

Let  $I =: [a, b]$  let  $\gamma$  be a function  $I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and let  $P := (x_0, \dots, x_n)$  be a partition of  $I$ . Define the *variation*  $V_P(\gamma)$  of  $\gamma$  over  $P$  to be the sum  $\sum_i |\gamma(x_i) - \gamma(x_{i-1})|$ . Then  $\gamma$  is said to be *of bounded variation* if  $\{V_P(\gamma)\}$ , as  $P$  ranges over the set of all partitions, is bounded, and in this case we define  $V(\gamma)$  to be the least upper bound. Let  $BV(I)$  denote the set of all functions of bounded variation, and prove the following:

1. If  $\gamma$  is monotone,  $\gamma \in BV(I)$ . If  $\gamma$  is Lipschitz, for example if  $\gamma'$  exists and is bounded, then  $\gamma \in BV(I)$ .
2.  $BV(I)$  is a linear subspace of  $B(I)$ . If  $V(\gamma) = 0$ ,  $\gamma$  is constant. If  $BV_0(I)$  is the subset of all  $\gamma \in BV(I)$  such that  $\gamma(a) = 0$ , then  $V$  defines a norm on  $BV_0(I)$ .
3.  $BV(I)$  is exactly the set of all functions on  $I$  which can be written as a difference of two monotone functions. (Hint: If  $\gamma \in BV(I)$  and  $x \in I$ , then the restriction  $\gamma_x$  of  $\gamma$  to  $[a, x]$  is of bounded variation, and  $V(\gamma_x)$  is an increasing function of  $x$ .)
4. It follows from (c) that we can define, for any continuous function  $f$  on  $I$  and any function  $\gamma$  of bounded variation on  $I$ , the integral  $\int f d\gamma$ . Prove that  $|\int f d\gamma| \leq \|f\| V(\gamma)$ .