

## Lecture 29: Definite Integrals (Area under curves)

**GOAL:** Interpret the definite integral as the (signed) area underneath the graph of a function.

Link for Desmos Presentation: [here](#)

Recall Left/Right Riemann Sums ( $L_N$  and  $R_N$ ) are used to approximate the area underneath the graph of a fn.

Q: What happens when we take  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ?

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} L_N = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} R_N = \text{The exact area}$$

Def The (definite) integral of a function  $f$  from  $a$  to  $b$  is  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$   $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$  The signed area between the graph of  $f$  and the  $x$ -axis on  $[a, b]$ .

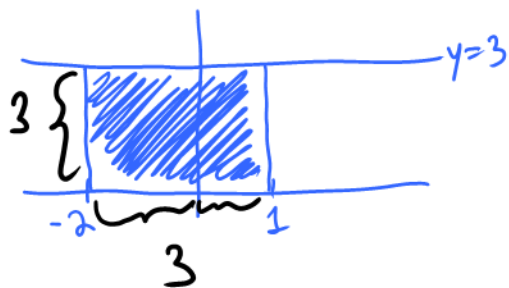
$\int_a^b f(x) dx$  is also labeled with  $\leftarrow$  Upper Limit and  $\uparrow$  Lower Limit.

$$= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} L_N = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} R_N$$

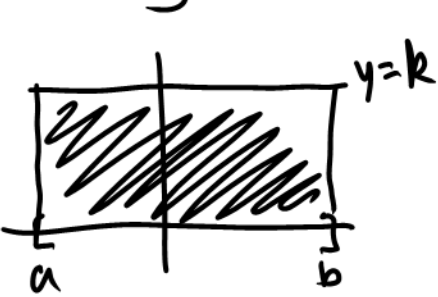
$a$  and  $b$  are called the limits of integration.

If  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} L_N$  exists, we say  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$ .

Ex/ Compute  $\int_{-2}^1 3 dx$  = Area of the Rectangle

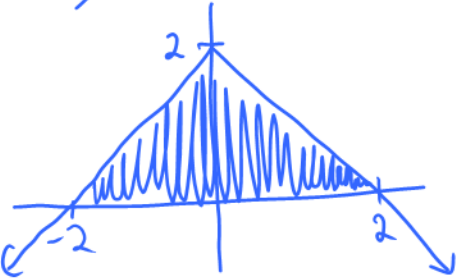
$$= (3)(3) = 9$$


In general, if  $k$  is a constant

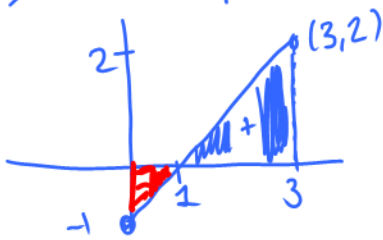


$$\int_a^b k \, dx = k(b-a)$$

Ex2/ Compute  $\int_{-2}^2 (2-|x|) \, dx = \text{Area of the triangle}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} (\text{Base}) (\text{Height})$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} (4) (2)$   
 $= 4$



Ex3/ Compute  $\int_0^3 (x-1) \, dx = \text{Area of Blue Triangle} - \text{Area of Red Triangle}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} (2) (2) - \frac{1}{2} (1) (1)$   
 $= 2 - \frac{1}{2}$   
 $= \frac{3}{2}$



Ex4/ Compute  $\int_0^4 (\frac{1}{2}x + 1) \, dx$

**METHOD 1:**

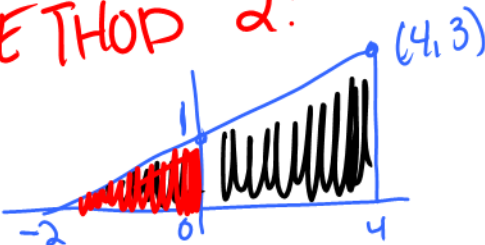
$A = \frac{1}{2} (b_1 + b_2) h$

$\int_0^4 (\frac{1}{2}x + 1) \, dx = \text{Area of the trapezoid}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} (1+3) (4) = 8$



**METHOD 2:**

$\int_0^4 (\frac{1}{2}x + 1) \, dx = \text{Area of Black Triangle} - \text{Area of Red Triangle}$



$$A = \frac{1}{2}(6)(3) - \frac{1}{2}(2)(1) = \frac{18}{2} - 1 = 9 - 1 = 8$$

Remark


$$\int_0^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}x+1\right) dx = \int_{-2}^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}x+1\right) dx - \int_{-2}^0 \left(\frac{1}{2}x+1\right) dx$$

$$\int_{-2}^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}x+1\right) dx = \int_{-2}^6 \left(\frac{1}{2}x+1\right) dx + \int_0^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}x+1\right) dx$$

Ex 5/ Compute  $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{4} [\text{Area of full circle}]$

$$y = \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$y^2 = 1-x^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$


$$= \frac{1}{4} [\pi r^2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} [\pi \cdot 1^2] = \frac{\pi}{4}$$


Ex 6/ Compute  $\int_{-2}^2 \sqrt{1-\frac{x^2}{2^2}} dx$

$$y = \sqrt{1-\frac{x^2}{2^2}}$$

$$y^2 = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2^2}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{y^2}{1^2} = 1$$

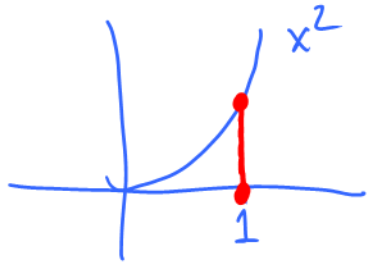
$\uparrow a=2$        $\uparrow b=1$



You will see in MATH 6020 that the area of an ellipse of the form  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  is  $\pi ab$

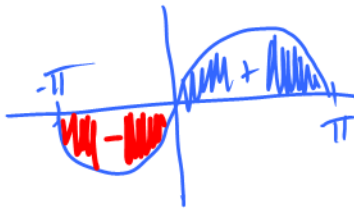
So,  $\int_{-2}^2 \sqrt{1-\frac{x^2}{2^2}} dx = \frac{1}{2} [\text{Area of Ellipse}] = \frac{1}{2} \pi (2)(1) = \pi$

Ex 7/ Compute  $\int_1^1 x^2 dx = \text{Area of a Line Segment}$   
 $= 0$

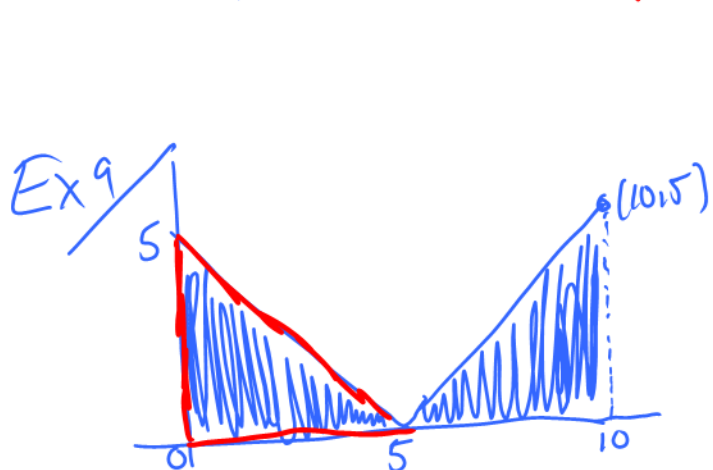


In general,  $\int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$

Ex 8/ Compute  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(x) dx = 0$



← Matching Halves  
but opposite signs



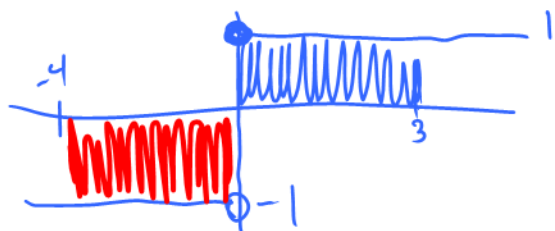
@  $\int_0^{10} |x - 5| dx$

⑥  $\int_0^{10} |x - 5| dx$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(5)(5) + \frac{1}{2}(5)(5)$$

$$= 25$$

Ex 10/  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq 0 \\ -1 & x < 0 \end{cases}$



@  $\int_{-4}^3 f(x) dx$

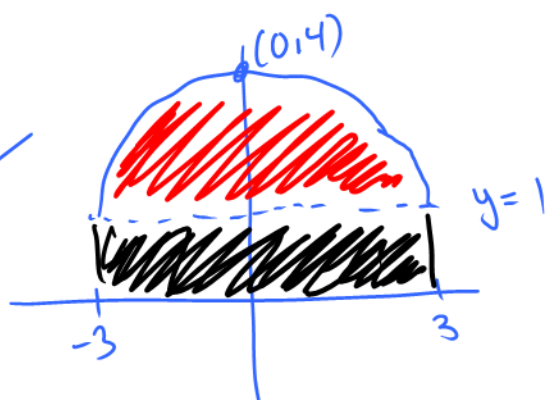
⑥ Area of Blue Rect. - Area of Red Rectangle

$$\int_{-4}^3 f(x) dx = 3(1) - 4(1) = -1$$

$$\textcircled{a} \int_{-3}^3 (1 + \sqrt{3^2 - x^2}) dx$$

(b)

Ex 11



$$\int_{-3}^3 (1 + \sqrt{9 - x^2}) dx = 6(1) + \frac{1}{2} \pi 3^2 = 6 + \frac{9}{2} \pi$$

Remark

$$\int_{-3}^3 (1 + \sqrt{9 - x^2}) dx = \int_{-3}^3 1 dx + \int_{-3}^3 \sqrt{9 - x^2} dx$$