that an arbitrary  $A = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots$

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\*) An additive function of an interval  $V$  is said to be a minor function of  $f$  with respect to  $G$  on  $[a, b]$  if to each point  $\tau \in [a, b]$  there corresponds a number  $\delta_1 = \delta_1(\tau) > 0$  such that  $V([c, d]) \leq f(\tau) G([c, d]) = f(\tau) (g(d) - g(c))$  for every interval  $[c, d]$  such that  $\tau \in [c, d]$  and  $|d - c| < \delta_1(\tau)$ . The major function  $U$  is defined analogously.

$\dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\} \in A(S)$  is given. The properties of a subdivision from  $A(S)$  as well as those of a major and minor function guarantee the inequality

$$V([\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j]) \leq f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1})) \leq U([\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j])$$

for any  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Hence the additivity of  $U$  and  $V$  implies

$$V([a, b]) \leq \sum_{j=1}^k f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1})) = K(A) \leq U([a, b]).$$

From (2,8) we obtain in this way the inequality  $|K(A_1) - K(A_2)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $A_1, A_2 \in A(S)$  which means that by Prop. 2,1 the integral  $K \int_a^b f dg$  exists. Considering that  $P \int_a^b f dg = \inf U([a, b]) = \sup V([a, b])$  we have evidently also  $K \int_a^b f dg = P \int_a^b f dg$ .

2. Now we suppose that  $K \int_a^b f dg$  exists. Let an arbitrary  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. According to Prop. 2,1 we choose a set  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  (characterized by  $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ ) such that

$$(2,9) \quad |K(A_1) - K(A_2)| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $A_1, A_2 \in A(S)$ .

For a given  $\tau, a < \tau \leq b$  let  $A_\tau$  be a subdivision of  $[a, \tau]$  subordinate to  $S(A_\tau \in A(S, \tau))$ ,  $A(S, \tau)$  is the set of all subdivisions of  $[a, \tau]$  subordinated to  $S$ . Let us define

$$M(\tau) = \sup K(A_\tau), \quad m(\tau) = \inf K(A_\tau),$$

$M(a) = m(a) = 0$ . We put  $U([c, d]) = M(d) - M(c)$ ,  $V([c, d]) = m(d) - m(c)$  for  $[c, d] \subset [a, b]$ . Hence by definition and by (2,9) we have

$$(2,10) \quad 0 \leq U([a, b]) - V([a, b]) = M(b) - m(b) \leq \varepsilon.$$

$U$  is a major function of  $f$  with respect to  $G$ : Let  $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  be the function which characterizes the set  $S$ . For fixed  $\tau \in [a, b]$  let  $[c, d] \subset [a, b]$ ,  $\tau \in [c, d]$ ,  $|d - c| < \delta(\tau)$ . Then by definition

$$f(\tau) G([c, d]) + M(c) = f(\tau) (g(d) - g(c)) + M(c) \leq M(d),$$

i.e.

$$f(\tau) G([c, d]) \leq M(d) - M(c) = U([c, d]).$$

In a similar way it can be proved that  $V$  is a minor function of  $f$  with respect to  $G$  in  $[a, b]$ .

The existence of the Perron-Stieltjes integral  $P \int_a^b f dg$  follows immediately from (2,10).

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  be given. A point  $t \in [a, b]$  is called a point of variability of the function  $g$  if to every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $t' \in [a, b]$ ,  $|t - t'| < \varepsilon$

such that  $g(t) \neq g(t')$ . The set of all points of variability of  $g$  in  $[a, b]$  is denoted by  $V_g$  while  $C_g = [a, b] - V_g$ .

It is easy to prove that the set  $V_g$  is closed in  $[a, b]$ .

**Proposition 2,2.** Let  $f_1, f_2, g : [a, b] \rightarrow R, f_1(t) = f_2(t)$  for  $t \in V_g$  and let  $K \int_a^b f_1 dg$  exist. Then  $K \int_a^b f_2 dg$  exists and equals  $K \int_a^b f_1 dg$ .

*Proof.* For every  $\tau \in C_g = [a, b] - V_g$  there is by definition a  $\delta(\tau) > 0$  such that for all  $\tau' \in [a, b], |\tau - \tau'| < \delta(\tau)$  we have  $g(\tau) = g(\tau')$ . Since  $K \int_a^b f_1 dg$  exists, we can choose to every  $\varepsilon > 0$  a set  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  (characterized by a function  $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ ) such that

$$(2,11) \quad \left| \sum_{j=1}^k f_1(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1})) - K \int_a^b f_1 dg \right| < \varepsilon$$

for any  $A = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\} \subset A(S)$ . We define  $\delta^*(\tau) = \delta(\tau)$  for  $\tau \in V_g$  and  $\delta^*(\tau) = \min(\delta(\tau), \delta(\tau)/2)$  for  $\tau \in C_g$ ; evidently  $\delta^*(\tau) \leq \delta(\tau)$  for all  $\tau \in [a, b]$  and  $S^* \subset S$  if  $S^* \in \mathcal{S}$  is the set in  $R^2$  characterized by the function  $\delta^* : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ . Let further  $A \in A(S^*)$ , then also  $A \in A(S)$  and (2,11) holds for any  $A = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\} \in A(S^*)$ . If  $\tau_j \in C_g$  then we have from (2,3) that  $|t - \tau_j| \leq \delta^*(\tau_j) \leq \delta(\tau_j)/2 < \delta(\tau_j)$  for all  $t \in [\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j]$  and therefore  $g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1}) = 0$ . Hence for all  $A = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\} \in A(S)$  we have by assumption

$$\sum_{j=1}^k f_1(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1})) = \sum_{j=1}^k f_2(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1}))$$

and by (2,11) also

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^k f_2(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1})) - K \int_a^b f_1 dg \right\| < \varepsilon$$

for any  $A \in A(S^*)$ . This completes the proof.

**Proposition 2,3.** Let  $g_l, g \in BV(a, b), l = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \text{var}_a^b(g_l - g) = 0$ . Further we assume that for  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  it is  $|f(t)| \leq M$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$  and that  $K \int_a^b f dg_l$  exists for all  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ . Then also  $K \int_a^b f dg$  and the limit  $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} K \int_a^b f dg_l$  exist and the equality

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} K \int_a^b f dg_l = K \int_a^b f dg$$

holds.

*Proof.* For every subdivision  $A = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\}$  we have evidently

$$(2,12) \quad |K(A) - K_l(A)| \leq M \cdot \text{var}_a^b(g - g_l)$$

where  $K_l(A)$  is the Kurzweil sum for  $f$  and  $g_l$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. We choose  $l_0$  such that  $\text{var}_a^b(g_l - g) < \varepsilon/4M$  for  $l > l_0$ . (If  $M = 0$  then the proposition is evidently valid.) Since  $K \int_a^b f dg_l$  exists for all  $l$  we can find for a given  $l > l_0$  a set  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  such that for any  $A_1, A_2 \in A(S)$  we have  $|K_l(A_1) - K_l(A_2)| < \varepsilon/2$  (cf. Prop. 3,1). Hence

$$|K(A_1) - K(A_2)| \leq |K(A_1) - K_l(A_1)| + |K_l(A_1) - K_l(A_2)| + |K_l(A_2) - K(A_2)| \leq \leq 2M \text{var}_a^b(g_l - g) + \varepsilon/2 < \varepsilon$$

for any  $A_1, A_2 \in A(S)$  and  $K \int_a^b f dg$  exists by Prop. 2,1. The other part of the proposition is a consequence of the inequality (2,12).

**Corollary 2,1.** *If  $g_b \in BV(a, b)$  is a pure break function and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  is bounded then  $K \int_a^b f dg_b$  exists and we have  $K \int_a^b f dg_b = \sum_{t \in [a, b]} f(t) \Delta g_b(t)$ .*

**Proof.** Similarly as in the proof of Corollary 1,2 it is sufficient to prove that  $K \int_a^b f dg$  exists for any pure break function  $g \in BV(a, b)$  which is discontinuous at the points of a finite set  $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_v\} \subset [a, b]$  and that  $K \int_a^b f dg = \sum_{i=1}^v f(t_i) \Delta g(t_i)$ .

Let us suppose that  $a \leq t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_v < b$  and let us define

$$\delta(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \varrho(\tau, \{a, t_1, \dots, t_v, b\})$$

for  $\tau \in (a, b)$ ,  $\tau \neq t_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, v$ , where  $\varrho$  is the Euclidean distance; further we define

$$\Delta_j = \max_{\tau \in (t_j, t_{j+1})} \delta(\tau), \quad j = 1, \dots, v - 1$$

and  $\Delta_0 = \max_{\tau \in (a, t_1)} \delta(\tau)$ ,  $\Delta_v = \max_{\tau \in (t_v, b)} \delta(\tau)$  if  $a < t_1$ ,  $t_v < b$ , respectively and we set  $\delta(a) = \delta(t_j) = \delta(b) = \Delta$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, v$ , where  $\Delta = \min_j \Delta_j$ . In this way we have defined a function  $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  which provides a set  $S$  defined by (2,1).

Let now  $A = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\} \in A(S)$ . By definition we have  $[\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j] \subset [\tau_j - \delta(\tau_j), \tau_j + \delta(\tau_j)]$  for any  $j = 1, \dots, k$  and the following assertions are valid:

1) if  $\tau_j \in \{a, t_1, \dots, t_v, b\}$  then  $|\alpha_j - \alpha_{j-1}| \leq 2\delta(\tau_j) = 2\Delta$  and  $[\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j] \cap \{a, t_1, \dots, t_v, b\} = \tau_j$ ,

2) if  $\tau_j \notin \{a, t_1, \dots, t_v, b\}$  then  $|\alpha_j - \alpha_{j-1}| \leq 2\delta(\tau_j) = \frac{1}{2} \varrho(\tau_j, \{a, t_1, \dots, t_v, b\})$  and therefore  $[\alpha_{j-1}, \alpha_j] \cap \{a, t_1, \dots, t_v, b\} = \emptyset$ .

Hence  $\{a, t_1, \dots, t_v, b\} \subset \{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k\}$  and

$$K(A) = \sum_{j=1}^k f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1})) = f(a) (g(a+) - g(a)) + + \sum_{i=1}^v f(t_i) (g(t_i+) - g(t_i-)) + f(b) (g(b) - g(b-)) = \sum_{i=1}^v f(t_i) \Delta g(t_i)$$

for any  $A \in A(S)$ , i.e.  $K \int_a^b f dg$  exists and equals  $\sum_{i=1}^n f(t_i) \Delta g(t_i)$ . This proves the corollary.

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $T \subset (a, b)$  be given such that  $[a, b] - T$  is dense in  $[a, b]$  (i.e.  $\overline{[a, b] - T} = [a, b]$ ) and let  $g(t) = 0$  for  $t \in [a, b] - T$ . If  $K \int_a^b f dg$  exists then necessarily  $K \int_a^b f dg = 0$ .

**Proof.** For any  $\delta : [a, b] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  we choose from the system of intervals  $(\tau - \delta(\tau), \tau + \delta(\tau))$ ,  $\tau \in [a, b]$  a finite system  $(\tau_j - \delta(\tau_j), \tau_j + \delta(\tau_j)) = J_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, k$  such that  $\tau_j < \tau_{j+1}$ ,  $[a, b] \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^k J_j$  and  $[a, b] - \bigcup_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq r}}^k J_j \neq \emptyset$  for any  $r = 1, \dots, k$ . Hence  $J_j \cap J_{j+1} \neq \emptyset$  is an interval for all  $j = 1, \dots, k-1$  and the density of  $[a, b] - T$  implies that there is an  $\alpha_j \in (J_j \cap J_{j+1}) \cap ([a, b] - T)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, k-1$ . If we set  $\alpha_0 = a$ ,  $\alpha_k = b$ , then we evidently obtain a subdivision  $A = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\} \in A(S)$ , where  $S$  is determined by  $\delta$  (cf. (2.1)) and  $g(\alpha_i) = 0$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k$ . Hence we have  $K(A) = 0$  for this subdivision  $A$  and our proposition follows immediately from Def. 2.1.

**Example 2.1** (due to I. Vrkoč). Let  $g(1/(l+1)) = 2^{-l}$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $g(t) = 0$  for  $t \in [0, 1] - \{1/(l+1)\}_{l=1}^\infty$ . Evidently  $g \in BV(a, b)$ . Let us put  $f(1/(l+1)) = 2^l$ ,  $f(t) = 0$  for  $t \in [0, 1] - \{1/(l+1)\}_{l=1}^\infty$ . We show that the integral  $K \int_0^1 f dg$  does not exist. For an arbitrary  $\delta : [0, 1] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  we set  $\alpha_0 = \tau_0 = 0$ . Since  $1/(l+1) \rightarrow 0$  for  $l \rightarrow \infty$ , in  $(0, \delta(0))$  there exists a point of the form  $1/(l_0+1)$ . We set further  $\alpha_1 = \tau_1 = 1/(l_0+1)$  and choose points  $\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k$  and  $\tau_2, \dots, \tau_k$  such that  $A = \{\alpha_0, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \dots, \tau_k, \alpha_k\} \in A(S)$  where  $S$  is the set given by  $\delta$  (cf. (2.1)) and  $g(\alpha_j) = 0$  for  $j = 2, \dots, k$ .

This choice of  $A \in A(S)$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} K(A) &= \sum_{j=1}^k f(\tau_j) (g(\alpha_j) - g(\alpha_{j-1})) = f(\tau_1) g(\alpha_1) = \\ &= f(1/(l_0+1)) g(1/(l_0+1)) = f(1/(l_0+1)) g(1/(l_0+1)) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\delta : [0, 1] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ . Hence the integral  $K \int_a^b f dg$  cannot exist. Indeed, if it existed, its value would be zero by Prop. 2.4 the set  $T = \{1/(l+1)\}_{l=1}^\infty$  having all properties required in Prop. 2.4. However, for any  $S$  we have constructed an  $A \in A(S)$  such that  $K(A) = 1$  and Definition 2.1 yields a contradiction with the existence of  $K \int_a^b f dg$ .

The set  $T = \{1/(l+1)\}_{l=1}^\infty = V_g$  is the set of all points of variability of  $g$ . The function  $g$  is evidently of bounded variation in  $[0, 1]$  ( $g \in BV(0, 1)$ ). By Prop. 2.2 the integral  $K \int_a^b f dg$  does not exist for  $g$  given above and for any arbitrary function  $f$  satisfying  $f(1/(l+1)) = 2^{-l}$ ,  $f : [0, 1] \in R$  (e.g. for the function from Example 1.1).

In this way functions  $g \in BV(0, 1)$  are constructed such that the Young integral  $Y \int_0^1 f dg$  exists but the Kurzweil integral  $K \int_0^1 f dg$  does not.

### 3. COMPARISON OF $Y \int_a^b f dg$ AND $K \int_a^b f dg$ FOR $g \in BV(a, b)$

In this section we assume that  $g \in BV(a, b)$ ,  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  exists. The aim of our study is to find additional properties of  $f$  and  $g$  guaranteeing the existence of the integral  $K \int_a^b f dg$ .

For the function  $g \in BV(a, b)$  let us denote by  $N_S \subset (a, b)$  the set of all points  $t \in (a, b)$  of discontinuity of the function  $g$  for which  $g(t-) = g(t+)$ , i.e.

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

and let us define  $g_S(t) = g(t) - g(t-)$  for  $t \in N_S$ ,  $g_S(t) = 0$  for  $t \in [a, b] - N_S$ ; we have evidently  $g_S \in BV(a, b)$  because  $\text{var}_a^b g_S = 2 \sum_{t \in N_S} (g(t) - g(t-)) < \text{var}_a^b g$ .

In Prop. 1,1 we have proved that  $Y \int_a^b f dg_S$  exists for any function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $Y \int_a^b f dg_S = 0$ .

We denote further  $g_R = g - g_S$ ; evidently  $g_R \in BV(a, b)$  and if  $g_R(t+) = g_R(t-)$  then  $g_R(t) = g_R(t-)$ , i.e.  $g_R$  is continuous at all points of continuity of  $g$  as well as for all  $t \in N_S$ .

Since  $Y \int_a^b f dg_S$  exists by the assumption, the integral  $Y \int_a^b f dg_R$  exists as well and equals  $Y \int_a^b f dg - Y \int_a^b f dg_S = Y \int_a^b f dg$ . Using the existence of  $Y \int_a^b f dg_R$  we obtain from Theorem 1,2 that  $f$  is bounded on a finite number of closed intervals which are complementary to a finite number of open intervals on which the function  $g_R$  is constant. It is possible to assume that  $|f(t)| \leq M$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$ ; in the opposite case we set  $\tilde{f} = f$  on the set on which  $f$  is bounded and  $\tilde{f} = 0$  otherwise. By Corollary 1,1 the existence of  $Y \int_a^b f dg_R$  is equivalent to the existence of  $Y \int_a^b \tilde{f} dg_R$  and we have  $Y \int_a^b f dg_R = Y \int_a^b \tilde{f} dg_R$ .

Now we use the usual decomposition  $g_R = g_c + g_{Rb}$  of  $g_R \in BV(a, b)$  into the continuous part  $g_c$  and a pure break function  $g_{Rb}$ . Corollary 1,2 guarantees the existence of  $Y \int_a^b f dg_{Rb}$  and so we obtain also the existence of  $Y \int_a^b f dg_c$ . Moreover, we have

$$Y \int_a^b f dg_{Rb} = \sum_{t \in [a, b]} f(t) \Delta g_{Rb}(t) = \sum_{t \in [a, b]} f(t) \Delta g(t).$$

Since  $g_c \in BV(a, b)$  is continuous the norm integral  $NY \int_a^b f dg_c$  exists by Theorem 1,5 and by Theorem 1,4 also the Riemann-Stieltjes norm integral  $NR \int_a^b f dg_c$  exists. From Remark 2,2 the existence of  $K \int_a^b f dg_c$  and the equality  $K \int_a^b f dg_c = Y \int_a^b f dg_c$  immediately follows. Further, Corollary 2,1 implies the existence of  $K \int_a^b f dg_{Rb}$  since the function  $f$  is bounded, and also the equality  $K \int_a^b f dg_{Rb} = Y \int_a^b f dg_{Rb}$ .

Hence the integral  $K \int_a^b f dg_R = K \int_a^b f dg_c + K \int_a^b f dg_{R_b}$  exists; this statement is an easy consequence of Prop. 2,2.

We can summarize the above results for the case  $N_S = \emptyset$  in the following

**Theorem 3,1.** *If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ ,  $g \rightarrow BV(a, b)$  is such that  $g(t+) = g(t-)$  for some  $t \in (a, b)$  implies  $g(t) = g(t-)$  and if  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  exists, then also  $K \int_a^b f dg$  exists and both integrals are equal.*

In the general case, i.e. if  $N_S \neq \emptyset$  the existence of  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  implies not necessarily the existence of  $K \int_a^b f dg$ . This fact is shown in Example 2,1.

If we suppose that  $f$  is bounded on  $N_S$  ( $|f(t)| \leq M$  for  $t \in N_S$ ) then we define  $\tilde{f}(t) = f(t)$  for  $t \in N_S$ ,  $\tilde{f}(t) = 0$  for  $t \in [a, b] - N_S$ . Hence  $\tilde{f}$  is bounded and from Corollary 2,1 we obtain the existence of  $K \int_a^b \tilde{f} dg_S$  while Prop. 2,2 guarantees the existence of  $K \int_a^b f dg_S$ . Corollary 2,1 gives moreover  $K \int_a^b f dg_S = 0$  because  $g_S(t) = g_S(t+) - g_S(t-) = 0$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$ . This yields the following

**Theorem 3,2.** *If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ ,  $|f(t)| \leq M$  for  $t \in N_S$ ,  $g \in BV(a, b)$  and  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  exists then  $K \int_a^b f dg$  exists and both integrals are equal.*

**Remark 3,1.** Evidently, if the set  $N_S$  is finite, then the boundedness of  $f$  on  $N_S$  can be omitted.

**Corollary 3,1.** *If  $f, g \in BV(a, b)$  then  $K \int_a^b f dg$  exists and equals  $Y \int_a^b f dg$ .*

*Proof.* This statement follows from Corollary 1,3 which states the same result for the Young integral, from the boundedness of  $f$  and from Theorem 3,2.

Finally, we mention the known fact (see [1]), that if we set  $[a, b] = [0, 1]$ ,  $g(t) = t$ ,  $f(t) = \sin(1/t) - (1/t) \cos(1/t)$ , for  $t \in (0, 1]$ ,  $f(0) = 0$  then the Perron integral  $P \int_0^1 f dg$  exists and by Theorem 2,1 also the integral  $K \int_0^1 f dg$  exists. It is also known that for this choice of  $f$  and  $g$  the Riemann integral does not exist. Since  $g(t) = t$  is continuous in  $[0, 1]$  we obtain that  $Y \int_0^1 f dg$  cannot exist (cf. Theorems 1,3, 1,4) and so we have an example of functions  $g \in BV(a, b)$ ,  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  such that  $K \int_a^b f dg$  exists but  $Y \int_a^b f dg$  does not.

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