

# L30: Discussion

Numerical Differentiation; Numerical Integration; Project

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# Announcements

**Lab 11 is due on April 14 at 12 pm (noon)**

**Lab 11 is significantly shorter than most previous labs**

Use the opportunity to:

- ▶ Get a lot of points on lab 11!
- ▶ Work on your project!

**Today:**

- ▶ Numerical differentiation and integration:  
Examples and practice questions
- ▶ Project discussion, tips, and recommendations

**Next week:**

- ▶ Ordinary differential equations (Chapter 19)

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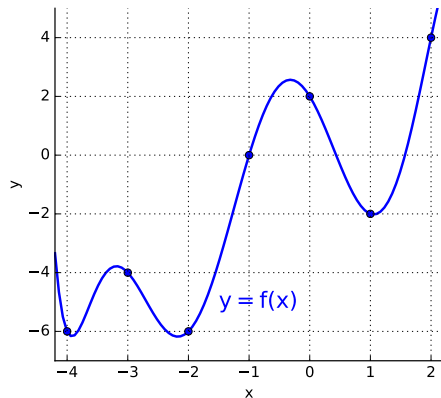
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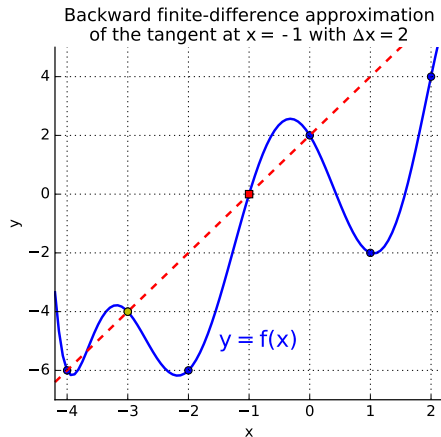
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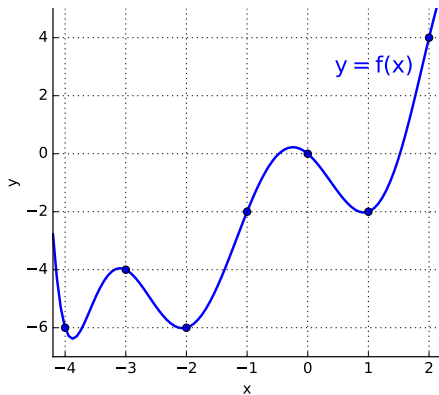
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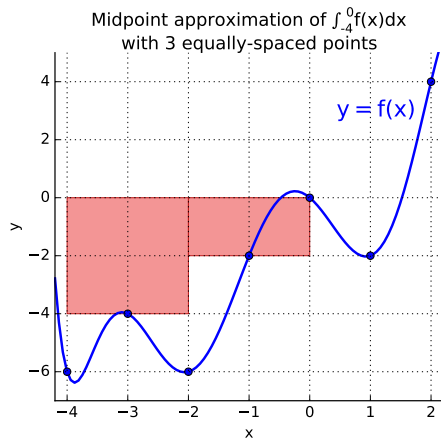
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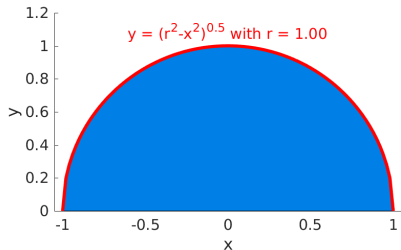
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## Estimating $\pi$ using numerical integration

$$\int_{-r}^r \sqrt{r^2 - x^2} dx = \text{Area of half-circle of radius } r = \frac{\pi r^2}{2}$$

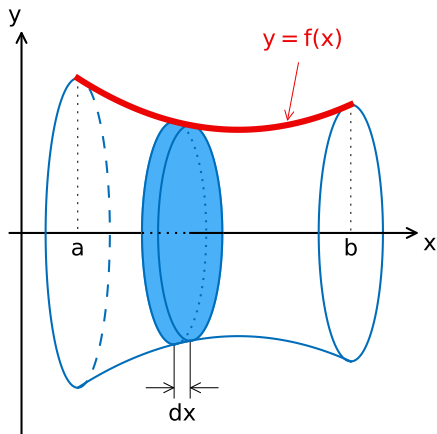


$$\pi = \frac{2}{r^2} \int_{-r}^r \sqrt{r^2 - x^2} dx$$

We can use numerical integration to estimate the value of the integral (see script: `estimate_pie_numerical_integration.m`)

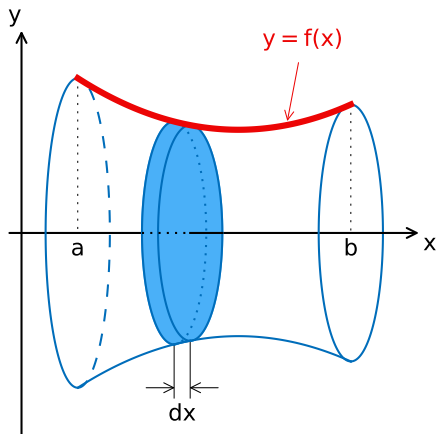
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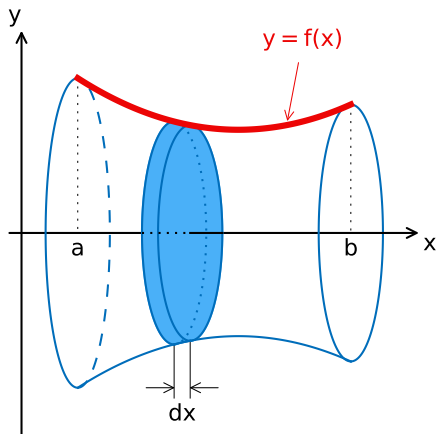


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Volume  $V$  of the solid:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \sum \text{volume of each slice} \\ &= \int_a^b \pi f(x)^2 dx \end{aligned}$$





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  - ▶ Describe the approach and algorithms that you used in your code
  - ▶ Describe in which situations your code works well, and in which situations it does not
  - ▶ You can talk about algorithms you tried or wanted to try, but did not end up using in your final code
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- ▶ Test your code at each step of the process

# Project: create your own maps

For example, see the script `create_my_map.m`, that was used to create the following map:

