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# THE BURKILL APPROXIMATELY CONTINUOUS INTEGRAL

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#### Abstract

This paper defines descriptive, Riemann, and constructive integrals equivalent to the approximately continuous integral of Burkill.

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## 1. Introduction

The simplest and most natural integral that integrates finite approximate derivatives is that of Burkill, [4]. However except for an important work of Tolstov, [25], it has not received much attention, in contrast to some fairly extensive investigations of other approximately continuous integrals; see Bullen, [3], for details and references. In this paper several alternative definitions of this Perron integral will be given; a descriptive integral, a totalization process, and a Riemann-like integral that has been suggested by Henstock, [6-8].

## 2. The Burkill integral and its basic properties

DEFINITION 1. (a) Let  $f: [a, b] \to \overline{\mathbf{R}}$ ; then M is a major function of  $f, M \in M_f^{\#}$ , if and only if  $M: [a, b] \to \mathbf{R}$  and:

(i) M is approximately continuous,  $M \in C_{ap}$ ;

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(ii) M(a) = 0; (iii)  $lM'_{ap} > -\infty$  n.e. (except on a countable set); (iv)  $lM'_{ap} \ge f$  a.e. (b) *m* is a minor function of *f*,  $m \in M_{\#,f}$ , if and only if  $-m \in M_{-f}^{\#}$ .

(c) F is 
$$P_{ap}^*$$
-integrable,  $f \in P_{ap}^*$  if and only if

 $-\infty < \sup\{t; t = m(b), m \in M_{\#,f}\} = \inf\{t; t = M(b), M \in M_f^{\#}\} < \infty,$ 

when the common value will be written  $\int_a^f f$ .

**REMARKS.** (1) In case of ambiguity we will talk about  $P_{ap}^*$ -major functions on [a, b], and so on.

(2) Clearly if  $f \in P_{ap}^*$  then  $M_f^{\#} \neq \emptyset$ ,  $M_{\#,f} \neq \emptyset$ .

LEMMA 2. (a) If  $M \in M_f^{\#}$  then M is measurable,  $M \in l[ACG]$ ,  $M'_{ap}$  exists, finite, a.e.

(b) If  $M \in M_f^{\#}$  and  $m \in M_{\#,f}$  then M - m is non-negative, increasing, continuous and differentiable a.e.

(c) If  $M_f^{\#} \neq \emptyset$  then  $f < \infty$  a.e. (d) If  $f \in P_{ap}^{*}$  then f is finite a.e.

**PROOF.** (a) follows from results due to Ridder, [17, 18], while (b) follows from a result of Tolstov, [24], and O'Malley, [15], Sunouchi and Utagawa, [22]. (c), (d) are easy consequences of Definition 1.

**REMARKS.** (1) A function is l[ACG] when [a, b] is a countable union of closed sets on each of which it is lower absolutely continuous (see Ridder, [17-18]).

(2) The basic properties of the integral follow in the usual way; see, for instance, Burkill, [4]. In particular if  $f \in P_{ap}^*$  then the  $P_{ap}^*$ -primitive,  $F(x) = \int_a^x f$ ,  $a \le x \le b$ , is well-defined.

THEOREM 3. (a) If  $f \in P_{ap}^*$ ,  $M \in M_f^{\#}$ ,  $m \in M_{\#,f}$ ,  $F(x) = \int_a^x f$  then M - F and F - m are non-negative, increasing, continuous and differentiable a.e.

(b) If  $f \in P_{ap}^*$ ,  $F(x) = \int_a^x f$  then  $F \in [ACG]$ ,  $F \in C_{ap}$  and  $F'_{ap} = f$  a.e.

(c) If  $f \in P_{ap}^*$  then f is measurable.

(d) If  $F \in C_{ap}$  and (i)  $F'_{ap}(x)$  exists, finite,  $x \notin E$ , |E| = 0, (ii)  $uF'_{ap}$  and  $|F'_{ap}$  are finite n.e., then if

$$f(x) = F'_{ap}(x), \qquad x \notin E,$$
  
= 0,  $x \in E,$ 

 $f \in P^*_{ap}$ .

(e) The  $P_{ap}^*$ - and the D-integrals are compatible. (f) If  $f \in P_{ap}^*[\alpha, \beta]$ , for all  $\alpha, \beta, a < \alpha < \beta < b$  and if

$$\lim_{\substack{\alpha \to a \\ \beta \to b}} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f$$

exists, with value I say, then  $f \in P_{ap}^*[a, b]$  and  $\int_a^b f = I$ .

(g) Let  $f \in P_{ap}^*$ ,  $F(x) = \int_a^x f$  then for all  $\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , P perfect, there exists a closed portion, Q, of P, having, on [a, b], closed contiguous intervals  $[a_n, b_n]$ ,  $n \in N$ , such that for all  $n \in N$  there exists an  $E_n \subset [a_n, b_n]$ , and an M > 0, with  $|E_n| \ge (1 - \lambda)(b_n - a_n)$  and such that for all  $x_n \in E_n$ ,  $\sum_n |F(x_n) - F(a_n)| < M$  and  $\sum_n |F(b_n) - F(x_n)| < M$ . (h)  $D - P_{ap}^* \neq \emptyset$  and  $P_{ap}^* - D \neq \emptyset$ .

**PROOF.** (b) is due to Kubota, [9]; (e) is in Kubota, [10]; (f) is a result of Grimshaw, [5]; (g) is due to Tolstov, [25]; the rest either follow easily from Lemma 2, or other parts of Theorem 3, or can be found in these references, or in Burkill, [4].

Definition 1 is not exactly that given in Burkill, [4], and the object of the next lemma is to show that the two definitions give equivalent integrals. Let Definition 1(a) be modified by replacing (iii) and (iv) by:

(iii)<sup>1</sup>  $M'_{ap} > -\infty$ ;

$$(\mathrm{iv})^1 \ M'_{ap} \ge f;$$

and denote the resulting class of major functions by  $M_{\ell}^{\#1}$ . Clearly  $M_{\ell}^{\#1} \subset M_{\ell}^{\#}$ .

LEMMA 4. For all  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $M \in M_f^{\#}$  there exists  $M^1 \in M_f^{\#1}$  such that

(1) 
$$M^{1}(b) \leq M(b) + \varepsilon.$$

PROOF. (a) Suppose Definition 1(a) is modified by replacing (iii) by:

(iii)<sup>2</sup>  $lM'_{ap} > -\infty$ , and call the resulting class of major functions  $M_f^{\#2}$ . We first prove the lemma with 1 replaced by 2.

First suppose that the countable exceptional set in Definition 1(a)(iii) is the singleton  $\{c\}$ , a < c < b (the cases c = a, c = b can be discussed in a similar way).

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $M \in M_f^{\#}$  and let A be a set of density 1 at c on which M is continuous; choose  $a_1, b_1$  so that  $a < a_1 < c < b_1 < b$  and the oscillation of M on  $A \cap [a_1, b_1]$  is less than  $\varepsilon$ . Define  $\omega$  by

$$\omega(x) = \sup\{t: t = |M(y) - M(c)|, y \in A, |y - c| \le |x - c|\}$$

and let  $\chi$  be an increasing, differentiable function with  $\chi(a) = 0$ ,  $\chi(b) = \varepsilon$ ,  $\chi'(c) = \infty$ . Now define

$$M^{2}(x) = M(x) + \chi(x), \quad a \le x \le a_{1},$$
  
=  $M(x) + \chi(x) + \omega(a_{1}) - \omega(x), \quad a_{1} \le x \le c,$   
=  $M(x) + \chi(c) + \omega(a_{1}) + \omega(x), \quad c \le x \le b_{1},$   
=  $M(x) + \chi(x) + \omega(a_{1}) + \omega(b_{1}), \quad b_{1} \le x \le a;$ 

then  $M^2 \in M_f^{\#2}$  and (1) holds.

If we let  $\Delta = M^2 - M = \chi + \mu$  then the essential properties of  $\mu$  are that it is increasing, continuous,  $\mu(a) = 0$ ,  $\mu(b) < 2\varepsilon$ , and on a set of *h* having density 1 at the origin

$$M(c+h) - M(c) + \mu(c+h) - \mu(c) \geq 0.$$

Now suppose that the countable exceptional set in Definition 1(a)(iii) is  $c_n$ ,  $n \in N$ , and for each  $c_n$  define a  $\Delta_n$ , as  $\Delta$  was defined above, but with  $\varepsilon$  replaced by  $\varepsilon 2^n$ ; then if  $M^2 = M + \sum_n \Delta_n$ ,  $M \in M_f^{\# 2}$  and (1) holds.

(b) From Lemma 2(a) it follows that (iv), in the definition of  $M_f^{\#2}$ , can be replaced by

 $(\mathrm{iv})^2 M'_{ap} \ge f$ , a.e.,

without affecting the definition of the integral.

(c) From (b) given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $M \in \tilde{M}_f$  there exists  $M^2 \in M_f^{\#2}$ , satisfying  $(iv)^2$ , such that (1) holds. Now let

$$E = \left\{ x; (M^2)'_{ap}(x) < F(x), \text{ or } (M^2)'_{ap}(x) \text{ does not exist} \right\};$$

then |E| = 0. If then  $T \in G_{\delta}$ ,  $E \subset T$ , |T| = 0 there exists a function  $g: [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ such that (i)  $g \in AC$ , (ii) g is increasing, (iii) g is differentiable, (iv)  $g'(x) = \infty$ ,  $x \in T$ , (v)  $g'(x) \neq \infty$ ,  $x \notin T$ , (vi) g(a) = 0, (vii)  $g(b) \leq \varepsilon$ ; Zahorski, [27], Tolstov, [26]. Now if  $M^1 = M^2 + g$  then  $M^1 \in M_f^{\pm 1}$  and (1) holds.

**REMARKS.** (1) The basic ideas for this lemma can be found in Aleksandrov, [1], Bosanquet, [2] and Grimshaw, [5].

(2) Burkill used the class  $M_f^{\#2}$  to define his integral. It should also be remarked that there would be no loss in generality in assuming, in Definition 1, that f is finite, for in any case integrable functions are finite a.e. and if  $f_1 = f_2$  a.e. then  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are either both not integrable, or both integrable with the same integral.

Following Henstock, [6], a definition of Ward type can be given. Suppose Definition 1(a) is modified by replacing (iii) and (iv) by:

(iii)<sup>W</sup> For all  $x, a \le x \le b$ , there exists a set  $E_x$  of density 1 at x such that  $M(u) - M(v) \ge f(x)(u-v), u \le x \le v, u, v \in E_x$ , and call the resulting class of major functions  $WM_f^{\#}$ .

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As in Henstock it follows that the integral defined this way, the  $WP_{ap}^*$ -integral, is equivalent to the one obtained from Definition 1 in which all the exceptional sets (Definition 1(a), (iii), (iv)) are empty, and the function f finite. Hence from the above discussion this integral of Ward type is equivalent to the  $P_{ap}^*$ -integral.

A different sort of variant of Definition 1 has been given by Sunouchi and Utagawa, [22]. In Definition 1(a) replace (1), (iii) and (iv) by:

SU-(i) M is measurable;

SU-(iii)  $lM'_{ap} > -\infty$  (that is, (iii)<sup>2</sup>); SU-(iv)  $lM'_{ap} \ge f$ .

REMARK. The idea for this generalization is due to Saks, [20], who did the same for the classical Perron integral; he showed that the apparently more general integral was in fact equivalent to the original definition. We shall do the same in the present situation; until then we will call the integral defined this way the  $SU-P_{ap}^*$ -integral. In their work, Sunouchi and Utagawa assumed f to be measurable but this is unnecessary as this property of integrable f can be proved (Theorem 3(c)).

# 3. A Riemann definition

A Riemann definition of an integral equivalent to the Burkill integral is suggested in Henstock, [7, 8], but no details are given.

DEFINITION 1. (a) A collection,  $\Delta$ , of closed sub-intervals of [a, b] is an approximate full cover of [a, b], an AFC, if and only if for all  $x, a \le x \le b$ , there exists a measurable set  $D_x, x \in D_x$ , of density 1 at x, such that if  $\alpha \le x \le \beta$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in D_x$ , then  $[\alpha, \beta] \in \Delta$ .

(b) If  $\Delta$  is an AFC of [a, b] then a  $\Delta$ -partition of [a, b] is a  $\{a_0, \ldots, a_n; x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ , where  $a = a_0 < \cdots < a_n = b$ ,  $a_{i-1} \le x_i \le a_i$ ,  $a_{i-1}$ ,  $a_i \in D_{x_i}$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ .

LEMMA 2. If  $\Delta$  is an AFC of [a, b] and  $a \leq \alpha < \beta \leq b$  then there exists a  $\Delta$ -partition of  $[\alpha, \beta]$ .

PROOF. This is a result of Thomson, [23].

DEFINITION 3. (a) If  $f: [a, b] \to r \mathbf{R}$  then f is  $R^*_{ap}$ -integrable,  $f \in R^*_{ap}$ , if and only if there exists I such that for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists AFC,  $\Delta$ , of [a, b], such

that for all  $\Delta$ -partitions  $\{a_0, \ldots, a_n; x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$  of [a, b] we have that

$$\left|I-\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)(a_i-a_{i_1})\right|<\varepsilon,$$

and then  $\int_{a}^{b} f = I$ .

(b) If  $f: [a, b] \to \mathbf{R}$  then f is  $VR^*_{ap}$ -integrable,  $f \in VR^*_{ap}$ , if and only if there exists  $F: [a, b] \to \mathbf{R}$  such that for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists AFC,  $\Delta$ , of [a, b], and a non-decreasing  $\phi: [a, b] \to \mathbf{R}$ , with  $\phi(b) - \phi(a) < \varepsilon$ , such that for all u, v,  $u \le x \le v$ ,  $u, v \in D_x$ , we have

$$|F(v) - F(u) - f(x)(v - u)| \leq \phi(v) - \phi(u),$$
  
$$F(b) - F(a)$$

and then  $\int_a^b f = F(b) - F(a)$ .

**REMARKS.** (1) The  $R_{ap}^*$ -integral is an example of what Henstock, [6], calls a Riemann complete integral, while the  $VR_{ap}^*$ -integral is an example of what he calls a variational integral; see also Kubota, [13, 14].

(2) The basic properties of these integrals follow in the standard manner; in particular we can talk of the  $R_{ap}^*$ -primitive, and the function F in (b) above (unique by Theorem 5 below) is the  $VR_{ap}^*$ -primitive.

(3) It is also easily seen that if  $R^*$  denotes Henstock's Riemann complete integral, that is equivalent to the classical Perron integral, then  $R^* \subseteq R^*_{ap}$ .

LEMMA 4. (a)  $f \in R_{ap}^*$ , with primitive F, if and only if for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists AFC,  $\Delta$ , of [a, b], such that for all  $\Delta$ -partitions  $\{a_0, \ldots, a_n; x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$  of [a, b] we have that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} |F(a_i) - F(a_{i-1}) - f(x_i)(a_i - a_{i-1})| < \varepsilon.$$

(b) There is no loss in generality if, in Definition 3(b), it is assumed that  $\phi \in C_{ap}$ .

**PROOF.** The proofs are similar to those for the  $R^*$ -integral; Henstock, [7; page 33, 41].

**THEOREM 5.**  $f \in \mathbb{R}^*_{ap}$  if and only if  $f \in V\mathbb{R}^*_{ap}$ , and then the integrals are equal.

PROOF. The proof follows that in Henstock [7; page 40]; see also Kubota [14].

**Remark.** If  $E \subset [a, b]$ , |E| = 0 and if

$$1_E(x) = 1, \qquad x \in E, \\ = 0, \qquad x \notin E,$$

then  $1_E \in R^*$  and  $\int_a^b 1_E = 0$ : This can be used, in the usual way, to extend Definition 3 to functions that are finite a.e.

Let  $\Delta$  be an AFC of [a, b],  $\pi = \{a_0, \dots, a_n; x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  a  $\Delta$ -partition of [a, b]; following Pfeffer, [16], we will write

$$S(f; a, b; \pi) = \sum_{i=1}^{ns} f(x_i)(a_i - a_{i-1}),$$
  

$$uS(f; a, b; \Delta) = \sup_{\pi} S(f; a, b; \pi),$$
  

$$uS(f; a, b) = \inf_{\Delta} uS(f; a, b; \Delta),$$

with analogous definitions of  $lS(f; a, b; \Delta)$  and lS(f; a, b).

THEOREM 6.  $f \in R^*_{ap}$  if and only if  $-\infty < lS(f; a, b) = uS(f; a, b) < \infty$ .

**PROOF.** The proof follows that in Pfeffer, [16].

We can now show that the  $P_{ap}^*$ - and  $SU-P_{ap}^*$ -integrals are equivalent, and are equivalent to the  $R_{ap}^*$ -integral.

LEMMA 7. If 
$$A = \inf\{t; t = M(b), M \in SU-M_t^{\#}\}$$
 then  $A \ge uS(f; a, b)$ .

**PROOF.** Let us assume A < uS(f; a, b), when there exists  $M \in SU-M_f^{\#}$  such that M(b) < uS(f; a, b).

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $x, a \le x \le b$ , set  $E_x$  of density 1 at x such that if  $u, v \in E_x$  then  $M(v) - M(u) \ge (f(x) - \varepsilon)(v - u).$ 

This defines an AFC,  $\Delta$ , of [a, b]; let  $\pi = \{a_0, \dots, a_n; x, \dots, x_n\}$  be a  $\Delta$ -partition of [a, b] and consider

$$S(f, a, b; \pi) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i)(a_i - a_{i-1}) \leq M(b) + \varepsilon(b - u);$$

or

 $uS(f; a, b) \leq M(b).$ 

COROLLARY 8.  $SU-P_{ap}^* \subset R_{ap}^*$ .

PROOF. Immediate from Lemma 7 and Theorem 6.

LEMMA 9.  $VR_{ap}^* \subset P_{ap}^*$ .

**PROOF.** Let  $f \in VR_{ap}^*$ ,  $F, \phi$  as given in Definition 3(b),  $\phi \in C_{ap}$ , by Lemma 4(b); consider

$$\mathbf{M}=\mathbf{F}+\mathbf{\phi},\qquad \mathbf{m}=\mathbf{F}-\mathbf{\phi}.$$

Then  $M \in WM_{f}^{\#}$ ,  $m \in WM_{\#,f}$  and so  $f \in WP_{ap}^{*}$  and hence  $f \in P_{ap}^{*}$ .

COROLLARY 10. (a)  $P_{ap}^* = SUP_{ap}^*$ . (b)  $R_{ap}^* = P_{ap}^*$ .

PROOF. Immediate from Corollary 8, Lemma 9 and Theorem 5.

REMARK. The above method can be used to given an alternative proof of Sak's result for the classical Perron integral.

### 4. A descriptive definition

DEFINITION 1. (a)  $F \in AC_{ap}^*$  on a closed set  $E, F \in AC_{ap}^*(E)$ , if and only if (i)  $F \in AC(E)$ , (ii) for all  $\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , there exists, on each closed contiguous interval of E,  $[a_n, b_n]$ , a set  $E_n^{\lambda}$ , and an  $M^{\lambda} > 0$ ,  $|E_n^{\lambda}| > (1 - \lambda)(b_n - a_n)$  such that for all  $x_n \in E_n^{\lambda}$ ,  $\sum_{n \in N} |F(x_n) - F(a_n)| < M^{\lambda}$ , and  $\sum_{n \in N} |F(b_n) - F(x_n)| < M^{\lambda}$ .

(b)  $F \in [ACG_{ap}^*]$  on [a, b] if and only if  $[a, b] = \bigcup_{n \in N} E_n$ ,  $E_n$  closed and  $F \in AC_{ap}^*(E_n)$ ,  $n \in N$ .

REMARK. It follows from Solomon's lemma, [1], that Definition 1(b) can be rephrased as:

 $F \in [ACG_{ap}^*]$  on [a, b] if and only if for all  $\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , P perfect, there exists a closed portion Q of P, having on [a, b] closed contiguous intervals  $[a_n, b_n]$ ,  $n \in N$ , such that for all  $n \in N$  there exists  $E_n^{\lambda} \subset$  $[a_n, b_n]$ ,  $M^{\lambda} > 0$ ,  $|E_n^{\lambda}| > (1 - \lambda)(b_n - a_n)$  and such that for all  $x_n \in E_n^{\lambda}$ ,  $\sum_{n \in N} |F(x_n) - F(a_n)| < M^{\lambda}$  and  $\sum_{n \in N} |F(b_n) - F(\lambda_n)| < M^{\lambda}$ .

We will first obtain some alternative forms of Definition 1(a). Let us define for  $F: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $A \in [a, b]$ 

$$\omega(F; A) = \sup\{t; t = |F(x) - F(y)|, x, y \in A\}.$$

LEMMA 2. If E is a bounded closed set, with extremities a, b, a < b, and closed contiguous intervals in [a, b],  $[a_n, b_n]$ , n > 1, then if  $E_n \subset [a_n, b_n]$ ,  $a_n, b_n \in E_n$ ,  $n \ge 1$ ,  $E_0 = E \cup \bigcup_{n \ge 1} E_n$ ,

$$\omega(F; E_0) \leq V(F; E) + 2\sum_{n\geq 1} \omega(F; E_n),$$

where V(F; E) is the variation of F on E.

(This is a slight generalization of a result in Saks, [1; page 231].)

LEMMA 3. If  $f \in C_{ap}[a, b]$  then for all  $\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , there exists  $E^{\lambda} \subset [a, b]$ ,  $a, b \in E^{\lambda}$  such that  $|E^{\lambda}| > (1 - \lambda)(b - a)$  and  $\omega(F; E^{\lambda}) < \infty$ .

PROOF. Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$ ,  $E_x \subset [x - \delta, x + \delta[$  such that if  $0 < h < \delta$ ,  $|E_x \cap [x - h, x + h]| > 2(1 - \lambda)h$  and if  $u \le x \le v$ ,  $u, v \in E_x$ , then  $|F(v) - F(u)| < \varepsilon$ .

The set of such  $E_x$ ,  $a \le x \le b$ , defines an AFC,  $\Delta$ , of [a, b]; let  $\{a_0, \ldots, a_p; x_1, \ldots, x_p\}$  be a  $\Delta$ -partition of [a, b]: and define

$$E^{\lambda} = \bigcup_{k=1}^{p} E_{x_{k}}$$

Then  $|E^{\lambda}| > (1 - \lambda)(b - a)$  and if  $u, v \in E^{\lambda}$ ,  $u \in [a_{m-1}, a_m]$ ,  $v \in [a_{n-1}, a_n]$ , say,

$$|F(v) - F(u)| \leq \sum_{k=m+1}^{n-1} |F(a_k) - F(a_{k-1})| + |F(a_m) - F(u)| + |F(v) - F(a_{n-1})| \leq \varepsilon p,$$

which is sufficient to prove the lemma.

THEOREM 4.  $F \in AC_{ap}^{*}(E)$  if and only if (a)  $F \in AC(E)$ , (b) for all  $\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , there exists, on each closed contiguous interval  $[a_n, b_n]$  of E, a set  $E_n^{\lambda}$ ,  $a_n$ ,  $b_n \in E_n^{\lambda}$ ,  $|E_n^{\lambda}| > (1 - \lambda)(b_n - a_n)$  and  $\sum_{n \in N} \omega(F; E_n^{\lambda}) < \infty$ .

PROOF. Let  $F \in AC_{ap}^*(E)$ ,  $\tilde{E}_n^{\lambda} = E_n^{\lambda} \cup \{a_n, b_n\}$ , where  $E_n^{\lambda}$  are the sets of Definition 1(a)(ii); let  $x_n, y_n \in \tilde{E}_n^{\lambda}$ ,  $n \in N$ . Then

 $|F(y_n) - F(x_n)| \le |F(x_n) - F(a_n)| + |F(y_n) - F(b_n)| + |F(a_n) - F(b_n)|;$ since  $F \in AC(E)$ ,  $\sum_{n \in N} |F(a_n) - F(b_n)| < \infty$  and the result follows from Definition 1(a)(ii). The converse is immediate. THEOREM 5.  $F \in AC_{ap}^{*}(E)$  if and only if for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $\alpha_{1} < \beta_{1} < \cdots < \beta_{p}$ , points of E, if  $\sum_{k=1}^{p} (\beta_{k} - \alpha_{k}) < \delta$  then for all  $\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , there exists  $E_{k}^{\lambda} \subset [\alpha_{k}, \beta_{k}], \alpha_{k}, \beta_{k} \in E_{k}^{\lambda}, |E_{k}^{\lambda}| > (1 - \lambda)(\beta_{k} - \alpha_{k}),$  $1 \le k \le p$ , and  $\sum_{k=1}^{p} \omega(F; E_{k}^{\lambda}) < \varepsilon$ .

**PROOF.** (i) Let  $F \in AC_{ap}^{*}(E)$ ; then  $F \in AC(E)$  and so given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $\alpha_1 < \beta_1 < \cdots < \beta_p$ , points of E, if  $\sum_{k=1}^{p} (\beta_k - \alpha_k) < \delta$  then  $\sum_{k=1}^{p} V(F; E_n[\alpha_k, \beta_k]) < \varepsilon$ . Further, by Theorem 4, and with its notation, there exists  $n_0$  such that  $\sum_{n>n_0} \omega(F; E_n^{\lambda}) < \varepsilon$ .

Let  $\delta_0 = \min\{\delta; b_n - a_n, n \le n_0\}$  and let  $\alpha_1 < \beta_1 < \cdots < \beta_p$ , points of *E*, be such that  $\sum_{k=1}^{p} \beta_k - \alpha_k < \delta_0$ . Define

$$\tilde{E}_k^{\lambda} = E \cap [\alpha_k, \beta_k] \cup \bigcup_{n \in N_k} E_n^{\lambda}$$

where

$$n_k = \{n; [a_n, b_n] \subset [\alpha_k, \beta_k]\};$$

clearly if  $n \in N_k$ , then  $n > n_0$ . By Lemma 2,

$$\omega(F; \tilde{E}_k) \leq V(F; E_n[\alpha_k, \beta_k]) + 2 \sum_{n \in N_k} \omega(F; E_n^{\lambda}).$$

Hence

$$\sum_{k=1}^{p} \omega(F; \tilde{E}_{k}) \leq 3\varepsilon$$

(ii) To prove the converse first note that the condition given implies that  $F \in AC(E)$ . Using the notation of Definition 1(a)(ii) let  $N_0$  be such that if  $n > n_0$  then  $\sum_{n>n_0} (b_n - a_n) < \delta$ : then from the condition given  $E_n^{\lambda} \subset [a_n, b_n], a_n, b_n \in E_n^{\lambda}, |E_n^{\lambda}| > (1 - \lambda)(b_n - a_n)$  and  $\sum_{n>n_0} \omega(F; E_n^{\lambda}) < \varepsilon$ .

If  $n \le n_0$  divide each  $[a_n, b_n]$  into a finite number of intervals each of length less than  $\delta$ , and we easily see that there exists  $E_n^{\lambda} \subset [a_n, b_n], |E_n^{\lambda}| > (1 - \lambda)(b_n - a_n)$  and  $\omega(F; E_n^{\lambda}) < \infty$ . From this it follows that  $F \in AC_{ap}^*(E)$ .

DEFINITION 6. Let *E* be a closed set, with closed contiguous integrals  $[a_n, b_n]$ ,  $n \in N$ ; let  $x \in E'$ ,  $E_x$  a set of unit density at x such that there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  with  $a_n, b_n \in E_x$  if  $[a_n, b_n] \subset ]x - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$ ,  $x + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon[$ , say if  $n \in N_x$  for short; we will write for *F*:  $[a, b] \to \mathbf{R}$ , a, b the extremities of *E*,

$$\omega_{n,ap}(F) = \sup_{\alpha,\beta\in E_x\cap[a_n,b_n]} |F(\beta) - F(\alpha)|.$$

THEOREM 7. If  $F \in AC^*_{ap}(E)$  then (a)  $F \in AC(E)$ , (b) for all  $x \in E'$ ,  $\sum_{n \in N, \omega_{n,ap}} (F) < \infty$ . **PROOF.** It suffices to prove (b). Since  $F \in AC_{ap}^*(E)$ , by Theorem 4, for all  $\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , there exists  $n_{\lambda}$  such that

$$\sum_{n>n_{\lambda}}\omega(F; E_n^{\lambda}) \leq \frac{1}{2^{\lambda}}$$

Let  $\varepsilon_{\lambda} = \min_{n \le n_{\lambda}} (b_n - a_n)$ ,  $N_{x,\lambda} = \{n; [a_n, b_n] \subset ]x - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{\lambda}, x + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{\lambda}[\}$  when  $\sum_{n \in N_{x,\lambda}} \omega(F, E_n^{\lambda}) < 1/2^{\lambda};$  put  $E_x^{\lambda} = \bigcup_{\lambda \in N_{x,\lambda}} E_n^{\lambda}$ . Now define  $E_x^0 = \bigcup_{n \ge 1} E_x^{1/2}$ ,  $\varepsilon_0 = \sup_{n \ge 1} \varepsilon_{1/n}$ , when  $E_x^0 \subset ]x - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0, x + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0[;$  let  $N_x = \{n; [a_n, b_n] \subset ]x - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0, x + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0[]$  and finally  $E_x = E_x^0 \cup E \cap ]x - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0, x + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0[]$ .

Then  $E_x$  has density 1 at x and if  $x_n, y_n \in E_x \cap [a_n, b_n], n \in N_x$ ,

$$\sum_{n \in N_x} |F(x_n) - F(y_n)| = \sum_{m \ge 1} \sum_{n \in N_{x,1/m}} |F(x_n) - F(y_n)| \le 1,$$

which completes the proof.

THEOREM 8. If E is a closed set with extremities a, b, a < b, F:  $[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and if (a)  $F \in C_{ap}[a, b]$ , (b)  $F \in AC(E)$ , (c) for all  $x \in E'$ ,  $\sum_{n \in N_x} \omega_{n,ap}(F) < \infty$ , then  $F \in AC^*_{ap}(E)$ .

PROOF. If  $x \in E'$  consider  $E_x \cap [a_n, b_n]$ ,  $n \in N_x$ , then for all  $\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , there exists  $E_n^{\lambda} \subset [a_n, b_n]$ ,  $a_n, b_n \in E_n^{\lambda}$ , such that  $|E_n^{\lambda}| > (1 - \lambda)(b_n - a_n)$  and clearly  $\omega(F; E_n^{\lambda}) < \omega_{n,ap}(F)$ . The family of  $|x - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon, x + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon|$  covers E' and so a finite sub-family of these intervals also covers E'. Hence there exists a finite set of integers  $N_0$  such that  $\sum_{n>N_0} \omega(F; E_n^{\lambda}) < \infty$ ; since  $F \in C_{ap}[a, b]$ , the intervals  $[a_n, b_n]$ ,  $n \in N_0$ , can be handled using Lemma 3.

DEFINITION 9. If *E* is a closed set with extremities *a*, *b*, *F*:  $[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , then *F* is  $lAC_{ap}^*$  on *E*,  $F \in lAC_{ap}^*(E)$  if and only if for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $\alpha_1 < \beta_1 < \cdots < \beta_p$ , points of *E*, if  $\sum_{k=1}^{p} (\beta_k - \alpha_k) < \delta$ , then for all  $\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , there exists  $E_k^{\lambda} \subset [\alpha_k, \beta_k]$ ,  $\alpha_k$ ,  $\beta_k \in E_k^{\lambda}$ ,  $|E_k^{\lambda}| > (1 - \lambda)(\beta_k - \alpha_k)$  such that for all  $x_k \in E_k^{\lambda}$ ,  $1 \le k \le p$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{p} F(x_k) - F(\alpha_k) > -\varepsilon,$$
  
$$\sum_{k=1}^{p} F(\beta_k) - F(x_k) > -\varepsilon.$$

REMARKS. (1) An analogous definition can be made for  $F \in uAc_{ap}^*(E)$  and, from Theorem 5,  $F \in AC_{ap}^*(E)$  if and only if  $F \in AC_{ap}^*(E) \cap lAC_{ap}^*(E)$ .

(2) Further, as in Definition 1(b), we can now define the classes  $u[ACG_{ap}^*]$  and  $l[ACG_{ap}^*]$ .

THEOREM 10. If  $F: [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ ,  $F \in C_{ap}[a, b]$ ,  $lF'_{ap} > -\infty$  n.e. then  $F \in l[ACG^*_{ap}]$ .

**PROOF.** Ridder, [19], proves under these conditions that  $F \in I[ACG]$ ; the rest follows from Tolstov's proof of Theorem 1.3(g), Tolstov, [25].

REMARK. The basic lemma in Tolstov, [25], can be used to shorten Ridder's result since it shows that certain sets in Ridder's proof are closed.

COROLLARY 12. If  $F: [a, b] \to \mathbf{R}$ ,  $F \in C_{ap}[a, b]$ ,  $-\infty < lF'_{ap} \le uF'_{ap} < \infty$ , n.e. then  $F \in [ACG^*_{ap}]$ .

We can now define a descriptive integral that will be equivalent to the  $P_{an}^*$ -integral.

DEFINITION 13. If  $f: [a, b] \to \overline{\mathbf{R}}$  then  $f \in D_{ap}^*$ , f is  $D_{ap}^*$ -integrable, if and only if there exists  $F \in C_{ap}[a, b], F \in [ACG_{ap}^*]$  and  $F'_{ap} = fa.e.$ ; then  $\int_a^x f = F(x) - F(a)$ .

**REMARK.** The basic properties of the class of approximately continuous -[ACG] functions, of which the approximately continuous  $-[ACG_{ap}^*]$  functions is a sub-class, Ridder, [18, 19], Kubota, [9], show that this definition is meaningful.

THEOREM 14. If  $f \in P_{ap}^*$  then  $f \in D_{ap}^*$ , with integrals equal.

**PROOF.** This follows from Theorems 1.3(b), (g), and the remark following Definition 1.

To prove the converse of Theorem 14 we will use the  $R_{ap}^*$ -integral and for this need to show that this integral has what are usually called Cauchy and Harnack properties. That the  $R_{ap}^*$ -integral has the Cauchy property follows from the fact that the equivalent  $P_{ap}^*$ -integral does, Theorem 1.3(f), but we will give an independent proof.

THEOREM 15. If 
$$f \in R^*_{ap}[\alpha, \beta]$$
, for all  $\beta, \beta, a < \alpha < \beta < b$  and if  
$$\lim_{\substack{\alpha \to a \\ \beta \to b}} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f$$

exists, with value I say, then  $f \in R^*_{ap}[a, b]$ , and  $\int_a^b f = I$ .

**PROOF.** It is sufficient to consider the case where for all  $\beta$ ,  $a < \beta < b$ ,  $f \in R^*[a, \beta]$  and  $\lim_{\beta \to b} \int_a^{\beta} f = I$ . Let  $a = \beta_0 < \beta_1 < \cdots$ ,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \beta_n = b$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then since  $k \ge 1$ ,  $f \in R^*_{ap}[\beta_k, \beta_{k-1}]$ , there exists AFC,  $\Delta_k$ , of  $[\beta_k, \beta_{k-1}]$  such that for all  $\Delta_k$ -partitions of  $[\beta_k, \beta_{k-1}]$ ,  $\{a_0^k, \ldots, ; x_1^k \cdots \}$ ,

$$\left|\int_{\beta_{k-1}}^{\beta_k} f - \sum f(x_i^k) (a_i^k - a_{i-1}^k)\right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2^k}$$

Since  $\lim_{\beta \to b} a_{a} \int_{a}^{\beta} f = I$ , given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  and a set A of density 1 at b,  $A \subset [b - \delta, b]$ , such that if  $x \in A$ ,  $|I - \int_{a}^{x} f| < \varepsilon$ , and  $|(b - x)f(b)| < \varepsilon$ .  $\Delta = \bigcup_{x \in A} [x, b] \cup \bigcup_{k \ge 1} \Delta_{k}$  is an AFC of [a, b] and consider the  $\Delta$ -partition  $\{a_{0}, \ldots, a_{n}; x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\}$  of [a, b]:

$$\left| I - \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i)(a_i - a_{i-1}) \right| \leq \left| \int_a^{a_{n-1}} f(x_i)(a_i - a_{i-1}) \right| + \left| I - \int_a^{a_{n-1}} f(x_i)(b - a_{n-1}) \right| \leq 3\varepsilon,$$

and so  $\int_{a}^{b} f$  exists, with value *I*.

THEOREM 16. Let E be a perfect set, end points a, b, with closed contiguous intervals in [a, b],  $[a_n, b_n]$ ,  $n \in N$ ; suppose that  $f \colon_E \in R^*_{ap}[a, b]$  and that for all  $n \in N$ ,  $f \in R^*_{ap}[a_n, b_n]$ ; suppose further that for all  $x \in E$  there exists a set  $E_x$  of unit density at  $x, \delta > 0$ , with  $a_n, b_n \in E_x$  if  $[a_n, b_n] \subset ]x - \frac{1}{2}\delta$ ,  $x + \frac{1}{2}\delta[$ ,  $n \in N_x$ , for short and  $\sum_{n \in N_x} \{\sup_{\alpha, \beta \in E_x \cap [a_n, b_n]} \mid \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f \mid \} < \infty$ ; then  $f \in R^*_{ap}[a, b]$  and

(1) 
$$\int_{a}^{b} f = \int_{a}^{b} f \mathbf{1}_{E} + \sum_{n \in N} \int_{a_{\kappa}}^{b_{n}} f$$

**PROOF.** It is sufficient to prove that  $f(1 - 1_E) \in R^*_{ap}[a, b]$ . Note that the above conditions imply that for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $n_0$  such that

$$\sum_{n>n_0}\left\{\sup_{\alpha,\beta\in E_x\cap\{a_n,b_n\}}\left|\int_{\alpha}^{\beta}f\right|\right\}<\varepsilon,$$

and so, in particular, the right-hand side of (1) is defined.

For each  $n \in N$  there exists AFC  $\Delta_n$  of  $[a_n, b_n]$  such that for all  $\Delta_n$ -partitions of  $[a_n, b_n]$ ,  $\{a_0^n, \ldots; x_1^n \cdots\}$ ,

$$\left|\int_{a_n}^{b_n} f - \sum f(x_i^n)(a_i^n - a_{n-1}^n)\right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2^n}$$

At each  $x \in E$  there exists  $\tilde{E}_x \subset E_x$ , of density 1 at x, containing all  $a_n$ ,  $b_n$ ,  $n > n_0$ , and  $[a_n, b_n] \subset ]x - \frac{1}{2}\delta$ ,  $x + \frac{1}{2}\delta[$ : let  $\tilde{E}_x^* = \{[u, v]; u \le x \le v, u_1v \in \tilde{E}_x\}$ .

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Consider  $\Delta = \bigcup_{n \in N} \Delta_n \cup \bigcup_{x \in E} \tilde{E}_x$ , an AFC on [a, b], and  $\{a_0, \ldots, a_p\}$  $x_1, \ldots, x_p$  any  $\Delta$ -partition of [a, b]:

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n \in N} \left| \int_{a_n}^{b_n} f - \sum_{i=1}^p f(1 - 1_E)(x_i)(a_i - a_{i-1}) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{n > n_0} \left| \int f \right| + \left| \sum_{n \leq n_0} \int_{a_n}^{b_n} f - \sum f(x_i^n)(a_i^n - a_{i-1}^n) \right| \\ &< 2\varepsilon, \end{split}$$

which completes the proof.

THEOREM 17. If  $f \in D_{ap}^*$  then  $f \in R_{ap}^*$  and the integrals are equal.

**PROOF.** Let  $f \in D_{ap}^*$ ,  $E = \{x; a \le x \le b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \le b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \le b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \le b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \ge b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \ge b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \ge b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \ge b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \ge b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \ge b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \ge b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \ge b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \ge b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \ge b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \ge b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \ge b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \ge b \text{ and } f \text{ is not } R_{ap}^*\text{-integrable in some } x \ge b \text{ and } f \text{$ neighbourhood of x}; assume  $E \neq \emptyset$ . From Theorem 15, E is perfect and if  $[a_n, b_n]$ ,  $n \in N$  are the closed continuous intervals of E, in [a, b], then  $f \in [a, b]$  $R_{ap}^*[a_n, b_n], n \in N$ . If  $F(x) = D_{ap}^* - \int_a^x f$  then  $f \in [ACG_{ap}^*]$  and so E contains a portion  $E_0$  on which F is  $AC_{ap}^*$ ; let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the extremities of  $E_0$ . Since  $F \in AC(E_0), F'_{ap} = f$  a.e. on  $E_0$  and f is L-integrable there, and so  $f l_E \in R^*_{ap}[a, b]$ . Further since  $F \in AC_{ap}^{*}(E_{0})$ , by Theorem 8, all the conditions of Theorem 16 are satisfied on  $[\alpha, \beta]$ , and so  $f \in R^*_{ap}[\alpha, \beta]$ . This proves that  $E = \emptyset$ , and so  $f \in R^*_{ap}[a, b].$ 

COROLLARY 18.  $P_{ap}^* = R_{ap}^* = D_{ap}^*$ .

## 5. An approximate total

The approximate-total\* of  $f, f: [a, b] \to \mathbf{R}, T^*_{ap} - \int_a^b f$ , is constructed by the transfinite induction as indicated below; if the construction is possible we say that  $f \in T^*_{av}$ .

The process uses four operations:

(1) if  $a \leq \alpha \leq \beta \leq b, f \in L[\alpha, \beta]$  then  $T^*_{ap} - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f = L - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f;$ 

(2) if for all  $\alpha', \beta', a \le \alpha < \alpha' < \beta' < \beta \le b$  we have evaluated  $T_{ap}^* - \int_{\alpha'}^{\beta'} f$  and if

$$\lim_{\substack{\alpha' \to \alpha \\ \beta' \to \beta}} T^*_{ap} - \int_{\alpha'}^{\beta'} f$$

exists, then  $T_{ap}^* - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f$  is defined to be this limit; (3) if  $T^* - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f$  and  $T^* = \int_{\beta}^{\delta} f$ ,  $a \le \alpha < \beta < \beta \le b$ , have been evaluated then  $T_{ap}^* - \int_{\alpha}^{\delta} f$  is defined to be their sum;

(4) if  $P \subset [a, b]$  is perfect, with extremities  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and if  $f |_P \in L[\alpha, \beta]$ , and if  $f \in T^*_{ap}[\alpha_n, \beta_n]$ ,  $[\alpha_n, \beta_n]$  being the closed contiguous intervals of P in  $[\alpha, \beta]$ ,  $n \in N$ , and if further for all  $x \in P$  there exists a set  $E_x$  of density 1 at  $x, \delta > 0$  with  $a_n, b_n \in E_x$ , if  $[a_n, b_n] \subset ]x - \frac{1}{2}\delta$ ,  $x + \frac{1}{2}\delta[$ ,  $n \in N_x$ , for short, and  $\sum_{n \in N_x} \{\sup_{\alpha'_n, \beta'_n \in E_x \cap [\alpha_n, \beta_n]} | T^*_{ap} - \int_{\alpha'_n}^{\beta'_n} f | \} < \infty$ , then  $T^*_{ap} - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f$  is evaluated as  $L - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f |_P + \sum_{n \in N} T^*_{ap} - \int_{\alpha'_n}^{\beta_n} f$ .

**REMARK.** This operation is related to that used in an integral defined by Kubota, [11, 12], in the same way as the corresponding operation in the special Denjoy integral is related to that in the general Denjoy integral; Saks, [20; page 255].

The construction of  $T_{ap}^* - \int_a^b f$  can now be described as follows.

Stage 1: Step 1. Let  $E = \{x; a \le x \le b, f \text{ is not summable at } x\}$ . If E is not nowhere dense,  $f \notin T^*_{ap}$ , if E is nowhere dense proceed to

Step 2. For all  $[\alpha, \beta]$ ,  $[\alpha, \beta] \cap E = \emptyset$  compute  $T_{ap}^* - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f$  by operation (1). Step 3. If  $[\alpha, \beta]$  is a closed contiguous interval of E see if

$$\lim_{\substack{\alpha' \to \alpha \\ \beta' \to \beta}} T^*_{ap} - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} j$$

exists; if not  $f \notin T_{ap}^*$ , if so compute  $T_{ap}^* - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f$  by operation (2).

Step 4. For all  $[\alpha, \beta]$ ,  $[\alpha, \beta] \cap E' = \emptyset$  compute  $T^*_{ap} - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f$  by operation (3).

Step 5. Applying step 3 to the contiguous intervals of E', then by a transfinite process using steps 4 and 3, we either find that  $f \notin T_{ap}^*$ , or will have computed  $T_{ap}^* - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f$  for all  $[\alpha, \beta]$ , closed contiguous intervals of the perfect kernel P of E; if  $P = \emptyset$  we have completed the calculation, if not proceed to

Stage 2: Step 1. Let  $\tilde{E} = \{x; x \in P \text{ and } f \mid_p \text{ is not summable at } x\}$ . If  $\tilde{E}$  is not nowhere dense in  $P, f \notin T_{ap}^*$ ; if  $\tilde{E}$  is nowhere dense on P, proceed to

Step 2. For all  $[\alpha, \beta]$ ,  $[\alpha, \beta] \cap \tilde{E} = \emptyset$  compute  $T_{ap}^* - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f$  as described in stage 3 below. If this is not possible  $f \notin T_{ap}^*$ , if it is use steps 3, 4 of stage 1 to compute, if possible  $T_{ap}^* - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f$  for all  $[\alpha, \beta]$ , closed contiguous intervals of the perfect kernel of  $\tilde{E}$ .

Step 3. A transfinite process using the above steps then either finds  $f \notin T_{ap}^*$  or computes  $T_{ap}^* - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f$  on the closed contiguous intervals of  $E_1 = E$ ,  $E_2 = \tilde{E}$ ,  $E_3, \ldots, E_{\lambda}, \ldots$ , where if  $\lambda$  has a predecessor  $E_{\lambda}$  is nowhere dense in the perfect kernel,  $P_{\lambda-1}$  of  $E_{\lambda-1}$  and  $E_{\lambda} = \{x; x \in P_{\lambda-1} \text{ and } f |_{P_{\lambda-1}}$  is not summable at  $x\}$ , while if  $\lambda$  has no predecessor  $E_{\lambda} = \bigcap_{\mu < \lambda} E_{\mu}$ . For some  $\nu < \Omega$ ,  $E_{\nu} = \emptyset$ ,  $E_{\nu-1} \neq \emptyset$ , that is, either  $P_{\nu-1} = \emptyset$  or  $f |_{P_{\nu-1}} \in L[a, b]$ ; in either case stages 1-3 applied to  $E_{\nu-1}$  completes the computation.

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Stage 3: (From step 2 of stage 2 we have to compute  $T_{ap}^* - \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f$  where  $[\alpha, \beta]$ defines a closed portion of a perfect set P, Q say, with  $f l_0$  summable, and on the closed contiguous intervals in  $[\alpha, \beta]$  of Q,  $[\alpha_n, \beta_n]$ ,  $T^*_{ap} - \int_{\alpha_n}^{\beta_n} f$  has already been computed,  $n \in N$ .)

Step 1. Let x be a regular point of Q if there exists a set  $E_x$ , of density 1 at x,  $\delta > 0$ , with  $\alpha_n$ ,  $\beta_n \in E_x$  if  $[\alpha_n, \beta_n] \subset ]x - \frac{1}{2}\delta$ ,  $x + \frac{1}{2}\delta[$ ,  $n \in N_x$  for short, and  $\sum_{n \in N_x} \{\sup_{\alpha'_n, \beta'_n \in E_x \cap [\alpha_n, \beta_n]} | T_{ap}^* - \int_{\alpha'}^{\beta} f | \} < \infty; \text{ let } E \text{ be the set of non-regular points of } Q. \text{ If } E \text{ is not nowhere dense in } Q, f \notin T_{ap}^*, \text{ if it is proceed to} \end{cases}$ 

Step 2. For all  $[\alpha', \beta'], [\alpha', \beta'] \cap E = \emptyset$  compute  $T_{ap}^* - \int_{\alpha'}^{\beta'} f$  by operation (4). Step 3. Proceed as in stage 1 to obtain  $T_{ap}^* - \int_{\alpha'}^{\beta'} f$  on all  $[\alpha', \beta']$  closed contiguous intervals of the perfect kernel of E; then proceed to stage 2 again.

To facilitate the discussion of the  $T_{ap}^*$ -integral we define for all  $\alpha$ ,  $0 \le \alpha \le \Omega$ , on [a, b] an integral  $L_{ap}^{*,a}$ ; this follows the ideas of Saks, [20], and Kubota, [11, 12].

(a)  $L_{ap}^{*,0} = L$ .

(b) If for all  $\alpha < \beta \leq \Omega$  we have defined  $L_{ap}^{*,\alpha}$  in such a way that the integrals are compatible and if  $\alpha < \alpha' < \beta$  then  $L_{ap}^{*,\alpha'} \subset l_{ap}^{*,\alpha'}$  then  $I_1^{\beta}$  is the integral defined by

$$I_1^{\beta} = \bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} L_{ap}^{*,\alpha}, \quad I_1^{\beta} - \int_a^b f = L_{ap}^{*,\alpha_0} - \int_a^b f,$$

where

$$\alpha_0 = \min\{\alpha; f \in L^{*,\alpha}_{ap}\}.$$

(c) (i) If  $\beta < \Omega$  then  $I_2^{\beta}$  is the integral  $(I_1^{\beta})_{ap}^{C}$ , see Definition 1(a) below; and

$$L_{ap}^{*,\beta} = \left(I_2^{\beta}\right)_{ap}^{H^*},$$

see Definition 1(b) below;

(ii) if  $\beta = \Omega$ ,

$$L_{ap}^{*,\Omega} = I_1^{\Omega}.$$

DEFINITION 1. If I is an integral let  $S_f = S = \{x; f \text{ is not } I \text{-integrable at } x\};$ then:

(a) the approximate Cauchy extension of I,  $I_{ap}^{C}$ , is defined as follows:  $f \in I_{ap}^{C}$  if and only if there exists  $F \in C_{ap}$  such that if  $[a', b'] \cap S = \phi$  then  $I - \int_{a'}^{b'} f =$ F(b') - F(a') then  $I_{ap}^C - \int_a^b f = F(b) - F(a)$ .

(b) the approximate Harnack<sup>\*</sup> extension of I,  $I_{ap}^{H^*}$ , is defined as follows:  $f \in I_{an}^{H^*}$  if and only if (i)  $f \mathbf{1}_S \in L$ , (ii) if  $[a_n, b_n]$ ,  $n \in N$  are the closed contiguous intervals of S in [a, b] then f is I-integrable on each, and if x is a limit point of the

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 $[a_n, b_n]$  there exists a set  $E_x$  of unit density,  $\delta > 0$ , with  $a_n, b_n \in E_x$  if  $[a_n, b_n] \subset ]x - \frac{1}{2}\delta$ ,  $x + \frac{1}{2}\delta[$ ,  $x \in N_x$  for short, and  $\sum_{n \in N_x} \{\sup_{a'_n, b'_n \in E_x \cap [a_n, b_n]} |I - \int_{a'_n}^{b'_n} f| \} < \infty$ , then

$$I_{ap}^{H^*} - \int_a^b f = L - \int_a^b f \mathbf{1}_S + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I - \int_a^b f.$$

The following theorem is then easily deduced, using the methods of Saks, [20], and Kubota, [11, 12].

THEOREM 2. (a)  $((L_{ap}^{*,\Omega})_{ap}^{C})_{ap}^{H^{*}} = L_{ap}^{*,\Omega}$ . (b)  $L_{ap}^{*,\Omega} = T_{ap}^{*}$ . (c)  $L_{ap}^{*,\Omega} = D_{ap}^{*}$ .

(d) If I is an approximately continuous integral such that (i)  $L \subset I$ , (ii)  $(I_{ap}^{C})_{ap}^{*} = I$ , then  $D_{ap}^{*} \subset I$ .

COROLLARY 3.  $P_{ap}^* = R_{ap}^* = D_{ap}^* = T_{ap}^* = L_{ap}^{*,\Omega}$ .

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