

# 06-The-Definite-Integral

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## 1 Using the Definition

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = R(n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{b-a}{n} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n f\left(a + i \frac{b-a}{n}\right)$$

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In [1]: import sympy as sy
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In [2]: x, n = sy.symbols('x n')
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In [3]: sy.pprint(sy.summation(x, (x, 1,n)))
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  2
n   n
+
2   2
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In [4]: sy.pprint(sy.summation(x**2, (x, 1,n)))
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  3   2
n   n   n
+ +
3   2   6
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In [5]: sy.pprint(sy.summation(x**3, (x, 1,n)))
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  4   3   2
n   n   n
+ +
4   2   4
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In [6]: sy.pprint(sy.summation(x**4, (x, 1,n)))
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  5   4   3
n   n   n   n
+ + -
5   2   3   30
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### 1.0.1 Problem I

Use the definition and our summation formulas to evaluate the area under the given function and approximate what happens as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on given domain:

- a.  $f(x) = x$  on  $[1, 4]$
- b.  $g(x) = x^2 - 2x$  on  $[2, 4]$
- c.  $h(x) = x^3 - x + 1$  on  $[1, 3]$

### 1.0.2 Problem II

We want to examine patterns on the interval  $[0, b]$  for polynomial functions. Let's use the definition to prove the following:

- a.  $\int_0^b x = \frac{b^2}{2}$
- b.  $\int_0^b x^2 = \frac{b^3}{3}$
- c.  $\int_0^b x^3 = \frac{b^4}{4}$

### 1.0.3 Problem III

**Theorem:** Assume that  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and let  $F(x)$  be an antiderivative of  $f(x)$  on  $[a, b]$ . Then

$$\int_a^b f(x) = F(b) - F(a)$$

Use the attached [table of integrals](#) and the theorem above to evaluate the following definite integrals.

- a.  $\int_0^2 2x^2 - x \, dx$
- b.  $\int_{1/2}^2 \ln x \, dx$
- c.  $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin x \, dx$

### 1.0.4 Problem IV

**Interpreting the Integral as Total Change:**

Water flows into an empty bucket at a rate of  $r(t)$  gallons per second. How much water is in the bucket after 5 seconds? If the rate is constant, we would have  $0.3 \times 5 = 1.5$  gallons. If the rate is not constant, we can interpret the quantity of water as equal to the area under the graph of  $r(t)$ .

- a. A survey shows that a mayoral candidate is gaining votes at a rate of  $2000t + 150$  votes per day, where  $t$  is the number of days since announcing her candidacy. How many supporters after 90 days?
- b. A projectile is released with initial (vertical) velocity 100 m/s. Use the formula  $v(t) = 100 - 98t$  for velocity to determine the distance traveled during the first 15 seconds.

- c. The rate at which water drains from a tank is recorded at half-minute intervals. Use approximations to estimate the total amount of water drained during the first 3 minutes.

| liters | $t(\text{min})$ |
|--------|-----------------|
| 0      | 50              |
| 0.5    | 48              |
| 1      | 46              |
| 1.5    | 43              |
| 2      | 40              |
| 2.5    | 39              |
| 3      | 36              |

### 1.0.5 Problem V

#### Area Between Curves

Use the definite integral to find specified area between two curves.

1. Area between  $y = x^3 - 2x^2 + 10$  and  $y = 3x^2 + 4x - 10$ .
2. Area between  $y = 0.5x$  and  $y = x\sqrt{1 - x^2}$
3. Area between  $y = 4 - x^2$  and  $y = x^2 - 4$