

5.2 The Definite Integral

2 Definition of a Definite Integral If f is a function defined for $a \leq x \leq b$, we divide the interval $[a, b]$ into n subintervals of equal width $\Delta x = (b - a)/n$. We let $x_0 (= a), x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n (= b)$ be the endpoints of these subintervals and we let $x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_n^*$ be any **sample points** in these subintervals, so x_i^* lies in the i th subinterval $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$. Then the **definite integral of f from a to b** is

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x$$

provided that this limit exists and gives the same value for all possible choices of sample points. If it does exist, we say that f is **integrable** on $[a, b]$.

Sigma Notation

What do you think this notation means?

$$\sum_{i=1}^5 i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^5 i = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5$$

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In [2]: from sympy import Symbol, symbols, Sum, init_printing, Eq, Function, factor, Integral, integrate, Limit, oo, limit, exp
init_printing()
I, S, S_n, x, R_n, y = symbols("I, S, S_n, x, R_n, y")
i, k, n, m = symbols("i, k, n, m", positive=True, integer=True)
m=n
Sn=Sum(i,(i,1,m))
ex1 = Eq(Sn, factor(Sn.doit()))
ex1
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Out[2]: $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n}{2}(n+1)$

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In [3]: # more examples 2^i, 1/k , 3, start from 3
S=Sum(3,(i,1,5))
S
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Out[3]:
$$\sum_{i=1}^5 3$$

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In [4]: S = Function("S")
S=n*(n+1)/2
ex12=Eq(S,S.subs(n,m), evaluate=False)
ex12
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Out[4]:
$$\frac{n}{2}(n+1) = \frac{n}{2}(n+1)$$

Three Formulae to memorize

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^n i &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 &= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n i^3 &= \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2\end{aligned}$$

Note 1

True or False?

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \int_a^b f(y)dy = \int_a^b f(\Omega)d\Omega$$

TRUE

x is a dummy variable.

Note 2

The sum

$$\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x$$

is called Riemann sum.

Note 3

Geometric Meaning

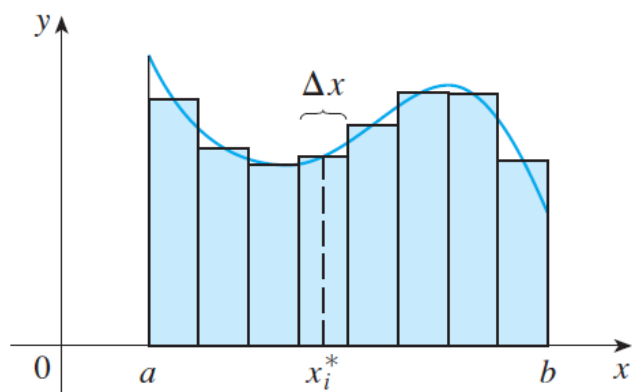


FIGURE 1

If $f(x) \geq 0$, the Riemann sum $\sum f(x_i^*) \Delta x$ is the sum of areas of rectangles.

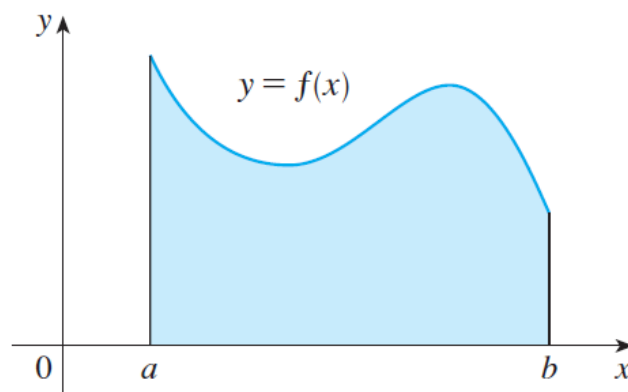
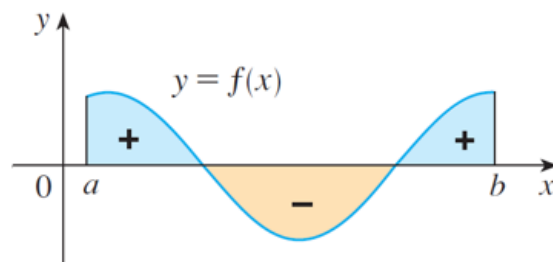
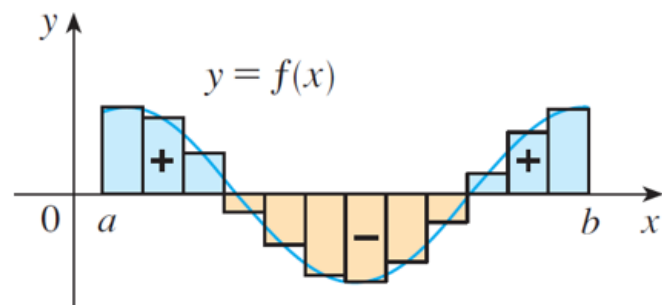


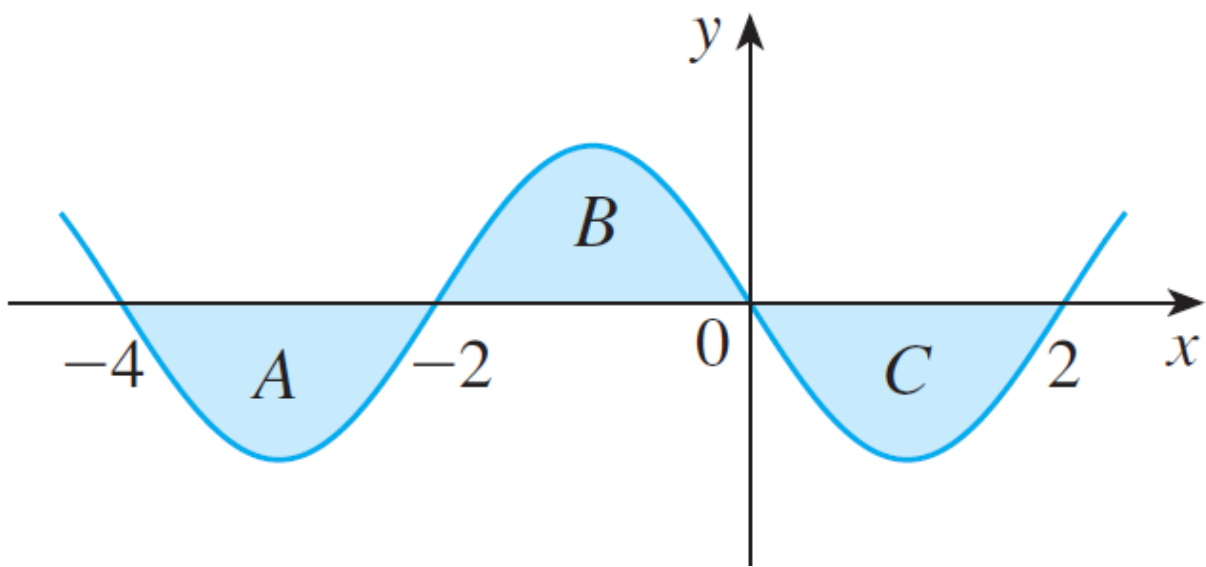
FIGURE 2

If $f(x) \geq 0$, the integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is the area under the curve $y = f(x)$ from a to b .

Note 4



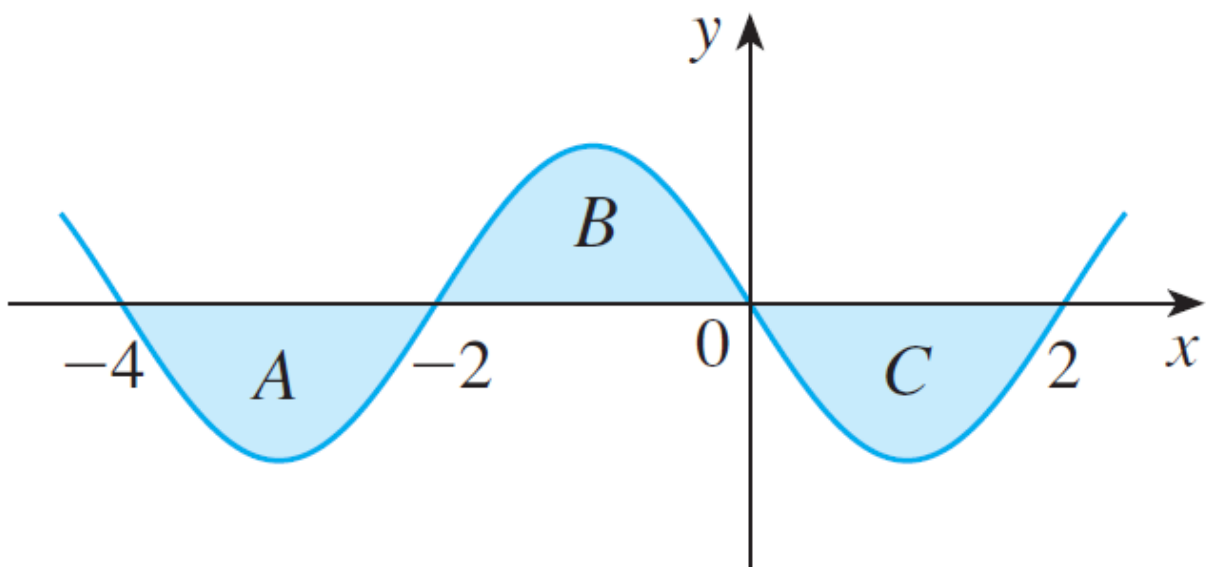
Given the following graph of $f(x)$



where each of the regions A , B and C has area equal to 5, then

$$\int_{-4}^2 f(x) dx =$$

Given the following graph of $f(x)$



where each of the regions A , B and C has area equal to 5, then the area between the graph and the x-axis from $x = -4$ to $x = 2$ is

Class of Integrable Functions

3 Theorem If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, or if f has only a finite number of jump discontinuities, then f is integrable on $[a, b]$; that is, the definite integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ exists.

Useful theorem

4 Theorem If f is integrable on $[a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \Delta x$$

where $\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n}$ and $x_i = a + i \Delta x$

Question

What do we mean when we say that a function f is *integrable*?

- (A) f is continuous.
- (B) f is differentiable.
- (C) f has area.
- (D) f is discontinuous.
- (E) none of the above.

How to Evaluate Integrals

1. Using the definition

2. Using a Computer Algebra System

3. Interpreting as areas

4. Approximating

5. Using integration techniques (tricks)

1. Using the definition

Example: Find

$$\int_0^3 (4x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x) dx$$

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In [5]: S=Sum((4*(3*i/n)**3-3*(3*i/n)**2+2*(3*i/n))*(3/n),(i,1,n))
l=Limit(S,n,oo)
example2=Eq(R_n,Eq(factor(S),factor(S.doit()))),evaluate=False)
example2
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Out[5]: $R_n = \frac{9}{n^4} \sum_{i=1}^n i (36i^2 - 9in + 2n^2) = \frac{9}{2n^2} (n+1)(14n+15)$

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In [6]: I=Integral(4*x**3-3*x**2+2*x,(x,0,3))
Rnlim=Limit(R_n,n,oo)
ll=Limit(factor(S),n,oo)
example1=Eq(Eq(I,Eq(Rnlim,Eq(ll,Limit(factor(S.doit()),n,oo),evaluate=False),evaluate=False)),I.evalf()),evaluate=False)
example1
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Out[6]: $\int_0^3 (4x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{9}{n^4} \sum_{i=1}^n i (36i^2 - 9in + 2n^2) \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{9}{2n^2} (n+1)(14n+15) \right)$

2. Using a Computer Algebra System

Example: (Reading Only)

(i) Set up an expression for $\int_1^3 e^x dx$ as a limit of sums.

(ii) Use a computer algebra system to evaluate the expression

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In [7]: a = 1
b = 3
Δx=(b-a)/n
xi = a + i*Δx
f=exp(xi)
R = Sum(f*Δx,(i,1,n))
Rdoit=R.doit()
Rl=Limit(Rdoit,n,oo)
Rn=Eq(Eq(Limit(R_n,n,oo), Limit(R,n,oo),evaluate=False), Rl.doit(),evaluate=False)
Rdoit
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Out[7]:
$$\frac{2e \left(e^{\frac{2}{n}} - e^{\frac{2}{n}(n+1)} \right)}{n \left(-e^{\frac{2}{n}} + 1 \right)}$$

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In [8]: from sympy import plot_implicit, plot, sqrt
p1 = plot_implicit(Eq(x**2 + y**2, 6))
p1
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Out[8]: <sympy.plotting.plot.Plot at 0x5448630>

Question

The area A of a circle of radius r is

(A) $A = 2\pi r^2$

(B) $A = \pi r^2$

(C) $A = 2\pi r$

(D) $A = \pi^2 r^2$

(E) $A = \pi^2 r$

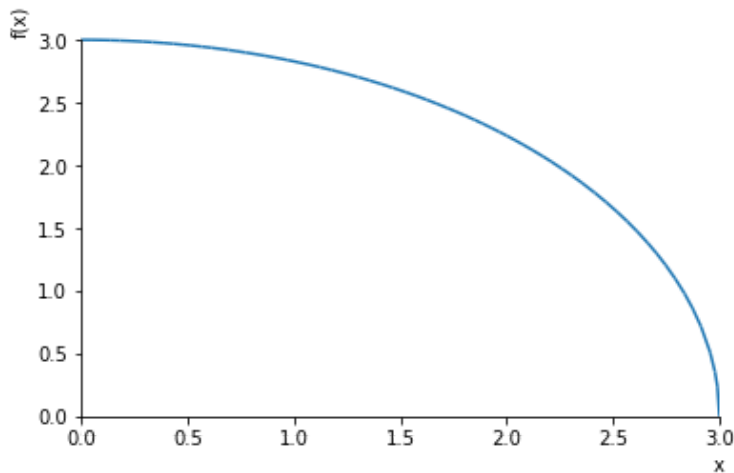
3. Interpreting as areas

Example: Evaluate the following integrals by interpreting each in terms of areas

(i) $\int_0^3 \sqrt{9-x^2} dx$

(ii) $\int_{-2}^1 |x| dx$

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In [9]: pi=plot(sqrt(9-x**2), (x,0,3))
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4. Approximating

Midpoint Rule

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^n f(\bar{x}_i) \Delta x = \Delta x [f(\bar{x}_1) + \cdots + f(\bar{x}_n)]$$

where
$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$$

and
$$\bar{x}_i = \frac{1}{2}(x_{i-1} + x_i) = \text{midpoint of } [x_{i-1}, x_i]$$

Use the Midpoint Rule to approximate

$$\int_1^2 \frac{1}{x} dx$$

with $n = 5$.

(SOLUTION IN CLASS)

Properties of the Definite Integral

$$\int_b^a f(x) dx = -\int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$\int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$$

Properties of the Integral

1. $\int_a^b c \, dx = c(b - a)$, where c is any constant
2. $\int_a^b [f(x) + g(x)] \, dx = \int_a^b f(x) \, dx + \int_a^b g(x) \, dx$
3. $\int_a^b cf(x) \, dx = c \int_a^b f(x) \, dx$, where c is any constant
4. $\int_a^b [f(x) - g(x)] \, dx = \int_a^b f(x) \, dx - \int_a^b g(x) \, dx$
5.
$$\int_a^c f(x) \, dx + \int_c^b f(x) \, dx = \int_a^b f(x) \, dx$$

EXAMPLE 7 If it is known that $\int_0^{10} f(x) \, dx = 17$ and $\int_0^8 f(x) \, dx = 12$, find $\int_8^{10} f(x) \, dx$.

Comparison Properties of the Integral

6. If $f(x) \geq 0$ for $a \leq x \leq b$, then $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx \geq 0$.
7. If $f(x) \geq g(x)$ for $a \leq x \leq b$, then $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx \geq \int_a^b g(x) \, dx$.
8. If $m \leq f(x) \leq M$ for $a \leq x \leq b$, then

$$m(b - a) \leq \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \leq M(b - a)$$

EXAMPLE 8 Use Property 8 to estimate $\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx$.

Exercise 1

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

(A) $\int_1^2 \cos(1 + x^2) dx$.

(B) $\int_1^2 \cos(x^2) dx$.

(C) $\int_1^2 \cos^2(x) dx$.

(D) $\int_0^1 \cos(x^2) dx$.

(E) $\int_0^1 \cos(1 + x^2) dx$.

Exercise 2

If $\int_{-5}^7 f(x) dx = -17$, $\int_{-5}^{11} f(x) dx = 32$, and $\int_8^7 f(x) dx = 5$, then $\int_{11}^8 f(x) dx =$

(A) -50 .

(B) 44 .

(C) -60 .

(D) 19 .

(E) -54 .

Exercise 3

If f is continuous function and

$$2 \leq f(x) \leq 5 \quad \text{for} \quad 3 \leq x \leq 9,$$

then ONE of the following statements is FALSE

(A) $\int_3^9 f(x) dx \geq 12$
(B) $\int_3^9 (3 - f(x)) dx \geq -12$
(C) $\int_3^9 (1 - f(x)) dx \geq -10$
(D) $\int_3^9 -2f(x)dx \leq -24$
(E) $\int_3^9 (f(x))^2 dx \geq 24$