

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 function.

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

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

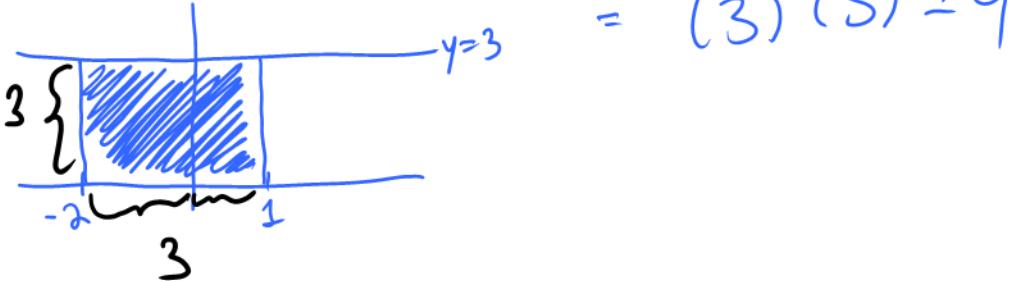
Def The (definite) integral of a function f from a to b is $\int_a^b f(x) dx \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{The signed area between the graph of } f \text{ and the } x\text{-axis on } [a,b].$

$$\stackrel{\text{Lower Limit}}{a} \stackrel{\text{Upper Limit}}{b} \int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} L_N = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} R_N$$

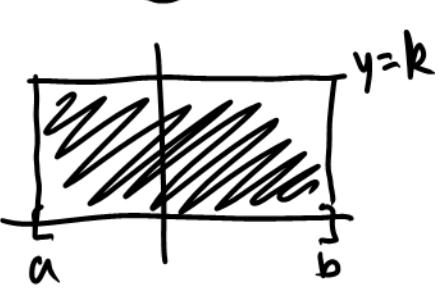
a and b are called the limits of integration.

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

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

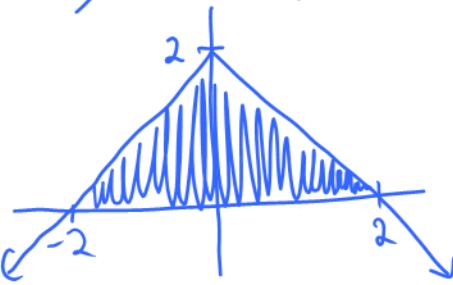


In general, if k is a constant



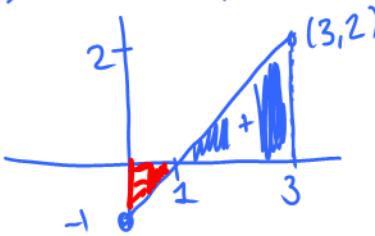
$$\int_a^b k \, dx = k(b-a)$$

Ex2/ Compute



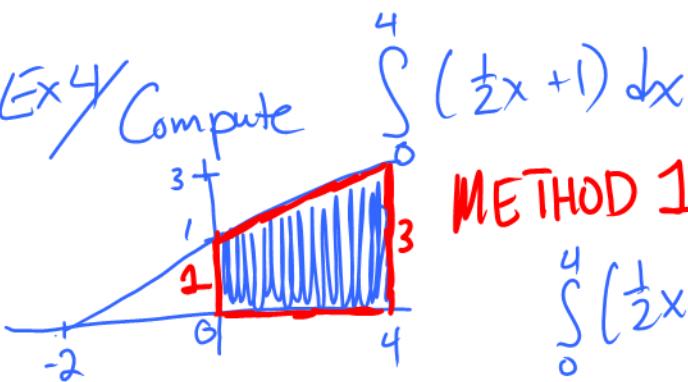
$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-2}^2 (2-|x|) \, dx &= \text{Area of the triangle} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\text{Base})(\text{Height}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (4)(2) \\ &= 4\end{aligned}$$

Ex3/ Compute



$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^3 (x-1) \, dx &= \text{Area of Blue Triangle} - \text{Area of Red Triangle} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(2)(2) - \frac{1}{2}(1)(1) \\ &= 2 - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{3}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Ex4/ Compute

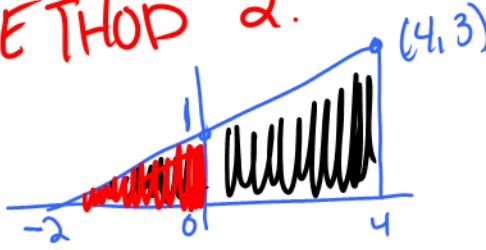


METHOD 1:

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

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

METHOD 2:



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

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

Remark

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

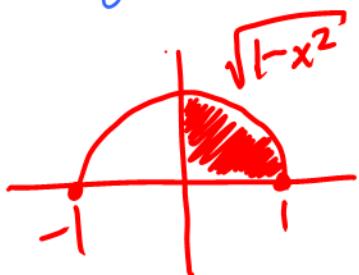
$$\int_{-2}^4 (\frac{1}{2}x+1) dx = \int_{-2}^6 (\frac{1}{2}x+1) dx + \int_0^4 (\frac{1}{2}x+1) dx$$

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

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

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

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

$$\text{a=2}$$



you will see in MA16020
that the area of an ellipse of the form
 $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ is πab

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

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

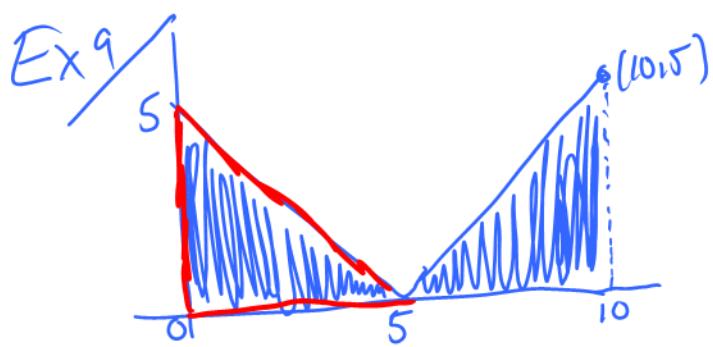
$$\int_1^1 x^2 dx = 0$$

In general,

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

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

Matching Halves
but opposite signs



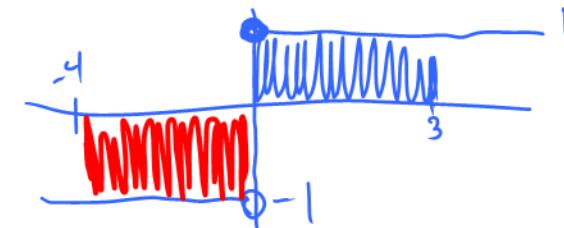
@ $\int_0^{10} |x-5| dx$

(b) $\int_0^{10} |x-5| dx$

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

$$= 25$$

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



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

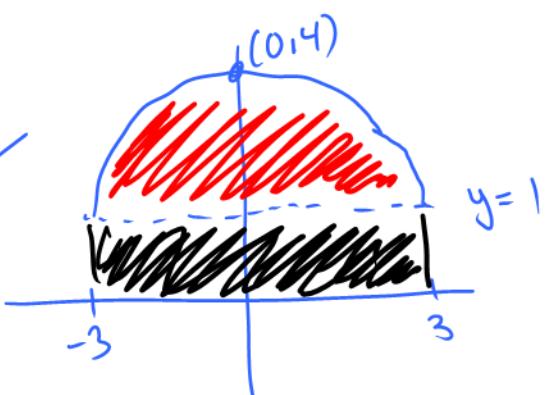
(b) Area of Blue Rect. - Area of Red Rectangle

Area of Red Rectangle

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

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

Ex 11



(b)

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

Remark

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