

QUIZ 12

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Time: 20 minutes

You are allowed to use the following formulas for this quiz:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n 1 = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 = n$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n i = 1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n i^2 = 1 + 4 + 9 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Problem 1. Convert the following to \sum notation.

• $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots + \frac{1}{20} =$

• $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots + \frac{1}{256} =$

• $1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - \dots + x^{16} - x^{17} =$

Problem 2. Consider the function $f(x) = x^2$. We will use rectangular subintervals to find the area under the curve from $x = 0$ to $x = 1$.

i) If we break the interval $[0, 1]$ into n subintervals of equal length, what is the width of each subinterval?

- (a) 1 (b) 0 (c) $n/2$ (d) $1/n$ (e) $1/n^2$

ii) Draw a picture of the graph of f in the given interval, and include a few subrectangles as we did in class to help you visualize the next step.

iii) For the first subinterval, if we take the right-endpoint, what is the height of the corresponding rectangle going to be?

- (a) 0 (b) $f(0)$ (c) 1 (d) $f(1)$ (e) $f(\frac{1}{n})$

iv) For the second subinterval, if we take the right-endpoint, what is the height of the corresponding rectangle going to be?

- (a) 1 (b) $f(1)$ (c) 2 (d) $f(\frac{1}{n})$ (e) $f(2 \cdot \frac{1}{n})$

v) For the i -th subinterval, if we take the right-endpoint, what is the height of the corresponding rectangle going to be?

- (a) i (b) $f(i)$ (c) $1/n$ (d) $f(1/n)$ (e) $f(i \cdot \frac{1}{n})$

vi) Write a formula for the area of the i -th rectangle (your expression should depend on i and n).

vii) Using \sum notation, write a formula for the total area of all the rectangles (i will go from 1 to n in the bounds).

viii) Using the formulas provided at the beginning of the quiz, compute the formula you just obtained. Your result should depend solely on n .

ix) Take the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ to get the area under the curve.