

## Sigma Notation

Let  $m, k, n \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$  s.t.  $m \leq k \leq n$ .

If  $a_k$  a real valued function of  $k$ , then:

$$a_m + a_{m+1} + \dots + a_k + \dots + a_n = \sum_{k=m}^n a_k$$

← final value  
← general term  
index      initial value

## Properties

(i)  $\sum_{k=1}^n (a_k + b_k) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k + \sum_{k=1}^n b_k$

(ii) For any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n c \cdot a_k = c \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$$

Proof:

If  $a_k$  is a real valued function of  $k$ ,  
then  $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^n c \cdot a_k = c \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ .

Suppose  $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$

We want to show  $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^n c \cdot a_k = c \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$

Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  be an arbitrary number

Consider  $\sum_{k=1}^n c \cdot a_k$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &= c a_1 + c a_2 + \dots + c a_n \quad \text{by def of } \sum \text{ not} \\ &= c (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n) \\ &= c \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \end{aligned}$$

QED

## Examples

1. Evaluate  $\sum_{i=1}^{203} (2i - 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^{203} 2i - \sum_{i=1}^{203} 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{203} i - \sum_{i=1}^{203} 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{203(203+1)}{2} - 203 \\ &= 203^2 \end{aligned}$$

Formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n 1 &= n \\ \sum_{i=1}^n i &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

2. Evaluate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{5}{n^4} (k^3 + 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5}{n^4} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (k^3 + 1) = 5 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \cdot \left( \sum_{k=1}^n k^3 + \sum_{k=1}^n 1 \right) \\
 &= 5 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \cdot \left( \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4} + n \right) \\
 &= 5 \cdot \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{4n^2} + \frac{1}{n^3} \right) \\
 &= 5 \cdot \left( \frac{1}{4} + 0 \right) \\
 &= \frac{5}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

## W1 Jan 14 Lecture Notes

**Def.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $a < b$ . A **partition**,  $P$ , of the interval  $[a, b]$  is a finite collection of points in  $[a, b]$  s.t. one point is  $a$  and one point is  $b$ .

Example:

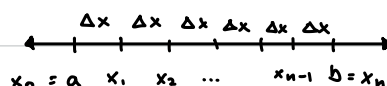
Consider  $I = [0, 1]$ . Then  $P = \{0, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, 1\}$  is a partition of  $I$

Example: **Riemann Partition**

Consider  $I = [a, b]$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a < b$

Then  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

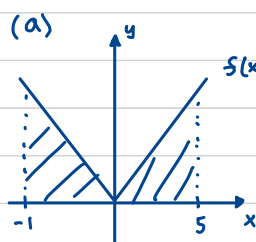
$$= \{x_i\}_{i=0}^n$$



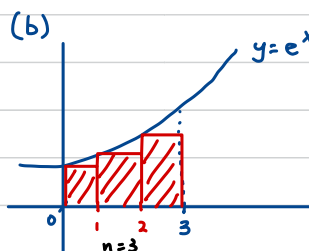
s.t.  $x_i = a + i \Delta x$  where  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$

Examples:

1. What is the exact area  $A$  of the following regions:



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2}(1)(1) + \frac{1}{2}(5)(5) \\
 &= 13
 \end{aligned}$$



Given:  $[0, 3]$

Riemann Partition with  $n=3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &\approx f(x_0) \Delta x + f(x_1) \Delta x + f(x_2) \Delta x \\
 &\approx \sum_{i=1}^3 f(x_{i-1}) \Delta x
 \end{aligned}$$

Left Riemann Sum for  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  ( $L_n$ )

$$\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_{i-1}) \Delta x$$

Right Riemann Sum for  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  ( $R_n$ )

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

Generic Riemann Sum of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x, \text{ where } x_i^* \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$$

$\uparrow$   $x_i$  is called the sample point