

**Topic:** Midpoint rule for double integrals

**Question:** The value of the integral is to be estimated on the rectangle  $R = [0,2] \times [0,8]$ , where the rectangle is divided into  $2 \times 2$  subrectangles. Which expression can be used as Midpoint Rule to estimate the value of the integral?

$$\iint_R x^2 + y^2 \, dA$$

**Answer choices:**

A  $\iint_R x^2 + y^2 \, dA \approx 4 \left( \frac{17}{4} + \frac{25}{4} + \frac{145}{4} + \frac{153}{4} \right)$

B  $\iint_R x^2 + y^2 \, dA \approx 4 \left( \frac{9}{4} + \frac{25}{4} + \frac{136}{4} + \frac{153}{4} \right)$

C  $\iint_R x^2 + y^2 \, dA \approx 2 \left( \frac{17}{4} + \frac{25}{4} + \frac{145}{4} + \frac{153}{4} \right)$

D  $\iint_R x^2 + y^2 \, dA \approx 2 \left( \frac{9}{4} + \frac{25}{4} + \frac{136}{4} + \frac{153}{4} \right)$



**Solution: A**

The rectangle  $R$  is bounded by the lines  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 0$ , and  $y = 8$ .

Because we want 2 subrectangles across and 2 subrectangles down, that means that we'll have  $2 \times 2 = 4$  total subrectangles, each with dimensions  $x \times y = 1 \times 4$ .

Which means, using midpoints, the Riemann sum estimate is given by

$$\iint_R x^2 + y^2 \, dA \approx \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^2 f(x_i, y_j) \Delta A = \Delta A \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}, 2\right) + f\left(\frac{3}{2}, 2\right) + f\left(\frac{1}{2}, 6\right) + f\left(\frac{3}{2}, 6\right) \right]$$

Plugging each of the midpoints into the given integrand gives

$$\iint_R x^2 + y^2 \, dA \approx 4 \left[ \left(\frac{1}{4} + 4\right) + \left(\frac{9}{4} + 4\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} + 36\right) + \left(\frac{9}{4} + 36\right) \right]$$

$$\iint_R x^2 + y^2 \, dA \approx 4 \left[ \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{16}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{9}{4} + \frac{16}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{144}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{9}{4} + \frac{144}{4}\right) \right]$$

$$\iint_R x^2 + y^2 \, dA \approx 4 \left( \frac{17}{4} + \frac{25}{4} + \frac{145}{4} + \frac{153}{4} \right)$$



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**Question:** Using midpoint rule to estimate the double integral gave 3,584. Which dimensions describe the rectangle  $R$  beneath the volume if  $\Delta A = 16$ , and the rectangle is divided into  $m = 2$  sub-squares across by  $n = 4$  sub-squares down?

$$\iint_R xy + x - y \, dA$$

**Answer choices:**

- A  $R = [-8, 8] \times [0, 16]$
- B  $R = [0, 8] \times [-8, 16]$
- C  $R = [0, 8] \times [0, 16]$
- D  $R = [0, 16] \times [0, 8]$



**Solution: C**

Because the problem says that we are dividing the underlying rectangle  $R$  into sub-squares, we know that  $\Delta A$  must be given by

$$x^2 = \Delta A$$

$$x^2 = 16$$

$$x = 4$$

So the dimensions of the sub-squares are  $4 \times 4$ . Then, because we know that we have 2 rectangles across by 4 rectangles down, using the Midpoint Rule with the information we've been given, plus the dimensions from answer choice C, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R xy + x - y \, dA &\approx \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^4 f(x_i, y_j) \Delta A \\ &= \Delta A [f(2,2) + f(2,6) + f(2,10) + f(2,14) + f(6,2) + f(6,6) + f(6,10) + f(6,14)] \end{aligned}$$

Plugging each of the midpoints into the integrand gives

$$\begin{aligned} V &\approx 16 [((2)(2) + 2 - 2) + ((2)(6) + 2 - 6) + ((2)(10) + 2 - 10) + ((2)(14) + 2 - 14) \\ &\quad + ((6)(2) + 6 - 2) + ((6)(6) + 6 - 6) + ((6)(10) + 6 - 10) + ((6)(14) + 6 - 14)] \end{aligned}$$

$$V \approx 16 [(4) + (12 - 4) + (20 - 8) + (28 - 12) + (12 + 4) + (36) + (60 - 4) + (84 - 8)]$$

$$V \approx 16(4 + 8 + 12 + 16 + 16 + 36 + 56 + 76)$$

$$V \approx 3,584$$



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**Question:** The double integral is defined on both the rectangle  $K$  and the square  $L$ . Using midpoint rule, which is the approximation of  $V_K - V_L$ ?

$$\iint x^2 - y \, dA$$

Rectangle  $K$ :  $K = [0,6] \times [0,4]$   $m = 3, n = 2, \Delta A = 4$

Square  $L$ :  $L = [0,4] \times [0,4]$   $m = 2, n = 1, \Delta A = 8$

**Answer choices:**

A 166

B 184

C 128

D 126



**Solution: B**

For rectangle  $K$ , given  $K = [0,6] \times [0,4]$  and that  $m = 3$ ,  $n = 2$ , and  $\Delta A = 4$ , we must be dividing  $K$  into sub-squares with dimensions  $2 \times 2$ , such that we have  $m = 3$  squares across between  $x = 0$  and  $x = 6$ , and  $n = 2$  squares down between  $y = 0$  and  $y = 4$ .

Therefore, we can set up the Riemann sum with midpoints as

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_K x^2 - y \, dA &\approx \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^2 f(x_i, y_j) \Delta A \\ &= \Delta A [f(1,1) + f(1,3) + f(3,1) + f(3,3) + f(5,1) + f(5,3)] \end{aligned}$$

If we plug these points into the integrand, and add in  $\Delta A = 4$ , we get

$$V_K \approx 4 \left[ (1^2 - 1) + (1^2 - 3) + (3^2 - 1) + (3^2 - 3) + (5^2 - 1) + (5^2 - 3) \right]$$

$$V_K \approx 4(0 - 2 + 8 + 6 + 24 + 22)$$

$$V_K \approx 232$$

For square  $L$ , given  $L = [0,4] \times [0,4]$  and that  $m = 2$ ,  $n = 1$ , and  $\Delta A = 8$ , we must be dividing  $L$  into sub-rectangles with dimensions  $2 \times 4$ , such that we have  $m = 2$  rectangles across between  $x = 0$  and  $x = 4$ , and  $n = 1$  rectangle down between  $y = 0$  and  $y = 4$ .

Therefore, we can set up the Riemann sum with midpoints as

$$\iint_L x^2 - y \, dA \approx \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^1 f(x_i, y_j) \Delta A$$



$$= \Delta A [f(1,2) + f(3,2)]$$

If we plug these points into the integrand, and add in  $\Delta A = 8$ , we get

$$V_L \approx 8 [(1^2 - 2) + (3^2 - 2)]$$

$$V_L \approx 8(-1 + 7)$$

$$V_L \approx 48$$

Therefore,

$$V_K - V_L = 232 - 48$$

$$V_K - V_L = 184$$

