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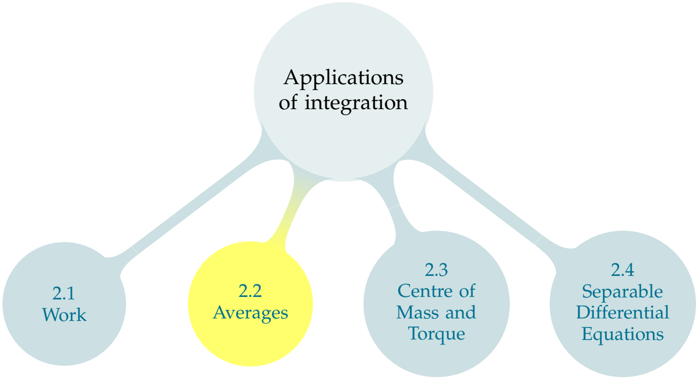
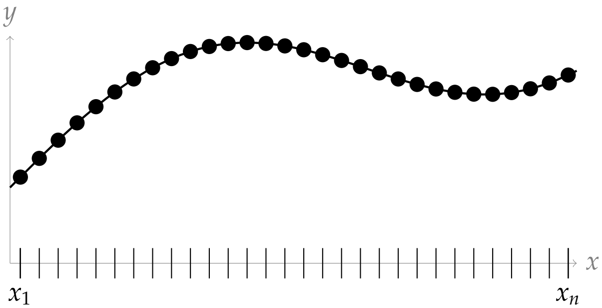




$$\text{Average} \approx \frac{f(x_1) + \cdots + f(x_n)}{n}$$

$$\text{Average} = \lim_{n\to\infty}\left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i)\right] = \lim_{n\to\infty}\left[\frac{(b-a)}{(b-a)n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i)\right]$$

$$= \lim_{n\to\infty}\left[\frac{1}{b-a}\sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i)\Delta x\right] = \frac{1}{b-a}\int_a^b f(x)\mathrm{d}x$$

Average

Let $f(x)$ be an integrable function defined on the interval $a \leq x \leq b$. The average value of f on that interval is

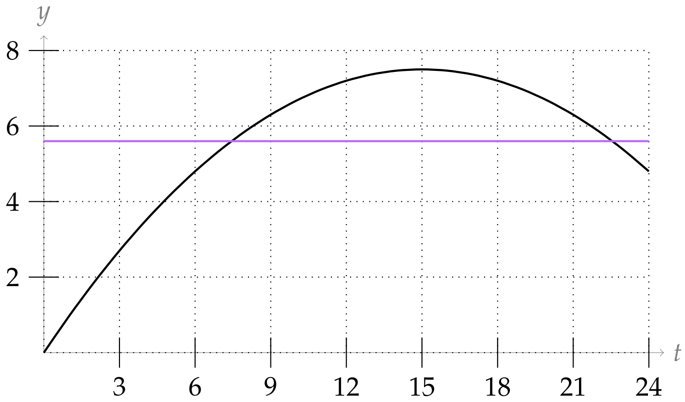
$$f_{\text{ave}} = \frac{1}{b-a}\int_a^b f(x)\,\mathrm{d}x$$

The temperature in a certain city at time t (measured in hours past midnight) is given by

$$T(t) = t - \frac{t^2}{30}$$

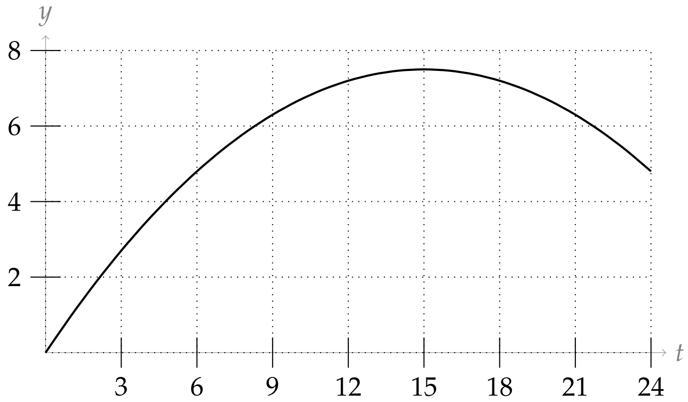
What was the average temperature of one day (from $t = 0$ to $t = 24$)?

Let's check that our answer makes some intuitive sense.

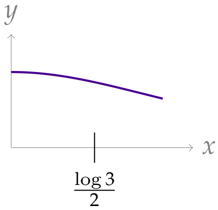


Since the temperature is always between 0 and 8, we expect the average to be between 0 and 8

Let's also recall the motivation for our definition



Find the average value of the function $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{e^{2x}+1}$ over the interval $\left[0, \frac{\log 3}{2}\right]$.



AVERAGE VELOCITY

Let $x(t)$ be the position at time t of a car moving along the x-axis. The velocity of the car at time t is the derivative $v(t) = x'(t)$. The average velocity of the car over the time interval $a \le t \le b$ is: