

## THE RIEMANN-STIELTJES DIAMOND-ALPHA INTEGRAL ON TIME SCALES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we define and study the Riemann–Stieltjes diamond-alpha integral on time scales. Many properties of this integral will be obtained. The Riemann–Stieltjes diamond-alpha integral contains the Riemann–Stieltjes integral and diamond-alpha integral as special cases.

### 1. Introduction

The calculus on time scales was introduced for the first time in 1988 by Hilger [1] to unify the theory of difference equations and the theory of differential equations. It has been extensively studied on various aspects by several authors [2-8].

Two versions of the calculus on time scales, the delta and nabla calculus, are now standard in the theory of time scales [3, 4]. In 2006, the diamond-alpha integral on time scales was introduced by Sheng, Fadag, Henderson, and Davis [10], as a linear combination of the delta and nabla integrals. The diamond-alpha integral reduces to the standard delta integral for  $\alpha = 1$  and to the standard nabla integral for  $\alpha = 0$ . We refer the reader to [9, 10, 11] for a complete account of the recent diamond-alpha integral on time scales. In 2009, the Riemann diamond-alpha integral on time scales, as a more basic notion of diamond-alpha integral, was introduced by A.B. Malinowska and D.F.M. Torres [12]. In this paper we define the Riemann–Stieltjes diamond-alpha integral on time

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scales, which give a common generalization of the Riemann diamond-alpha integral and the Riemann–Stieltjes integral [8]. We also prove the corresponding main theorems of the Riemann–Stieltjes diamond-alpha integral.

## 2. Preliminaries

A time scale  $\mathbb{T}$  is a nonempty closed subset of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$  with the subspace topology inherited from the standard topology of  $\mathbb{R}$ . For  $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$  we define the closed interval  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  by  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} = \{t \in \mathbb{T} : a \leq t \leq b\}$ . For  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  we define the forward jump operator  $\sigma(t)$  by  $\sigma(t) = \inf\{s > t : s \in \mathbb{T}\}$  where  $\inf \emptyset = \sup\{\mathbb{T}\}$ , while the backward jump operator  $\rho(t)$  is defined by  $\rho(t) = \sup\{s < t : s \in \mathbb{T}\}$  where  $\sup \emptyset = \inf\{\mathbb{T}\}$ .

If  $\sigma(t) > t$ , we say that  $t$  is right-scattered, while if  $\rho(t) < t$ , we say that  $t$  is left-scattered. If  $\sigma(t) = t$ , we say that  $t$  is right-dense, while if  $\rho(t) = t$ , we say that  $t$  is left-dense. A point  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  is dense if it is right and left dense; isolated if it is right and left scattered. The forward graininess function  $\mu(t)$  and the backward graininess function  $\eta(t)$  are defined by  $\mu(t) = \sigma(t) - t$ ,  $\eta(t) = t - \rho(t)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  respectively. If  $\sup \mathbb{T}$  is finite and left-scattered, then we define  $\mathbb{T}^k := \mathbb{T} \setminus \sup \mathbb{T}$ , otherwise  $\mathbb{T}^k := \mathbb{T}$ ; if  $\inf \mathbb{T}$  is finite and right-scattered, then  $\mathbb{T}_k := \mathbb{T} \setminus \inf \mathbb{T}$ , otherwise  $\mathbb{T}_k := \mathbb{T}$ . We set  $\mathbb{T}_k^k := \mathbb{T}^k \cap \mathbb{T}_k$ .

A function  $f : [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called regulated provided its right-sided limits exist at all right-dense point of  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  and its left-sided limits exist at all left-dense point of  $(a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ .

A function  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is delta differentiable at  $t \in \mathbb{T}^k$  if there exists a number  $f^{\Delta}(t)$  such that, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of  $t$  such that

$$|f(\sigma(t)) - f(s) - f^{\Delta}(t)(\sigma(t) - s)| \leq \varepsilon|\sigma(t) - s|$$

for all  $s \in U$ . We call  $f^{\Delta}(t)$  the delta derivative of  $f$  at  $t$  and we say that  $f$  is delta differentiable if  $f$  is delta differentiable for all  $t \in \mathbb{T}^k$ .

A function  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is nabla differentiable at  $t \in \mathbb{T}_k$  if there exists a number  $f^{\nabla}(t)$  such that, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a neighborhood  $V$  of  $t$  such that

$$|f(\rho(t)) - f(s) - f^{\nabla}(t)(\rho(t) - s)| \leq \varepsilon|\rho(t) - s|$$

for all  $s \in V$ . We call  $f^{\nabla}(t)$  the nabla derivative of  $f$  at  $t$  and we say that  $f$  is nabla differentiable if  $f$  is nabla differentiable for all  $t \in \mathbb{T}_k$ .

Let  $t, s \in \mathbb{T}$  and define  $\mu_{t,s} := \sigma(t) - s$  and  $\eta_{t,s} := \rho(t) - s$ . A function  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is diamond- $\alpha$  differentiable at  $t \in \mathbb{T}_k^k$  if there exists a number  $f^{\diamond\alpha}(t)$  such that, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of  $t$  such that, for all  $s \in U$ ,

$$|\alpha(f(\sigma(t)) - f(s))\eta_{t,s} + (1 - \alpha)(f(\rho(t)) - f(s))\mu_{t,s} - f^{\diamond\alpha}(t)\mu_{t,s}\eta_{t,s}| \leq \varepsilon|\mu_{t,s}\eta_{t,s}|.$$

### 3. The Riemann-Stieltjes diamond- $\alpha$ integral

A partition of  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  is any finite ordered subset

$$P = \{t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n\} \subset [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}, \quad \text{where } a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = b.$$

Each partition  $P = \{t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n\}$  of  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  decomposes it into subintervals  $[t_{i-1}, t_i]_{\mathbb{T}}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , such that for  $i \neq j$  one has  $[t_{i-1}, t_i]_{\mathbb{T}} \cap [t_{j-1}, t_j]_{\mathbb{T}} = \emptyset$ .

By  $\mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})$  we denote the set of all partitions of  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Let  $P_n, P_m \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})$ . If  $P_m \subset P_n$  we call  $P_n$  a refinement of  $P_m$ . If  $P_n, P_m$  are independently chosen, then the partition  $P_n \cup P_m$  is a common refinement of  $P_n$  and  $P_m$ . Let  $g : [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a real-valued non-decreasing function on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ . For the partition  $P$  we define the set

$$g(P) = \{g(a) = g(t_0), g(t_1), \dots, g(t_n) = g(b)\} \subset g([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}).$$

The image  $g([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})$  is not necessarily an interval in the classical sense, because our interval  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  may contain scattered points. From now on let  $g : [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be always a non-decreasing real function on the considered interval  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ .

Let  $f : [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a real-valued bounded function on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ . We denote

$$\overline{M} = \sup\{f(t) : t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}\}, \quad \overline{m} = \inf\{f(t) : t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}\},$$

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and for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$$\overline{M}_i = \sup\{f(t) : t \in [t_{i-1}, t_i]_{\mathbb{T}}\}, \quad \overline{m}_i = \inf\{f(t) : t \in [t_{i-1}, t_i]_{\mathbb{T}}\},$$

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Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . The upper Darboux-Stieltjes  $\diamond_{\alpha}$ -sum of  $f$  with respect to the partition  $P$ , denoted by  $U(f, g, P)$ , is defined by

$$U(f, g, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha \overline{M}_i + (1 - \alpha) \underline{M}_i) (g(t_i) - g(t_{i-1})),$$

while the lower Darboux-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -sum of  $f$  with respect to the partition  $P$ , denoted by  $L(f, g, P)$ , is defined by

$$L(f, g, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha \overline{m}_i + (1 - \alpha) \underline{m}_i) (g(t_i) - g(t_{i-1})).$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} U(f, g, P) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha \overline{M} + (1 - \alpha) \underline{M}) (g(t_i) - g(t_{i-1})) \\ &= (\alpha \overline{M} + (1 - \alpha) \underline{M}) (g(b) - g(a)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} L(f, g, P) &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha \overline{m} + (1 - \alpha) \underline{m}) (g(t_i) - g(t_{i-1})) \\ &= (\alpha \overline{m} + (1 - \alpha) \underline{m}) (g(b) - g(a)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} &(\alpha \overline{m} + (1 - \alpha) \underline{m}) (g(b) - g(a)) \\ &\leq L(f, g, P) \leq U(f, g, P) \leq (\alpha \overline{M} + (1 - \alpha) \underline{M}) (g(b) - g(a)). \end{aligned}$$

DEFINITION 3.1. Let  $I = [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$ . The upper Darboux-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integral from  $a$  to  $b$  with respect to function  $g$  is defined by

$$\overline{\int_a^b} f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) = \inf_{P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})} U(f, g, P);$$

The lower Darboux-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integral from  $a$  to  $b$  with respect to function  $g$  is defined by

$$\underline{\int_a^b} f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) = \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})} L(f, g, P).$$

If  $\overline{\int_a^b} f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) = \underline{\int_a^b} f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t)$ , then we say that  $f$  is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , and the common value of the integrals, denoted by  $\int_a^b f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t)$ , is called the Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integral.

DEFINITION 3.2. Let  $I = [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$ . The upper Darboux-Stieltjes  $\Delta$ -integral from  $a$  to  $b$  with respect to function  $g$  is defined by

$$\overline{\int_a^b} f(t) \Delta g(t) = \inf_{P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})} U(f, g, P)$$

where  $U(f, g, P)$  denote the upper Darboux-Stieltjes sum of  $f$  with respect to the partition  $P$  and

$$U(f, g, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n M_i(g(t_i) - g(t_{i-1})), M_i = \sup\{f(t) : t \in [t_{i-1}, t_i]_{\mathbb{T}}\}.$$

The lower Darboux-Stieltjes  $\Delta$ -integral from  $a$  to  $b$  with respect to function  $g$  is defined by

$$\int_a^b f(t) \Delta g(t) = \sup_{P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})} L(f, g, P).$$

where  $L(f, g, P)$  denote the lower Darboux-Stieltjes sum of  $f$  with respect to the partition  $P$  and

$$L(f, g, P) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i(g(t_i) - g(t_{i-1})), m_i = \inf\{f(t) : t \in [t_{i-1}, t_i]_{\mathbb{T}}\}.$$

If  $\overline{\int_a^b f(t) \Delta g(t)} = \underline{\int_a^b f(t) \Delta g(t)}$ , then we say that  $f$  is  $\Delta$ -integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , and the common value of the integrals, denoted by  $\int_a^b f(t) \Delta g(t)$ , is called the Riemann-Stieltjes  $\Delta$ -integral. Similarly, we can give the definition of the Riemann-Stieltjes  $\nabla$ -integral.

We can easily get the following two theorems.

**THEOREM 3.3.** *If  $f : [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\Delta$ -integrable and Riemann-Stieltjes  $\nabla$ -integrable with respect to  $g : [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on the interval  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , then it is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_{\alpha}$ -integral with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  and*

$$\int_a^b f(t) \diamond_{\alpha} g(t) = \alpha \int_a^b f(t) \Delta g(t) + (1 - \alpha) \int_a^b f(t) \nabla g(t).$$

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $f : [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_{\alpha}$ -integrable with respect to  $g : [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on the interval  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ .*

- (i) *If  $\alpha = 1$ , then  $f$  is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\Delta$ -integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ .*
- (ii) *If  $\alpha = 0$ , then  $f$  is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\nabla$ -integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ .*
- (iii) *If  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , then  $f$  is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\Delta$ -integrable and Riemann-Stieltjes  $\nabla$ -integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ .*
- (iv) *If  $g \equiv t$ , then the Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_{\alpha}$ -integral reduces to the standard diamond-alpha integral.*

The following theorems may be showed in the same way as Theorem 5.5 and Theorem 5.6 in [4] or Theorem 3.5 and Theorem 3.6 in [8].

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $L(f, g, P) = U(f, g, P)$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})$ , then the function  $f$  is Riemann–Stieltjes  $\diamond_{\alpha}$ –integrable on the interval  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  with respect to  $g$  and*

$$\int_a^b f(t) \diamond_{\alpha} g(t) = L(f, g, P) = U(f, g, P).$$

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $f : [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded function on the interval  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Then the function  $f$  is Riemann–Stieltjes  $\diamond_{\alpha}$ –integrable on the interval  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  with respect to  $g$  if and only if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a partition  $P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})$  such that  $U(f, g, P) - L(f, g, P) < \epsilon$ .*

The following Lemma can be found in [8].

**LEMMA 3.7.** *Let  $I = [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  be a closed (bounded) interval in  $\mathbb{T}$  and let  $g$  be continuous on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ . For every  $\delta > 0$  there is a partition  $P_{\delta} = \{t_0, t_1, \dots, t_n\} \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})$  such that for each  $i$  one has:*

$$g(t_i) - g(t_{i-1}) \leq \delta \quad \text{or} \quad g(t_i) - g(t_{i-1}) > \delta \wedge \rho(t_i) = t_{i-1}.$$

**THEOREM 3.8.** *A bounded function  $f$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  is Riemann–Stieltjes  $\diamond_{\alpha}$ –integrable if and only if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $P_{\delta} \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})$  implies*

$$U(f, g, P_{\delta}) - L(f, g, P_{\delta}) < \epsilon.$$

*Proof.* If for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $P_{\delta} \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})$  implies

$$U(f, g, P_{\delta}) - L(f, g, P_{\delta}) < \epsilon,$$

then we have that  $f$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  is integrable by Theorem 3.6.

Conversely, suppose that  $f$  is Riemann–Stieltjes  $\diamond_{\alpha}$ –integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ . If  $\alpha = 1$  or  $\alpha = 0$  then,  $f$  is Riemann–Stieltjes  $\Delta$ –integrable or  $\nabla$ –integrable with respect to function  $g$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Therefore condition holds from [8, Theorem 2.6]. Now, let  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $f$  is Riemann–Stieltjes  $\diamond_{\alpha}$ –integrable with respect to function  $g$ , then  $f$  is Riemann–Stieltjes  $\Delta$ –integrable or  $\nabla$ –integrable. According to [8, Theorem 2.6], for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta' > 0$  and  $\delta'' > 0$  such that  $P_{\delta'} \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})$ ,  $P_{\delta''} \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})$  we have

$$U(f, g, P_{\delta'}) < \overline{\int_a^b f(t) \diamond_{\alpha} g(t)} + \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \quad \underline{\int_a^b f(t) \diamond_{\alpha} g(t)} - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < L(f, g, P_{\delta''}).$$

If  $P_\delta \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})$  where  $\delta = \min\{\delta', \delta''\}$ , then we have

$$\int_a^b f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < L(f, g, P_\delta) \leq U(f, g, P_\delta) < \overline{\int_a^b} f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

Because  $\underline{\int_a^b} f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) = \overline{\int_a^b} f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t)$ , then

$$U(f, g, P_\delta) - L(f, g, P_\delta) < \epsilon.$$

□

The proofs of the following three results are very similar to the proofs of Theorems 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 in [8] respectively and hence the proofs are omitted.

**THEOREM 3.9.** *Let functions  $f_1, f_2 : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integrable with respect to  $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on the interval  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , and  $\alpha, \beta$  be arbitrary real numbers. Then,  $\alpha f_1 \pm \beta f_2$  is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integrable with respect to  $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  and*

$$\int_a^b (\alpha f_1(t) \pm \beta f_2(t)) \diamond_\alpha g(t) = \alpha \int_a^b f_1(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) \pm \beta \int_a^b f_2(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t).$$

**THEOREM 3.10.** *Let  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integrable with respect to  $g_1, g_2 : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on the interval  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , and  $\alpha, \beta$  be arbitrary real numbers. Then,  $f$  is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integrable with respect to  $\alpha g_1 + \beta g_2$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  and*

$$\int_a^b f(t) \diamond_\alpha (\alpha g_1(t) + \beta g_2(t)) = \alpha \int_a^b f(t) \diamond_\alpha g_1(t) + \beta \int_a^b f(t) \diamond_\alpha g_2(t).$$

**THEOREM 3.11.** *Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $a < b < c$ . If  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded on  $[a, c]_{\mathbb{T}}$  and  $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is non-decreasing on  $[a, c]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , then*

$$\int_a^c f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) = \int_a^b f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) + \int_b^c f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t).$$

**THEOREM 3.12.** *Let  $I = [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$ . Every constant function  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(t) \equiv c$ , is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  and*

$$\int_a^b f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) = c(g(b) - g(a)).$$

*Proof.* Let  $P \in \mathcal{P}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}})$  and  $P = \{t_0, \dots, t_n\}$ . Then we have

$$U(f, g, P) = L(f, g, P) = c \sum_{i=1}^n (g(t_i) - g(t_{i-1})) = c(g(b) - g(a)).$$

Hence,  $\overline{\int_a^b} f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) = \underline{\int_a^b} f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) = c(g(b) - g(a))$ .  $\square$

The following theorem may be proved in much the same way as [4, Theorem 5.18, 5.19, 5.20, 5.21.].

**THEOREM 3.13.** *Let  $I = [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$ .*

- (i) *Every monotone function  $f$  is Riemann–Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ –integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ .*
- (ii) *Every continuous function  $f$  is Riemann–Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ –integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ .*
- (iii) *Every bounded function  $f$  with only finitely many discontinuity points is Riemann–Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ –integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ .*
- (iv) *Every regulated function  $f$  is Riemann–Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ –integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ .*

**THEOREM 3.14.** *Let  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ . Then,  $f$  is Riemann–Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ –integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[t, \sigma(t)]_{\mathbb{T}}$  and*

$$\int_t^{\sigma(t)} f(s) \diamond_\alpha g(s) = (\alpha f(t) + (1 - \alpha)f(\sigma(t)))(g(\sigma(t)) - g(t)).$$

Moreover, if  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  and  $g$  is  $\diamond_\alpha$ –differentiable at  $t$ , then

$$\int_t^{\sigma(t)} f(s) \diamond_\alpha g(s) = \mu(t)g^\Delta(t)(\alpha f(t) + (1 - \alpha)f(\sigma(t))).$$

*Proof.* If  $t = \sigma(t)$ , then the equality is obvious. If  $t < \sigma(t)$ , then  $\mathcal{P}([t, \sigma(t)]_{\mathbb{T}})$  contains only one element given by

$$t = s_0 < s_1 = \sigma(t).$$

Since  $[s_0, s_1]_{\mathbb{T}} = \{t\}$  and  $(s_0, s_1]_{\mathbb{T}} = \{\sigma(t)\}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} U(f, g, P) &= L(f, g, P) \\ &= \alpha f(t)(g(\sigma(t)) - g(t)) + (1 - \alpha)f(\sigma(t))(g(\sigma(t)) - g(t)). \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 3.5,  $f$  is Riemann–Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ –integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[t, \sigma(t)]_{\mathbb{T}}$  and

$$\int_t^{\sigma(t)} f(s) \diamond_\alpha g(s) = (\alpha f(t) + (1 - \alpha)f(\sigma(t)))(g(\sigma(t)) - g(t)).$$

By [9, Corollary 3.5., Theorem 3.9.], if  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  and  $g$  is  $\diamond_\alpha$ –differentiable at  $t$ , then  $g$  is  $\Delta$  differentiable at  $t$  and  $g(\sigma(t)) - g(t) = \mu(t)g^\Delta(t)$ .  $\square$



**THEOREM 3.15.** *Let  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ . Then,  $f$  is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[\rho(t), t]_{\mathbb{T}}$  and*

$$\int_{\rho(t)}^t f(s) \diamond_\alpha g(s) = (\alpha f(\rho(t)) + (1 - \alpha)f(t))(g(t) - g(\rho(t))).$$

Moreover, if  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $g$  is  $\diamond_\alpha$ -differentiable at  $t$ , then

$$\int_{\rho(t)}^t f(s) \diamond_\alpha g(s) = \eta(t)g^\nabla(t)(\alpha f(\rho(t)) + (1 - \alpha)f(t)).$$

*Proof.* If  $t = \rho(t)$ , then the equality is obvious. If  $t > \rho(t)$ , then  $[\rho(t), t]_{\mathbb{T}}$  contains only one element given by

$$\rho(t) = s_0 < s_1 = t.$$

Since  $[s_0, s_1]_{\mathbb{T}} = \{\rho(t)\}$  and  $(s_0, s_1]_{\mathbb{T}} = \{t\}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} U(f, g, P) &= L(f, g, P) \\ &= \alpha f(\rho(t))(g(t) - g(\rho(t))) + (1 - \alpha)f(t)(g(t) - g(\rho(t))). \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 3.5,  $f$  is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[\rho(t), t]_{\mathbb{T}}$  and

$$\int_{\rho(t)}^t f(s) \diamond_\alpha g(s) = (\alpha f(\rho(t)) + (1 - \alpha)f(t))(g(t) - g(\rho(t))).$$

By [9, Corollary 3.5., Theorem 3.9.], if  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $g$  is  $\diamond_\alpha$ -differentiable at  $t$ , then  $g$  is  $\nabla$  differentiable at  $t$  and  $g(t) - g(\rho(t)) = \eta(t)g^\nabla(t)$ .  $\square$

By the definition of the Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integral, we have the following Corollary:

**COROLLARY 3.16.** *Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $a < b$ . Then we have the following:*

- (i) *If  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ , then a bounded function  $f$  is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integrable with respect to  $g$  on the interval  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  if and only if  $f$  is Riemann-Stieltjes integrable with respect to  $g$  on  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$  in the classical sense. Moreover, then*

$$\int_a^b f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) = \int_a^b f(t) dg(t).$$

- (ii) If  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$ , then each function  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integrable with respect to function  $g : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on the interval  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Moreover

$$\int_a^b f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) = \sum_{t=a}^{b-1} (\alpha f(t) + (1 - \alpha)f(t+1))(g(t+1) - g(t)).$$

- (iii) If  $\mathbb{T} = h\mathbb{Z}$ , then each function  $f : h\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Riemann-Stieltjes  $\diamond_\alpha$ -integrable with respect to function  $g : h\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on the interval  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ . Moreover

$$\int_a^b f(t) \diamond_\alpha g(t) = \sum_{k=\frac{a}{h}+1}^{\frac{b}{h}-1} [\alpha f(kh-h) + (1 - \alpha)f(kh)](g(kh) - g(kh-h)).$$

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