The Definite Integral

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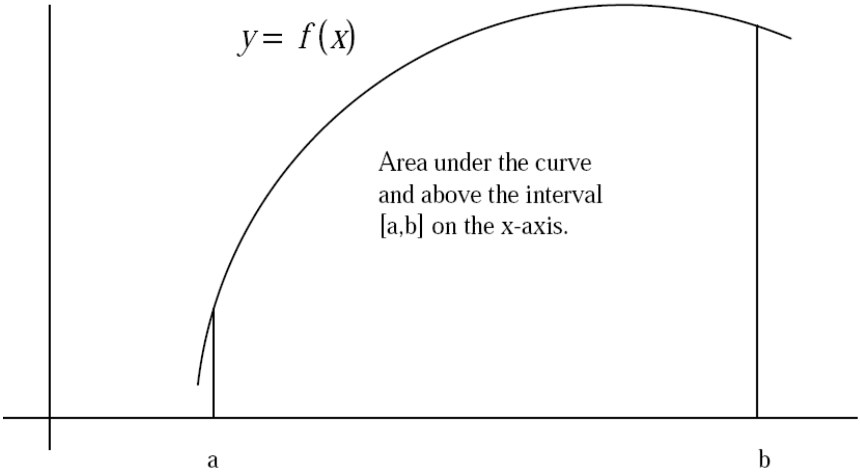
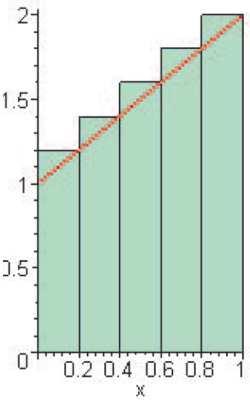
The Area Problem

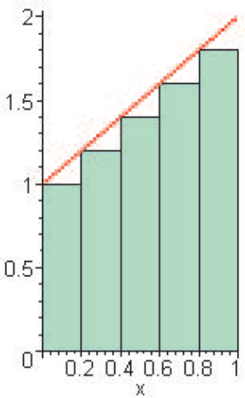


Upper and Lower Sums

Suppose we want to use rectangles to approximate the area under the graph of $y = x + 1$ on the interval $[0, 1]$.



Upper Riemann Sum



Lower Riemann Sum

$$31/20 \quad > \quad 1.5 \quad > \quad 29/20$$

As you take more and more smaller and smaller rectangles, if f is nice, both of these will approach the real area.

n	U	L
100	1.505000000	1.495000000
150	1.503333333	1.496666667
200	1.502500000	1.497500000
300	1.501666667	1.498333333
500	1.501000000	1.499000000

In general: finding the Area Under a Curve

1. Let $y = f(x)$ be given and defined on an interval $[a, b]$. Subdivide the interval $[a, b]$ into n pieces. Label the endpoints:

   $$a = x_0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \cdots \leq x_n = b.$$

   Define $P = \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \ldots .x_n\}$.

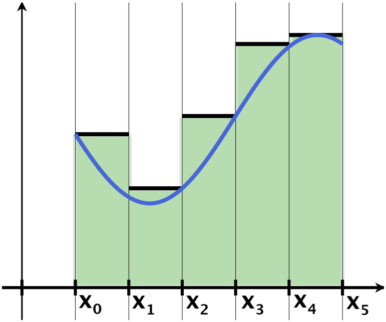
2. Let $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$ be the width of the i^{th} interval, $1 \leq i \leq n$.
3. Form the Upper Riemann Sum $U(f, P)$: let M_i be the *maximum* value of the function on that i^{th} interval, so

   $$U(f, P) = M_1 \Delta x_1 + M_2 \Delta x_2 + \cdots + M_n \Delta x_n.$$

4. Form the Lower Riemann Sum $L(f, P)$: let m_i be the *minimum* value of the function on that i^{th} interval, so

   $$L(f, P) = m_1 \Delta x_1 + m_2 \Delta x_2 + \cdots + m_n \Delta x_n.$$

5. Take the limit as $n \to \infty$ and the maximum $\Delta x_i \to 0$.



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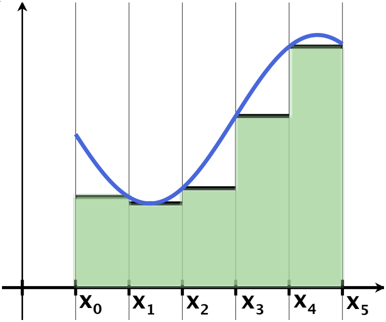

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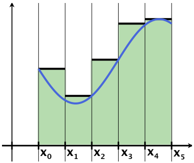
The Area Problem Revisited

$$U(f,P) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} M_i \Delta x_i$$

$$L(f,P) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i \Delta x_i,$$

where M_i and m_i are, respectively, the maximum and minimum values of f on the ith subinterval $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$, $1 \leq i \leq n$.



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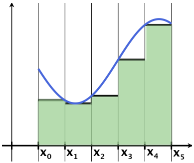


$L(f,P)$

$n = 5$

Simplifying long sums

① Distribute and simplify:
(hint: first distribute 1 and then $-x$.
group "like terms")

(a.) $(1-x)(1+x)$

(b.) $(1-x)(1+x+x^2)$

(c.) $(1-x)(1+x+x^2+x^3)$

(d.) $(1-x)(1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4)$

② In (a.)-(d.), solve for $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x^i$
(in (a.) $n=2$, in (b.) $n=3$, in (c.) $n=4$, in (d.) $n=5$)
What did you have to assume to do this?

③ Write a general simple (compact) formula for $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x^i$.

④ Simplify $\left(1+\frac{1}{3}+\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2+\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3+\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^4+\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^5\right)$ (hint: $x=\frac{1}{3}$)

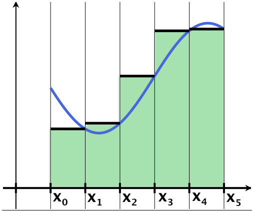
Riemann Sums

Given a partition P of $[a, b]$, $P = \{a = x_0, x_1, x_3, \ldots, x_n = b\}$, and $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$ the width of the ith subinterval, $1 \leq i \leq n$;

Let f be defined on $[a, b]$.

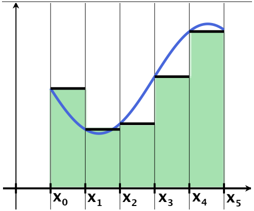
Then the Right Riemann Sum is

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i)\Delta x_i,$$



and the Left Riemann Sum is

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(x_i)\Delta x_i.$$



The Definite Integral

Let P be a partition of the interval $[a, b]$, $P = \{x_0, x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$ with $a = x_0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \ldots x_n = b$.

Let $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i+1}$ be the width of the ith subinterval, $1 \leq i \leq n$. Let f be a function defined on $[a, b]$.

We say that f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$ if there exists a number A such that $L(f, P) \leq A \leq U(f, P)$ for all partitions of $[a, b]$. We write the number as

$$A = \int_a^b f(x)dx$$

and call it the definite integral of f over $[a, b]$.

Theorem

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then f is Riemann integrable on $[a, b]$.

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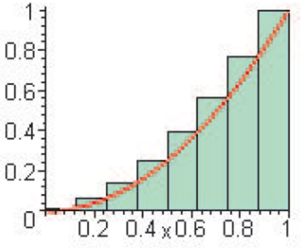
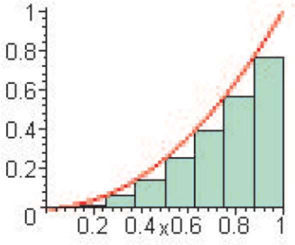
$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \lim_{\substack{n\to\infty \\ ||P||\to 0}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(c_i)\Delta x_i$$

where c_i is any point in the interval $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ and $||P||$ is the maximum length of the Δx_i.

Example

Use an Upper Riemann Sum and a Lower Riemann Sum, first with 8, then with 100 subintervals of equal length to approximate the area under the graph of $y = f(x) = x^2$ on the interval $[0, 1]$.





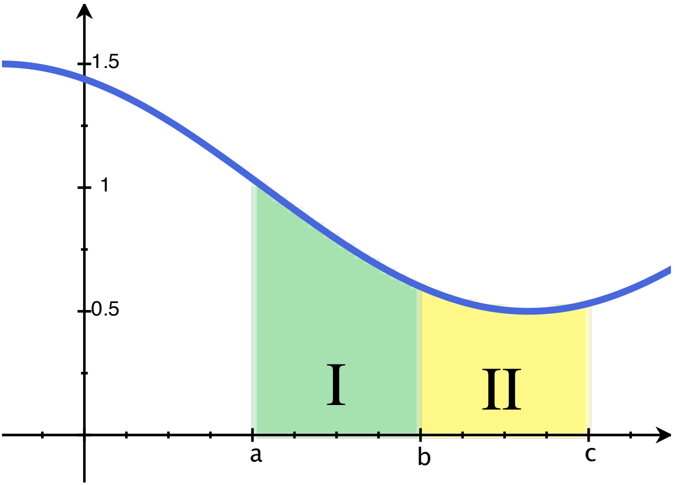
Properties of the Definite Integral

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

2. If f is integrable and
   (a) $f(x) \geq 0$ on $[a, b]$, then $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ equals the area of the region under the graph of f and above the interval $[a, b]$;
   (b) $f(x) \leq 0$ on $[a, b]$, then $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ equals the **negative** of the area of the region between the interval $[a, b]$ and the graph of f.

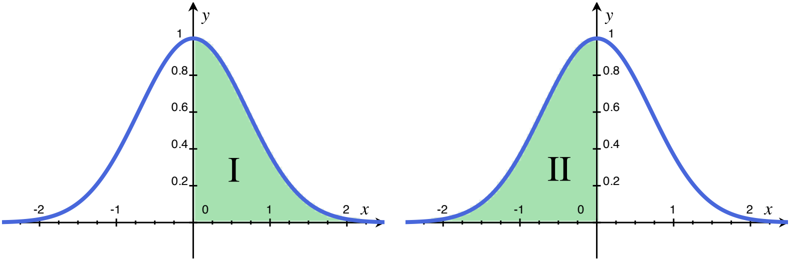
3. $\displaystyle\int_b^a f(x)dx = -\int_a^b f(x)dx.$

4. If $a < b < c$, $\int_a^b f(x)dx + \int_b^c f(x)dx = \int_a^c f(x)dx$



5. If f is an **even** function, then

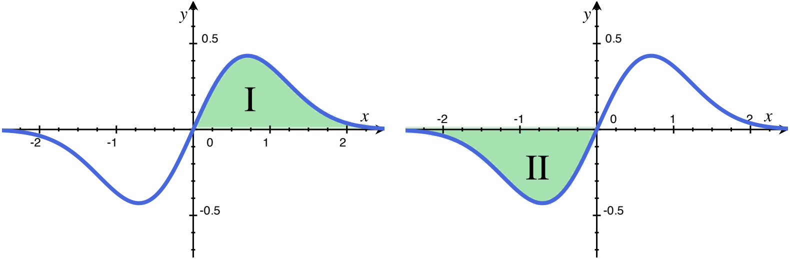
$$\int_{-a}^{a} f(x)dx = 2\int_{0}^{a} f(x)dx.$$



Area I = Area II

6. If f is an **odd** function, then

$$\int_{-a}^{a} f(x)dx = 0.$$



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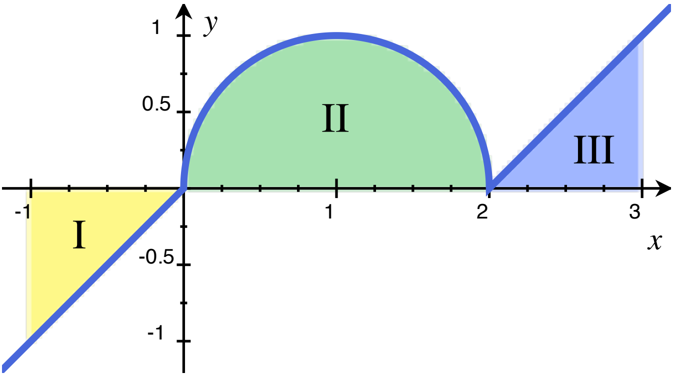
Example

$$\text{If } f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x < 0, \\ \sqrt{1-(x-1)^2}, & 0 \geq x \leq 2, \\ x-2, & x \geq 2, \end{cases} \text{ what is } \int_{-1}^{3} f(x)dx?$$



Mean Value Theorem for Definite Integrals

Theorem

Let f be continuous on the interval $[a, b]$. Then there exists c in $[a, b]$ such that

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = (b-a)f(c).$$

Definition

The *average value* of a continuous function on the interval $[a, b]$ is

$$\frac{1}{b-a}\int_a^b f(x)dx.$$