

Calculus and its Applications

(Limits and Continuity - Riemann Sums)

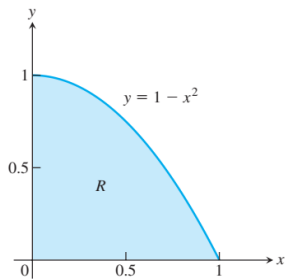
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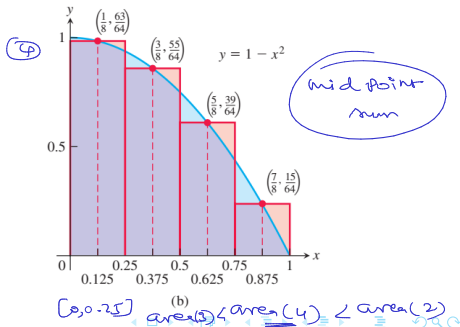
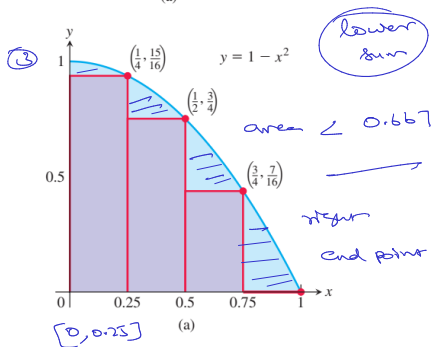
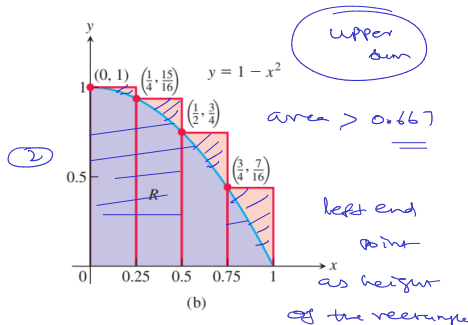
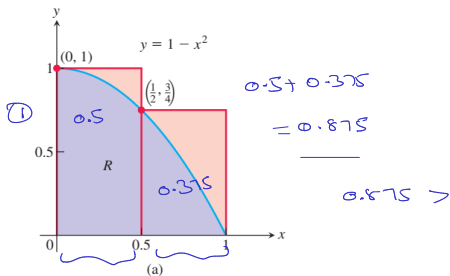
LIMITS AND CONTINUITY: Standard functions – Graphs - Limit - continuity - piecewise continuity - periodic - differentiable functions - Riemann sum - integrable functions - fundamental theorem of calculus

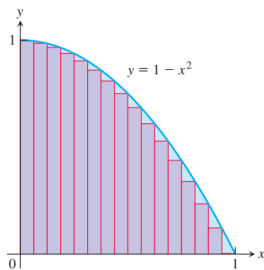
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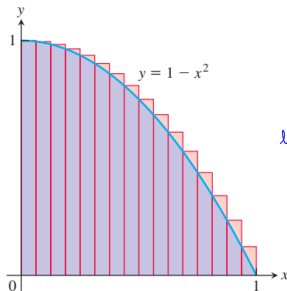


$$\int_0^1 (1 - x^2) dx = \underline{\frac{2}{3}} = 0.667.$$





(a)



(b)

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actual area ≈ 0.667

TABLE 5.1 Finite approximations for the area of R

Number of subintervals	Lower sum	Midpoint sum	Upper sum
2	0.375	0.6875	<u>0.875</u>
4	0.53125	0.671875	0.78125
16	0.634765625	0.6669921875	0.697265625
50	0.6566	0.6667	0.6766
100	0.66165	0.666675	0.67165
<u>1000</u>	<u>0.6661665</u>	<u>0.66666675</u>	<u>0.6671665</u>

Finite sums

Index ends at $k=n$

Index starts at $k=1$

Summa \rightarrow

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n.$$

formula for the k^{th} term.

$$1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$$


$$1 + 3 + \dots + 9 = \sum_{n=1}^5 (2n-1)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^4 (2n+1)$$

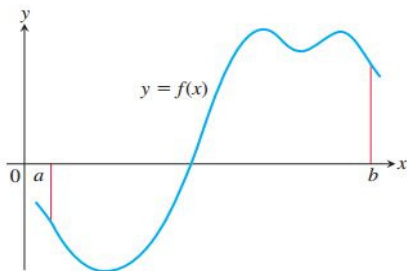
Algebra rules for finite sums

- sum rule : $\sum_{k=1}^n (a_k + b_k) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k + \sum_{k=1}^n b_k$
- difference rule : $\sum_{k=1}^n (a_k - b_k) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k - \sum_{k=1}^n b_k$
- constant multiple rule : $\sum_{k=1}^n ca_k = c \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$
- constant value rule : $\sum_{k=1}^n c = n \cdot c$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{10} 1 = 10$$

 constant value rule : $\sum_{k=1}^n c = n \cdot c$

The theory of limits of finite approximations was made precise by the German Mathematician Bernhard Riemann. The notion of a Riemann sum underlies the theory of the definite integral. ?



- Begin with an arbitrary bounded function f defined on a closed interval $[a, b]$.
- f may have negative as well as positive values.
- Subdivide the interval $[a, b]$ into subintervals, not necessarily of equal widths (or lengths), and form sums in the same way as for the finite approximations.

- Choose $n - 1$ points x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} between a and b that are in increasing order, so that $a < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_{n-1} < b$.
- Set $x_0 = a$ and $x_n = b$, so that

$$a = \underline{x_0} < \underline{x_1} < \underline{x_2} < \dots < \underline{x_{n-1}} < \underline{x_n} = b. \quad [0, 1]$$

- The set of all of these points,

$$P = \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n\},$$

$$[0, 0.5] \quad [0.5, 1]$$

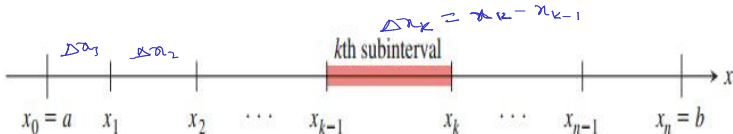
$$P = \{0, 0.5, 1\}$$

is called a partition of $[a, b]$.

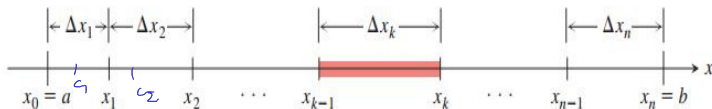
- The partition P divides $[a, b]$ into the n closed subintervals

$$[x_0, x_1], [x_1, x_2], \dots, [x_{n-1}, x_n].$$

- The first of these subintervals is $[x_0, x_1]$, the second is $[x_1, x_2]$, and the k^{th} subinterval is $[x_{k-1}, x_k]$ (where k is an integer between 1 and n).

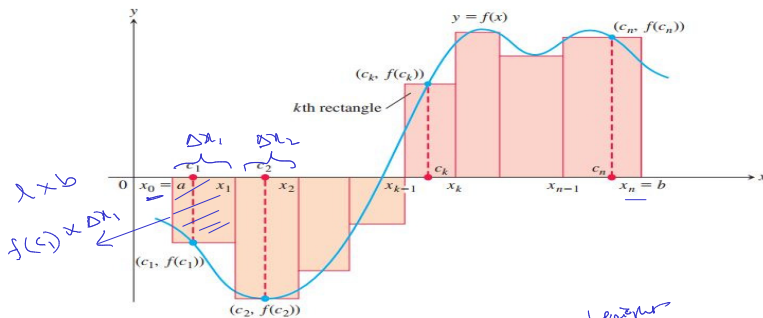


The width of the first subinterval $[x_0, x_1]$ is denoted Δx_1 , the width of the second $[x_1, x_2]$ is denoted Δx_2 , and the width of the k^{th} subinterval is $\Delta x_k = x_k - x_{k-1}$.



$$\Delta x_1 = \Delta x_2 = \dots = \Delta x_n = \Delta x$$

- If all n subintervals have equal width, then $\Delta x = (b - a)/n$.
- In each subinterval we select some point.
 - The point chosen in the k^{th} subinterval $[x_{k-1}, x_k]$ is called c_k .
 - Then on each subinterval we stand a vertical rectangle that stretches from the x -axis to touch the curve at $(c_k, f(c_k))$.
 - These rectangles can be above or below the x -axis, depending on whether $f(c_k)$ is positive or negative, or on the x -axis if $f(c_k) = 0$.



- On each subinterval, form the product $f(c_k) \cdot \Delta x_k$ which is positive, negative, or zero, depending on the sign of $f(c_k)$.
- When $f(c_k) > 0$, the product $f(c_k) \cdot \Delta x_k$ is the area of a rectangle with height $f(c_k)$ and width Δx_k .
- When $f(c_k) < 0$, the product $f(c_k) \cdot \Delta x_k$ is a negative number, the negative of the area of a rectangle of width Δx_k that drops from the x-axis to the negative number $f(c_k)$.

- Next, sum all these products to get

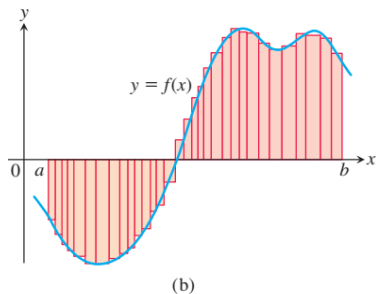
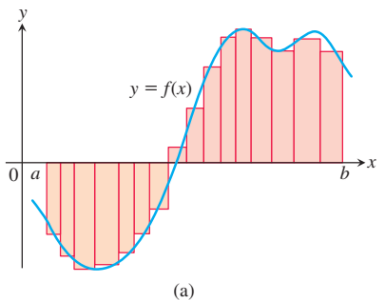
$$\underline{\underline{S_P}} = \sum_{k=1}^n f(c_k) \Delta x_k.$$

- S_P is called a Riemann sum for f on the interval $[a, b]$.
- There are many such sums, depending on the partition P we choose, and the choices of the points c_k in the subintervals.
- For instance, we could choose n subintervals all having equal width $\Delta x = (b - a)/n$ to partition $[a, b]$, and then choose the point c_k to be the right-hand endpoint of each subinterval when forming the Riemann sum.
- This choice leads to the Riemann sum formula

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n f\left(a + k \frac{(b-a)}{n}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{b-a}{n}\right).$$

Handwritten notes: A blue arrow points from the text "This choice leads to the Riemann sum formula" to the equation. A blue bracket is drawn under the term $a + k \frac{(b-a)}{n}$. To the right of the equation, there is a handwritten note $\Delta x_k = \Delta x$ with an arrow pointing to the second factor, and another note check? with a double underline.

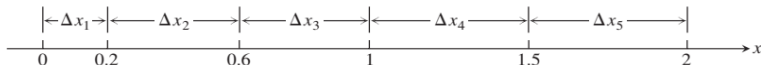
- Similar formulas can be obtained if instead we choose c_k to be the left-hand endpoint, or the midpoint, of each subinterval.
- If all subintervals have equal width $\Delta x = \frac{(b-a)}{n}$, we can make them thinner by increasing their number n .
- When a partition has subintervals of varying widths, we can ensure they are all thin by controlling the width of a widest (longest) subinterval.
- We define the norm of a partition P , written $\|P\|$, to be the largest of all the subinterval widths.
- If $\|P\|$ is a small number, then all of the subintervals in the partition P have a small width.



Finer partitions create collections of rectangles with thinner bases that approximate the region between the graph of f and the x-axis with increasing accuracy.

Problem

- The set $P = \{0, 0.2, 0.6, 1, 1.5, 2\}$ is a partition of $[0, 2]$.
- There are five subintervals of P : $[0, 0.2]$, $[0.2, 0.6]$, $[0.6, 1]$, $[1, 1.5]$, and $[1.5, 2]$
- The lengths of the subintervals are $\Delta x_1 = 0.2$, $\Delta x_2 = 0.4$, $\Delta x_3 = 0.4$, $\Delta x_4 = 0.5$, and $\Delta x_5 = 0.5$.
- The longest subinterval length is 0.5, so the norm of the partition is $\|P\| = 0.5$.



Remark

- Any Riemann sum associated with a partition of a closed interval $[a, b]$ defines rectangles that approximate the region between the graph of a continuous function f and the x -axis.
- Partitions with norm approaching zero lead to collections of rectangles that approximate this region with increasing accuracy.
- If the function f is continuous over the closed interval $[a, b]$, then no matter how we choose the partition P and the points c_k in its subintervals, the Riemann sums corresponding to these choices will approach a single limiting value as the subinterval widths (which are controlled by the norm of the partition) approach zero.

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