

MATH 1552 - SPRING 2016
QUIZ 2 - SHOW YOUR WORK

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1. (10 points) Use a Riemann Sum with 4 equally spaced subintervals and the right endpoints to approximate $\int_0^1 x^3 dx$. In doing your calculations, do not simplify your fractions. For example, write $\frac{2}{4}$ instead of $\frac{1}{2}$. Leave your answer as a fraction (you do not need to simplify the final fraction)

Since there are 4 equally spaced subintervals, $\Delta x = \frac{1}{4}$. Also, the right endpoints are

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{4}, x_2 = \frac{2}{4}, x_3 = \frac{3}{4}, x_4 = \frac{4}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_k) = \left(\frac{k}{4}\right)^3$$

Riemann Sum =

$$\sum_{k=1}^4 f(x_k) \Delta x = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{2}{4}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{4}{4}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{100}{256}$$

2. (20 points) Find $\int_0^1 x^3 dx$, by finding $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \Delta x_k$, where the partition of the interval $[0, 1]$ has n equally spaced points x_k .

$$x_k = \frac{k}{n} \Rightarrow f(x_k) = \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^3 \quad \& \quad \Delta x = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\int_0^1 x^3 dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \Delta x_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^3}{n^3} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) =$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^4}\right) \sum_{k=1}^n k^3$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^4}\right) \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^4}\right) \left(\frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{n^4}\right) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Since degree Numerator = 4 & degree Denominator = 4,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{n^4}\right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 x^3 dx = \frac{1}{4}$$