

# NUMERICAL ANALYSIS AND METHODS: TRAPEZOIDAL RULE (SAGEMATH)

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# TRAPEZOIDAL RULE AS A NUMERICAL METHOD

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- The Trapezoidal rule is a fundamental numerical integration technique used in numerical analysis to approximate the definite integral of a function.
- It is particularly useful when dealing with functions that are difficult or impossible to integrate analytically.
- The trapezoidal rule is used to evaluate the area under a curve by dividing the total area into smaller trapezoids.
- This method approximates the integral of a function by dividing the area under the curve into a series of trapezoids with equal intervals and summing their areas.
- The more trapezoids you use, the closer the approximation gets to the actual integral value.
- This rule works by using linear approximations of the function.

Given a function  $f(x)$  whose graph is shown at the right side with interval  $(a, b)$

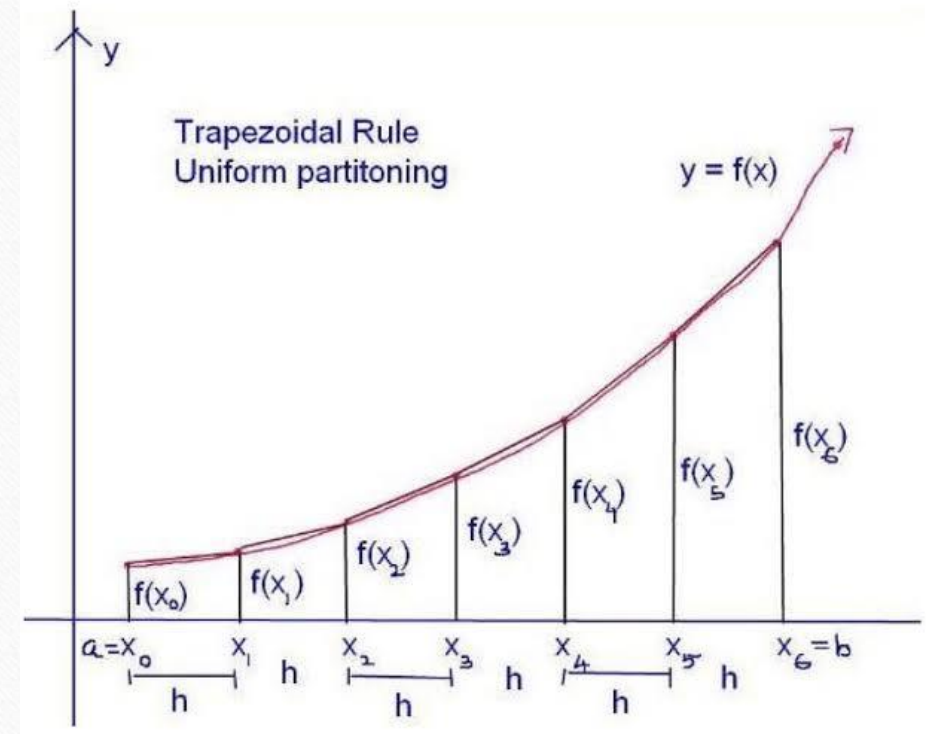
$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \frac{h}{2} [f(x_0) + f(x_6) + 2(f(x_1) + f(x_2) + f(x_3) + f(x_4) + f(x_5))]$$

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \frac{h}{2} [f(x_0) + f(x_6)] + h \sum_{i=1}^5 f(x_i)$$

General solution:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \frac{h}{2} [f(x_0) + f(x_n)] + h \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(x_i)$$

Where  $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$  ;  $n$  is the number of intervals



GRAPHICAL VIEW OF THE  
TRAPEZOIDAL RULE

# COMPUTING THE TRAPEZOIDAL RULE IN SAGEMATH

- Certainly! Implementing the trapezoidal rule in sagemath involves creating a python program to approximate definite integrals using the trapezoidal approximation.
- The following below contains an explicit explanation of the sample codes line by line

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In [1]: fx = input("Enter f(x): ")  
n = int(input("No of sub-intervals(stripe): "))  
a = eval(input("Enter lower limit: "))  
b = eval(input("Enter upper limit: "))
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Enter f(x): x^3 - 2x^2 + 6x + 10  
No of sub-intervals(stripe): 10  
Enter lower limit: 2  
Enter upper limit: 5
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The code above gets the

- (i) function of  $x$  from the user
- (ii) Number of intervals the upper and lower limit should be divided into
- (iii) The upper limit and the lower limit



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In [14]: h = (b - a)/n
        xis = [round(a + i*h, 1) for i in range(n+1)]
        print("h(interval between two point) = ", h)
        print()
        print("number of x-coordinates = ", xis)

        h(interval between two point) = 0.3

        number of x-coordinates = [2.0, 2.3, 2.6, 2.9, 3.2, 3.5, 3.8, 4.1,
        4.4, 4.7, 5.0]
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The code above computes

- (i)  $h$ , which is the interval between each  $x$  values
- (ii)  $xis$ , which is list of  $x$  values having an interval  $h$  between each values i.e  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots x_n$ .

Where  $a = x_0$  and  $b = x_n$

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In [15]: def eval_poly(poly, val):  
         xs = [x.strip().replace('^', '**') for x in poly.split('+')]  
         return sum([eval(n.replace('x', str(val))) for n in xs])
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The code above evaluates the function of  $x$  for every value of  $x$  is

i.e

$f(x_0), f(x_1), f(x_2) \dots \dots f(x_n)$

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In [31]: def integral_solution():
        xis_left = xis.copy()
        xis_left.remove(a)
        xis_left.remove(b)

        xis_sum = 0
        for i in range(len(xis_left)):
            xis_sum = 2*(eval_poly(fx, xis_left[i])) + xis_sum

        sol = (h/2)*(eval_poly(fx, xis[0]) + eval_poly(fx, xis[n]) + xis_sum)

        print("The solution of the integral is ", round(sol, 2))

    integral_solution()

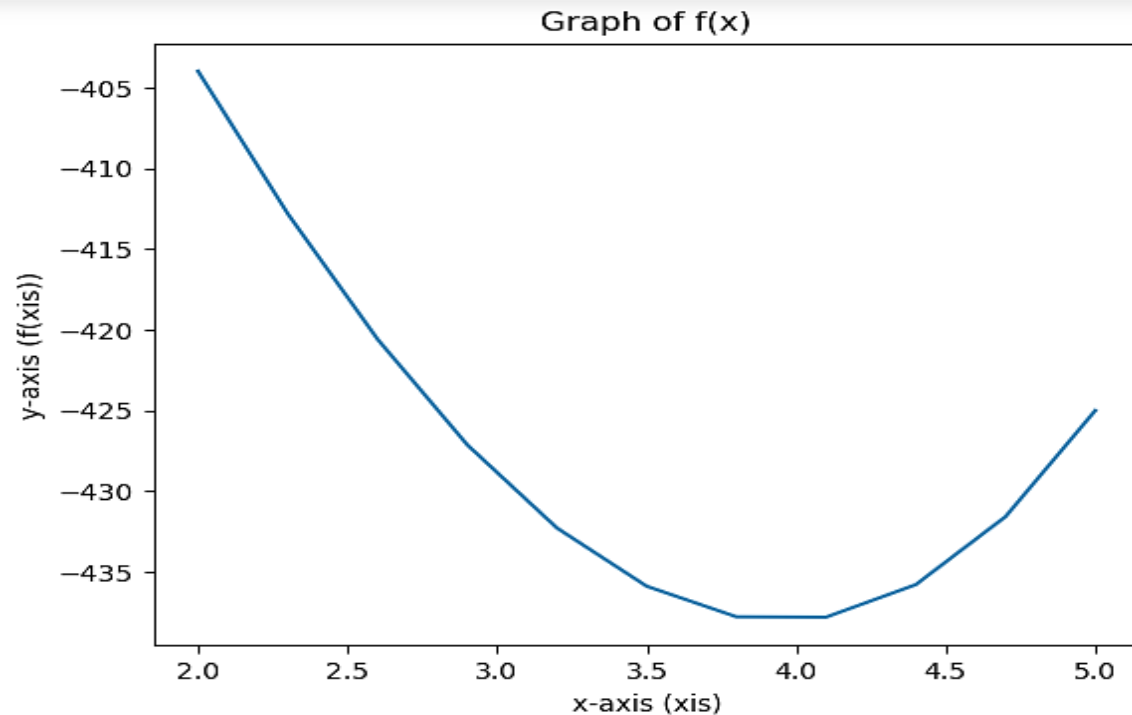
    The solution of the integral is  -1285.82
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The code above solve the trapezoidal formula with the value of  $h$  and  $f(xis)$

$$i.e \frac{h}{2} [f(x_0) + f(x_n)] + h \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(x_i)$$



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In [35]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
y = [eval_poly(fx, x) for x in xis]
plt.plot(xis, y);
plt.title("Graph of f(x)");
plt.xlabel("x-axis (xis)");
plt.ylabel("y-axis (f(xis))");
plt.figure(figsize = (3,3));
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The code above plots the graph of  $f(Xis)$  against  $Xis$  of the function  $f(x)$

## Below are some other examples

Enter  $f(x)$ :  $x-3 + x^{-2}$

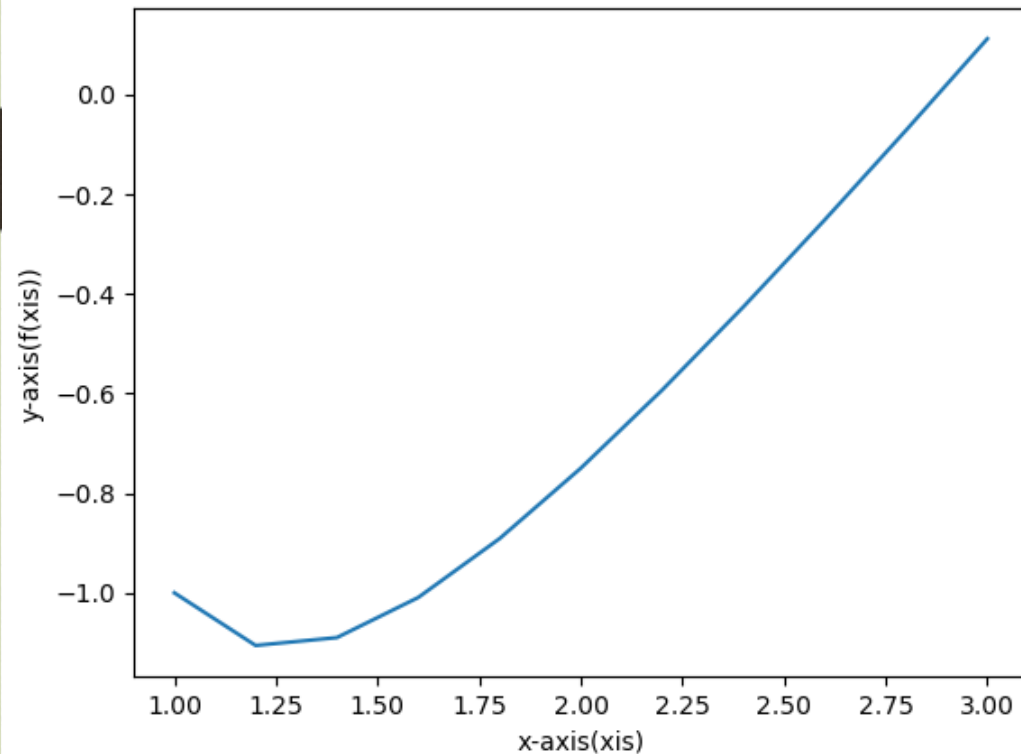
No of sub-intervals(stripe): 10

Enter lower limit: 1

Enter upper limit: 3

The solution to the integral  $f(x)$  is -1.33

Graph of  $f(x)$



Enter  $f(x)$ :  $25 + x^2 - 4x^4$

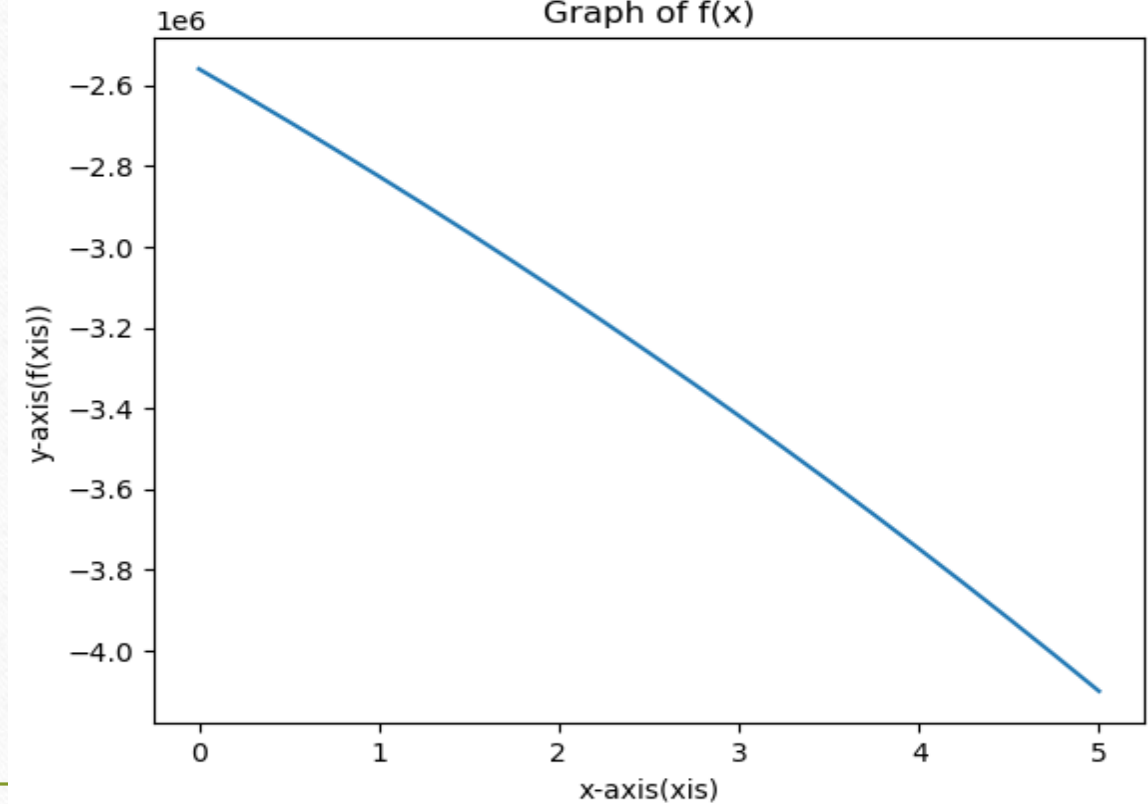
No of sub-intervals(stripe): 20

Enter lower limit: 0

Enter upper limit: 5

The solution to the integral  $f(x)$  is -16426023.38

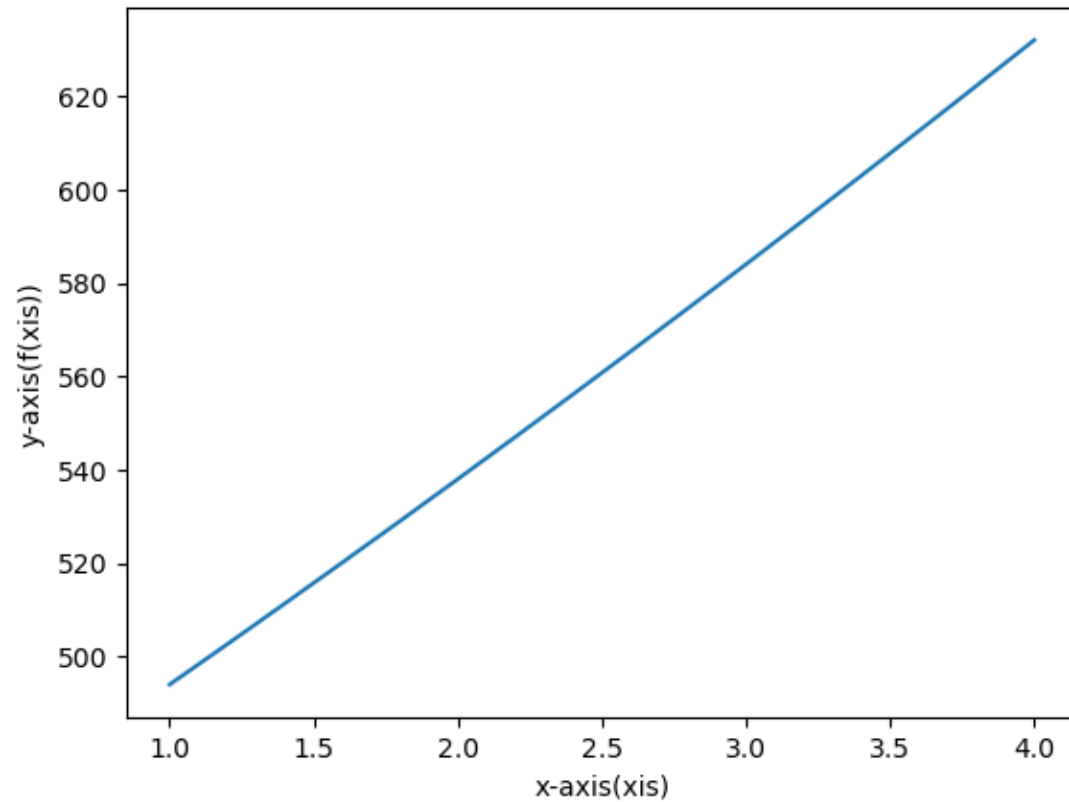
Graph of  $f(x)$



Enter f(x):  $2x^2 + 4x + 12$   
No of sub-intervals(stripe): 15  
Enter lower limit: 1  
Enter upper limit: 4

The solution to the integral f(x) is 1684.52

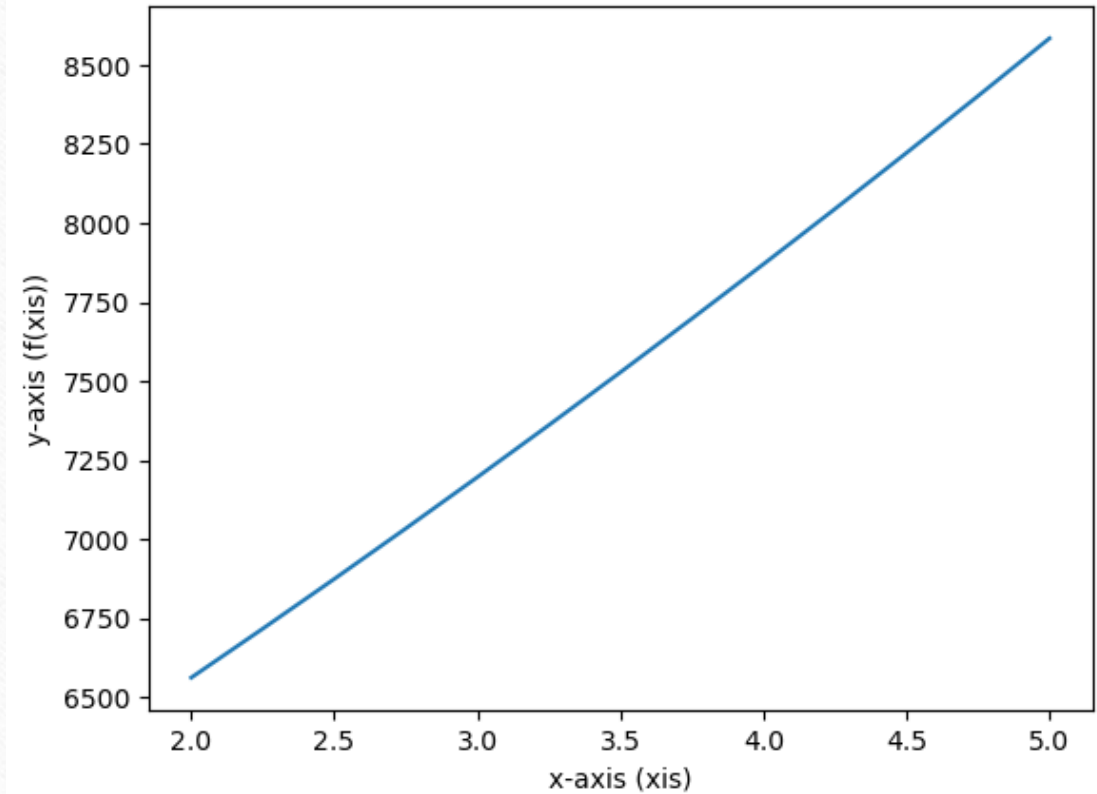
Graph of f(x)



Enter f(x):  $3x^3/5 + 4x/5$   
No of sub-intervals(stripe): 12  
Enter lower limit: 2  
Enter upper limit: 5

The solution to the integral f(x) is 22629.18

Graph of f(x)



## Real Life Application Of Trapezoidal Rule

Below are some real-life scenarios where the trapezoidal rule is applied;

- Engineering: trapezoidal rule is often used in engineering for like calculating the area under curves in stress-strain diagrams, estimating fluid flow rates in pipelines and determining of a vibrating object over time.
- Economics: in economics, the trapezoidal rule can be employed to estimate consumer and producer surplus by approximating the area under supply and demand curves.
- Finance: Trapezoidal rule can be used to calculate the net present value (NPV) of cash flows in financial analysis. It is also useful in estimating bond-prices and yield to maturity.
- Environmental science: Ecologists and environmental scientists use the trapezoidal rule to estimate changes in environmental parameters over time, such as population growth, pollution levels, or habitat size.
- Computer Graphics: In computer graphics and 3D modeling, trapezoidal rule can be used to approximate shading and rendering effects, such as calculating the illuminations of pixels in an image.
- Numerical Simulations: Trapezoidal rule is part of numerical methods used in various simulations, like computational fluid dynamics, where it helps in approximating the behavior of fluids in complex systems.
- And so on.