

Limit Integral to find the area under the curve $y = \cos x$, $0 \leq x \leq 0.5\pi$

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$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos x dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (A_1 + A_2 + \cdots + A_n) \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\pi}{2n} \cos \frac{\pi}{2n} + \frac{\pi}{2n} \cos \frac{2\pi}{2n} + \cdots + \frac{\pi}{2n} \cos \frac{n\pi}{2n} \right) \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{2n} \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{2n} + \cos \frac{2\pi}{2n} + \cdots + \cos \frac{n\pi}{2n} \right) \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{4n \sin \frac{\pi}{4n}} \left(2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2n} \sin \frac{\pi}{4n} + 2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{2n} \sin \frac{\pi}{4n} + \cdots + 2 \cos \frac{n\pi}{2n} \sin \frac{\pi}{4n} \right) \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{4n \sin \frac{\pi}{4n}} \left[\sin \frac{3\pi}{4n} - \sin \frac{\pi}{4n} + \sin \frac{5\pi}{4n} - \sin \frac{3\pi}{4n} + \cdots + \sin \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{4n} - \sin \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{4n} \right] \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{4n \sin \frac{\pi}{4n}} \left[\sin \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{4n} - \sin \frac{\pi}{4n} \right] \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{4n \sin \frac{\pi}{4n}} \left[2 \cos \frac{(n+1)\pi}{4n} \sin \frac{n\pi}{4n} \right] \\&= \frac{1}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{4n}}{\frac{\pi}{4n}}} \cdot 2 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos \left[\frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \right] \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \\&= 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \\&= \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1\end{aligned}$$