

$$f(x) \approx \frac{x-b}{a-b} f(a) + \frac{x-a}{b-a} f(b)$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \int_a^b \frac{x-b}{a-b} f(a) + \frac{x-a}{b-a} f(b) dx = \int_a^b \frac{x-b}{a-b} f(a) dx + \int_a^b \frac{x-a}{b-a} f(b) dx$$

$$= \frac{f(a)}{a-b} \int_a^b x-b dx + \frac{f(b)}{b-a} \int_a^b x-a dx$$

$$= \frac{f(a)}{a-b} \left[\frac{b^2}{2} - \frac{a^2}{2} - b^2 + ab \right] + \frac{f(b)}{b-a} \left[\frac{b^2}{2} - \frac{a^2}{2} - ab + a^2 \right], \quad \frac{f(a)}{a-b} = -\frac{f(a)}{b-a}$$

$$= -\frac{f(a)}{b-a} \left[-\frac{b^2}{2} + ab - \frac{a^2}{2} \right] + \frac{f(b)}{b-a} \left[\frac{b^2}{2} - ab + \frac{a^2}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{f(a)}{b-a} \left[\frac{b^2}{2} - ab + \frac{a^2}{2} \right] + \frac{f(b)}{b-a} \left[\frac{b^2}{2} - ab + \frac{a^2}{2} \right], \quad \frac{b^2}{2} - ab + \frac{a^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2} (b-a)^2$$

$$= \frac{f(a)}{b-a} + \frac{f(b)}{b-a} \left(\frac{1}{2} (b-a)^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{b-a} (f(a) + f(b)) \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} = \frac{(b-a)}{2} (f(a) + f(b))$$