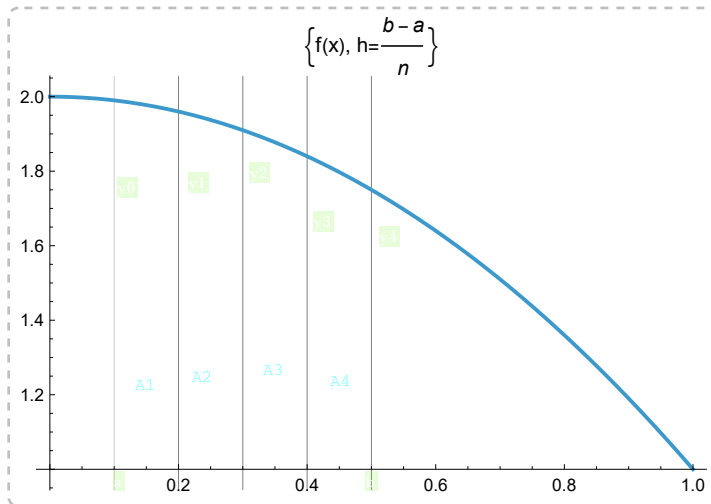


## ■ TRAPEZOIDAL RULE

`In[ ]:=`

`Plot[-x^2 + 2, {x, 0, 1},`

`GridLines -> {{0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5}, {0}}, PlotLabel -> {"f(x)", "h =  $\frac{b-a}{n}$ "}`



■  $A_1 = h \left( \frac{y_0 + y_1}{2} \right)$

■  $A_T = A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4$

■  $A_2 = h \left( \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$ ,  $A_3 = h \left( \frac{y_2 + y_3}{2} \right)$ , and  $A_4 = h \left( \frac{y_3 + y_4}{2} \right)$ . The total area now is

■  $A_T = \frac{h}{2} (y_0 + 2y_1 + 2y_2 + 2y_3 + y_4)$

Example:

Approximate the integral

$$\int_0^2 x^2 dx$$

■ using the Trapezoidal Rule with  $n = 10$  subintervals.

Step 1: Understand the Trapezoidal Rule Formula

The Trapezoidal Rule for approximating

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx$$

with  $n$  subintervals is:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{2} [f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \cdots + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)]$$

where:

- $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$  is the width of each subinterval,
- $x_0 = a, x_1 = a + h, x_2 = a + 2h, \dots, x_n = b$ .

### Step 2: Apply the Values

We are given:

- $a = 0$
- $b = 2$
- $n = 10$
- $f(x) = x^2$

So:

$$h = \frac{2-0}{10} = 0.2$$

Now compute the points:

$$x_k = 0 + k \cdot h = 0.2k \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 10$$

So the points are:

$$x_0 = 0.0, x_1 = 0.2, x_2 = 0.4, x_3 = 0.6, x_4 = 0.8, x_5 = 1.0, \\ x_6 = 1.2, x_7 = 1.4, x_8 = 1.6, x_9 = 1.8, x_{10} = 2.0$$

Now compute  $f(x_k) = x_k^2$  :

$K$	$X_K$	$F(X_K) = X_K^2$
0	0.0	0.00
1	0.2	0.04
2	0.4	0.16
3	0.6	0.36
4	0.8	0.64
5	1.0	1.00

6	1.2	1.44
7	1.4	1.96
8	1.6	2.56
9	1.8	3.24
10	2.0	4.00

Step 3: Apply the Trapezoidal Rule Formula

$$\int_0^2 x^2 dx \approx \frac{h}{2} [f(x_0) + 2(f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \cdots + f(x_9)) + f(x_{10})]$$

Plug in the values:

$$\approx \frac{0.2}{2} [0.00 + 2(0.04 + 0.16 + 0.36 + 0.64 + 1.00 + 1.44 + 1.96 + 2.56 + 3.24) + 4.00]$$

First, sum the interior terms:

$$\begin{aligned}
0.04 + 0.16 &= 0.20 \\
0.20 + 0.36 &= 0.56 \\
0.56 + 0.64 &= 1.20 \\
1.20 + 1.00 &= 2.20 \\
2.20 + 1.44 &= 3.64 \\
3.64 + 1.96 &= 5.60 \\
5.60 + 2.56 &= 8.16 \\
8.16 + 3.24 &= 11.40
\end{aligned}$$

Now multiply by 2:

$$2 \times 11.40 = 22.80$$

Now add the first and last terms:

$$0.00 + 22.80 + 4.00 = 26.80$$

Now multiply by  $\frac{0.2}{2} = 0.1$  :

$$0.1 \times 26.80 = 2.68$$

**Final Answer:**

$$\int_0^2 x^2 dx \approx 2.68$$

**Compare with Exact Value:**

The exact value is:

$$\int_0^2 x^2 dx = \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^2 = \frac{8}{3} \approx 2.6667$$

So our approximation is:

$$2.68 \quad \text{vs} \quad 2.6667$$

Error  $\approx 2.68 - 2.6667 = 0.0133$  , which is quite small!

✓ **Conclusion:**

Using the Trapezoidal Rule with  $n = 10$  , we approximated  $\int_0^2 x^2 dx \approx 2.68$  , close to the exact value  $\frac{8}{3} \approx 2.6667$

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■ SIMULATION BY MATHEMATICA

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In[13]:= (*Define the function*) f[x_] := x^2

(*Integration limits*)
a = 0;
b = 2;
n = 10;

(*Step size*)
h = (b - a) / n;

(*Generate the x-values*)
xValues = Table[a + i * h, {i, 0, n}];

(*Evaluate f(x) at each point*)
fValues = f /@ xValues;

(*Apply Trapezoidal Rule formula*)
approxIntegral = (h / 2) * (fValues[[1]] + 2 * Sum[fValues[[i]], {i, 2, n}] + fValues[[n + 1]])

(*Optional: Compare with exact value*)
exactIntegral = Integrate[x^2, {x, 0, 2}]
error = approxIntegral - exactIntegral

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Out[20]=

$$\frac{67}{25}$$

Out[21]=

$$\frac{8}{3}$$

Out[22]=

$$\frac{1}{75}$$

In[12]:=  $\frac{67.0}{25}$

Out[12]=

2.68

#### Explanation of the Code:

- `f[x_] := x^2` — defines the function.
- `a = 0; b = 2; n = 10;` — sets up interval and number of subintervals.
- `h = (b - a) / n` — computes step size.
- `Table[a + i * h, {i, 0, n}]` — creates the 11 points from 0 to 2 in steps of 0.2.
- `f /@ xValues` — applies the function to all x-values.

- The trapezoidal sum uses the standard formula:

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$$\frac{h}{2} \left[ f(x_0) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(x_i) + f(x_n) \right]$$

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