

Lecture 33-34: Definite Integrals (DI)

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Recall :

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Indefinite integral of f :

- the infinite family of all antiderivatives of f .
- notation : $\int f(x) dx = F(x) + C$
↑
an antiderivative

Definite Integrals

hint generalization: the curve
 $y = f(x)$ doesn't need to
be above x -axis

Definition

Let f be a function which is continuous on the interval $[a, b]$. We define the **definite integral of f on $[a, b]$** by

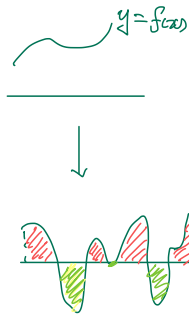
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x.$$

notation definition

← general Riemann sum

"exact area"

The definite integral is a number that gives the **net area** of the region between the curve $y = f(x)$ and the x -axis on the interval $[a, b]$.



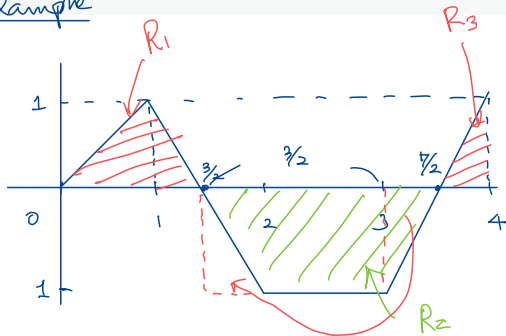
Convention: Signed area

- region above x -axis : positive
- region below x -axis : negative

/// : region above; (+)

/// : region below; (-)

Example



R_1, R_2, R_3 : regions

$$\cdot \text{Area}(R_1) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\cdot \text{Area}(R_2) = \frac{3}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\cdot \text{Area}(R_3) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^4 f(x) dx &= \text{Sum of signed areas} \\ &= \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

(Geometric)

	Area	Signed area.
R_1	$\frac{3}{4}$	$+\frac{3}{4}$
R_2	$\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$
R_3	$\frac{1}{4}$	$+\frac{1}{4}$

Basic Properties

$$\text{Def'n } \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{definite integral} \\ \text{of } f \text{ on } [a, b] \end{array} \right) \stackrel{\text{not'n}}{=} \int_a^b f(x) dx \stackrel{\text{def'n}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x$$

Theorem (Properties of the definite integral)

Let f and g be defined on a closed interval $[a, b]$ that contains the value c , and let k be a constant. The following hold:

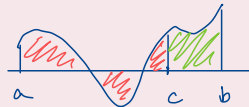
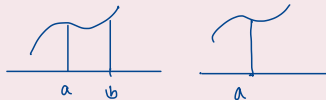
$$1 \quad \int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$$

$$2 \quad \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$3 \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = - \int_b^a f(x) dx$$

$$4 \quad \int_a^b k f(x) dx = k \int_a^b f(x) dx \quad (\text{scaling})$$

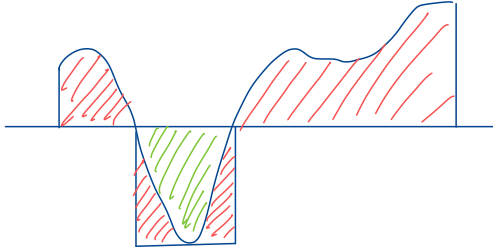
$$5 \quad \int_a^b \{f(x) \pm g(x)\} dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx \pm \int_a^b g(x) dx \quad (\text{adding/subtracting})$$



$$x_k^* = \begin{cases} x_{k-1}, & \text{LRS} \\ x_k, & \text{RRS} \\ \frac{x_{k-1} + x_k}{2}, & \text{MRS} \end{cases}$$

Exact net area
btw $y=f(x)$
and x -axis.

Region btw $y=f(x)$ & x -axis



misunderstood !

Definite Integrals Using Geometry vs. Definition

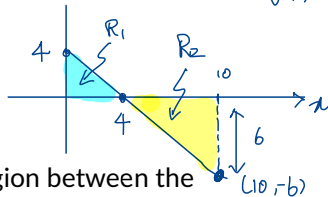
(net area)

(limit of Riemann sum)

Question. Compute the integral

$$\int_0^{10} (4 - x) dx$$

$$f(x) = 4 - x$$



in two ways:

- 1 by interpreting the integral as the net area of the region between the curve $y = 4 - x$ and the interval $[0, 10]$ on the x -axis;
- 2 using the definition of the definite integral, i.e. by computing the limit of Riemann sums.

R_1, R_2 denote the shaded regions.

Soln ① (net area) = Signed Area (R_1) + Signed Area (R_2)

$$= +\text{Area}(R_1) - \text{Area}(R_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4 \cdot 4 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6 \cdot 6 = 8 - 18 = \boxed{-10}$$

② $\int_{a=0}^{b=10} (4-x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x$ Given: $f(x) = 4-x$, $a=0$, $b=10$

"Dictionary"

$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{10-0}{n} \Rightarrow \Delta x = \frac{10}{n}$

Keep "n" as is.
b/c you will be sending it to ∞ .

$x_k = a + k\Delta x \Rightarrow x_k = \frac{10k}{n}$
 $= 0 + k \cdot \frac{10}{n}$

• Rmk. For computation of limit of RR, the choice of sample points doesn't affect the result.

Doesn't matter whether you use LRS, RRS, or MRS.

RRS ($x_k^* = x_k$)
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f\left(\frac{10k}{n}\right) \frac{10}{n}$

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(4 - \frac{10k}{n}\right) \frac{10}{n}$

↳ k running index
• from viewpoint of Σ , n is const.

$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{40}{n} - \frac{100k}{n^2} \right)$

(Cont')

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{40}{n} - \frac{100k}{n^2} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n \underbrace{\frac{40}{n}}_{\text{const}} - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{100k}{n^2} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\cancel{n} \frac{40}{\cancel{n}} - \frac{\cancel{100}}{n^2} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{\cancel{2}} \right]$$

$$= 40 - 50$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)}{n^2}$$

"1" "∞/∞" Form

$$= 40 - 50 =$$

-10

$$\frac{100}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n k$$

Recall

$$\bullet \sum_{k=1}^n C = nC$$

$$\bullet \sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

See next page.

Detailed explanation

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cancel{n^2} + \cancel{n}/\cancel{n^2}}{\cancel{n^2}/\cancel{n^2}} \quad \text{" } \frac{\infty}{\infty} \text{"}$$

September

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \rightarrow 0}{1}$$
$$= \textcircled{1}$$

Divide by highest power
of DENOM.

November

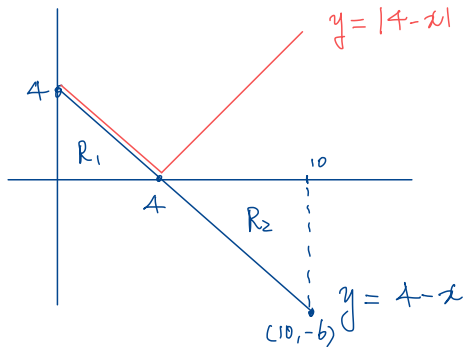
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{L'H} \\ = \end{array} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{2n} \quad \text{" } \frac{\infty}{\infty} \text{"}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{L'H} \\ = \end{array} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{2} = \textcircled{1}$$

Question. Compute the integral

$$\int_0^{10} |4-x| dx = \text{Area}(R_1) + \text{Area}(R_2)$$
$$= 8 + 18 = \boxed{26}$$

Hint Using geometry is simpler.



Observation

$$\int_a^b |f(x)| dx \text{ yields}$$

the exact geometric area,
not the signed, net area.

Note: Net Areas vs. Geometric Areas

We know that the net area of the region between a curve $y = f(x)$ and the x -axis on $[a, b]$ is given by

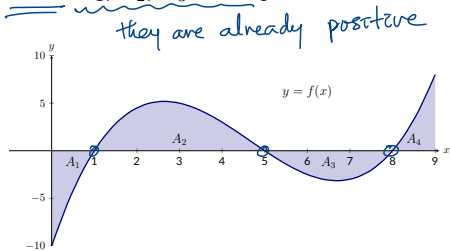
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

On the other hand, if we want to know the *geometric area*, meaning the “actual” area, we compute

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

Question. The graph of a function f is given in the figure.

- ① Express the **geometric area** of the region between the curve $y = f(x)$ and the x -axis on the interval $[0, 9]$ as a definite integral.
- ② Express the **geometric area** of the region between the curve $y = f(x)$ and the x -axis on the interval $[0, 9]$ in terms of definite integrals of f .
- ③ Express the geometric area of the region between the curve $y = f(x)$ and the x -axis on the interval $[0, 9]$ in terms of areas A_1, A_2, A_3 and A_4 .



① $\int_0^9 |f(x)| dx$

② $-\int_0^1 f(x) dx + \int_1^5 f(x) dx - \int_5^8 f(x) dx + \int_8^9 f(x) dx$

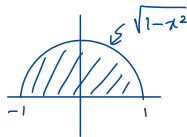
③ $A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4.$

From Riemann Sums to Definite Integrals

Question. Compute the limit:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sqrt{1 - \left(-1 + \frac{2k}{n} \right)^2} \right) \left(\frac{2}{n} \right)$$

(Handwritten red annotations: $f(x_k^)$ points to the square root term, and Δx points to the $\frac{2}{n}$ term.)*



$$= \int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{1-x^2} \, dx$$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Area of semicircle} \\ \text{of radius 1} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \pi \cdot 1^2 =$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

This limit can be viewed as the limit of a Riemann sum of $f(x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$ on $[-1, 1]$.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \bullet \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{2}{n} \Rightarrow b-a=2 \\ \bullet x_k = a + k\Delta x = -1 + k \cdot \frac{2}{n} \Rightarrow \underline{a=-1} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \underline{b=1}$$

Question. Express the following limit of Riemann sum as a definite integral:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \underbrace{\left(\frac{k\pi}{n} + \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n}\right) \right)}_{f(x_k)} \underbrace{\frac{\pi}{n}}_{\Delta x}.$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} (x + \cos(x)) dx$$

$$f(x) = x + \cos(x)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cdot \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{\pi}{n} \Rightarrow b-a=\pi \\ \cdot x_k = a + k\Delta x = \frac{k\pi}{n} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow a=0$$

$$\rightarrow a=0, b=\pi.$$

Definite Integrals of Symmetric Functions

Recall that a function f is

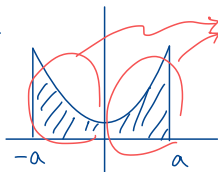
- an **odd** function if $f(-x) = -f(x)$;
- an **even** function if $f(-x) = f(x)$.

Theorem

Let f be a symmetric function on a symmetric interval $[-a, a]$ where $a > 0$. Then

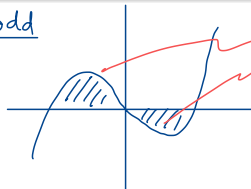
$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \begin{cases} 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx & \text{if } f \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{if } f \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

even



2 congruent
copies
↓
compute half
and double!

odd



equal & opposite
signs.
⇓
cancel to 0.

Question.

- ① Find the following definite integral:

$$\int_{-4}^4 \frac{x^2 \sin^3(x)}{\sqrt{x^4 + 1}} dx = \boxed{0}$$

$\overset{f(x)}{\parallel}$
 symmetric interval odd

Why odd?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{f(-x)} &= \frac{(-x)^2 [\sin(-x)]^3}{\sqrt{(-x)^4 + 1}} \\
 &= \frac{x^2 [-\sin(x)]^3}{\sqrt{x^4 + 1}} \\
 &= -\frac{x^2 [\sin(x)]^3}{\sqrt{x^4 + 1}} = \underline{-f(x)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- ② Suppose that f is an even function. Given that $\int_0^6 f(x) dx = 13$, find

$$\int_{-6}^6 (5f(x) + 14) dx.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 5 \int_{-6}^6 f(x) dx + \int_{-6}^6 14 dx \\
 &\quad \text{even} \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \text{geometry} \\
 &= 5 \cdot 2 \int_0^6 f(x) dx + 12 \cdot 14
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 10 \cdot 13 + 168$$

$$= 130 + 168$$

$$= \boxed{298}$$