## Section 5.2 The Definite Integral

As a reminder, in section 5.1 we talked about calculating the area under a curve by adding up the areas of little rectangles, equally spaced, that we made by cutting up an interval into N equal pieces. We determined that the area could be estimated as a limit:

$$A \approx \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N} f(x_i^*) \Delta x \text{ on } x \in [a, b]$$

where  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{N}$  and  $f(x_i^*)$  was the function value at left, right, or midpoints,  $x_i$ .

Now, we are going to be a bit more general in the sense that these rectangles no longer need to be equally spaced.

So think of the x-line like this:



Now, each  $\Delta x$  is different:  $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$ 

Example:  $\Delta x_1 = x_1 - x_0$ 

But our sum is still handled essentially the same way:

$$A \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N} f\left(x_{i}^{*}\right) \Delta x_{i} \text{ on } x \in [a, b] = [x_{0}, x_{N}] \text{ (no limit yet!)}$$

Where  $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$  and  $f(x_i^*)$  is the function evaluated at the left, right, or midpoint as necessary.

This particular version of calculating area is called the Riemann Sum.

## Definition of **Definite Integral** p. 263 Key Concept

If *f* is a function defined on [a, b], the definite integral of *f* from *a* to *b* is the number:

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \lim_{\max \Delta x \to 0} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N} f(x_{i}^{*}) \Delta x_{i} \right]$$

provided that this limit exists. If it does exist, we say that f is <u>integrable</u> on [a, b].

Notation and Language:



**Theorem:** If *f* is continuous on [a, b], or if *f* has only a finite number of jump discontinuities, then *f* is integrable on [a, b]. That means  $\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$  exists.

**Example:** Write  $\lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i \sin(x_i) \Delta x_i$  on  $[0, \pi]$  as a definite integral. (DO NOT SOLVE)

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i \sin(x_i) \Delta x_i = \int_{0}^{\pi} (x \sin(x)) dx$$

Evaluating a Riemann Sum

Need to Know:

1. 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{N} k = \frac{N(N+1)}{2}$$

For Example:  $\sum_{k=1}^{5} k = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 = 15$ 

Or: 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{5} k = \frac{5(5+1)}{2} = \frac{5(6)}{2} = \frac{30}{2} = 15$$

2. 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{N} k^2 = \frac{N(N+1)(2N+1)}{6}$$

For Example: 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{5} k^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2 = 1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + 25 = 55$$
  
Or: 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{5} k^2 = \frac{5(5+1)(2\cdot 5+1)}{6} = \frac{5(6)(11)}{6} = 55$$
  
**3.** 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{N} k^3 = \left(\frac{N(N+1)}{2}\right)^2$$
  
For Example: 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{5} k^3 = 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + 4^3 + 5^3 = 1 + 8 + 27 + 64 + 125 = 225$$

Or: 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{5} k^3 = \left(\frac{5(5+1)}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{5(6)}{2}\right)^2 = 15^2 = 225$$

$$4. \quad \sum_{k=1}^{N} c = Nc$$

For Example: 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{5} 3 = 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 5(3) = 15$$

5. 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{N} c a_i = c \sum_{k=1}^{N} a_i$$

For Example:  $\sum_{k=1}^{5} 3k = 3(1) + 3(2) + 3(3) + 3(4) + 3(5) = 3(1+2+3+4+5) = 45$ 

**6.** 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{N} (a_i + b_i) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} a_i + \sum_{k=1}^{N} b_i$$

7. 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{N} (a_i - b_i) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} a_i - \sum_{k=1}^{N} b_i$$

**Example** pg. 273 #20) Use  $\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \lim_{N \to 0} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N} f(x_{i}^{*}) \Delta x_{i} \right]$  to evaluate  $\int_{1}^{4} (x^{2} + 2x - 5) dx$ 

Think of  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 5$  and [a, b] = [1, 4]

Now, find  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{N} = \frac{4-1}{N} = \frac{3}{N}$  (because we do not know *N*)

 $x_i = a + i \Delta x$ 

We need to generalize  $x_i$  assuming an evenly space partition. So:  $x_i = 1 + i \left(\frac{3}{N}\right)$ 

At this point, we just stuff everything we know into the form:

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \lim_{N \to 0} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N} f(x_{i}^{*}) \Delta x_{i} \right]$$

So: 
$$\int_{1}^{4} (x^2 + 2x - 5) dx = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i^2 + 2x_i - 5) \Delta x$$

$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[ \left[ \left( 1 + i \left( \frac{3}{N} \right) \right)^{2} + 2 \left( 1 + i \left( \frac{3}{N} \right) \right) - 5 \right] \left( \frac{3}{N} \right) \right]$$
  
Expand  

$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{3}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[ 1 + \frac{6i}{N} + \frac{9i^{2}}{N^{2}} + 2 + \frac{6i}{N} - 5 \right]$$
  
Combine like terms  

$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{3}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[ \frac{9}{N^{2}} i^{2} + \frac{12}{N} i - 2 \right]$$
  
Distribute the sum  

$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{3}{N} \left[ \frac{9}{N^{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (i^{2}) + \frac{12}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (i) - \sum_{i=1}^{N} (2) \right]$$
  
Use your rules  

$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{3}{N} \left[ \frac{9}{N^{2}} \cdot \frac{N(N+1)(2N+1)}{6} + \frac{12}{N} \cdot \frac{N(N+1)}{2} - 2N \right]$$
  
Distribute  

$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} \left[ \frac{27}{N^{3}} \cdot \frac{N(N+1)(2N+1)}{6} + \frac{36}{N^{2}} \cdot \frac{N(N+1)}{2} - \frac{6N}{N} \right]$$
  
Algebra  

$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} \left[ \frac{9(N+1)(2N+1)}{2N^{2}} + \frac{18(N+1)}{N} - 6 \right]$$
  
Reorganize  

$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} \left[ \frac{9(2N^{2}+3N+1)}{2N^{2}} + \frac{18(N+1)}{N} - 6 \right]$$

Simplify 
$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} \left[ 9 + \frac{27}{2N} + \frac{9}{2N^2} + 18 + \frac{18}{N} - 6 \right]$$
  
Evaluate Limit 
$$= 9 + 0 + 0 + 18 + 0 - 6$$
$$= 21$$

Theorem Midpoint Rule (pg. 268) A particular Riemann Sum

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^{N} f\left(\overline{x_{i}}\right) \Delta x = \Delta x \left[ f\left(\overline{x_{1}}\right) + f\left(\overline{x_{2}}\right) + f\left(\overline{x_{3}}\right) + \dots + f\left(\overline{x_{N}}\right) \right]$$

where  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{N}$  (a regularly spaced partition)

and 
$$\overline{x_i} = \frac{1}{2} (x_{i-1} + x_i)$$
 which is the midpoint of  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$  any sub-interval

**Example** pg. 273 #13) Use Mid Point Rule to approximate  $\int_{0}^{1} \sin(x^2) dx$  with N = 5.

So, you need to calculate 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{5} f(\overline{x_i}) \Delta x$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{N} = \frac{1-0}{N} = \frac{1-0}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

Now you need all of the midpoints.

$$\begin{split} \overline{x_1} &= \frac{1}{2} (x_0 + x_1) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 0 + \frac{1}{5} \right) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{5} \right) &= \frac{1}{10} &= 0.1 \\ \overline{x_2} &= \frac{1}{2} (x_1 + x_2) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{5} \right) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) &= \frac{3}{10} &= 0.3 \\ \overline{x_3} &= \frac{1}{2} (x_2 + x_3) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{5} \right) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{5}{5} \right) &= \frac{5}{10} &= 0.5 \\ \overline{x_4} &= \frac{1}{2} (x_3 + x_4) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3}{5} + \frac{4}{5} \right) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{7}{5} \right) &= \frac{7}{10} &= 0.7 \\ \overline{x_5} &= \frac{1}{2} (x_4 + x_5) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{4}{5} + \frac{5}{5} \right) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{9}{5} \right) &= \frac{9}{10} &= 0.9 \\ A \approx \sum_{i=1}^5 f \left( \overline{x_i} \right) \Delta x &= \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^5 f \left( \overline{x_i} \right) \\ A \approx \frac{1}{5} \left( \sin \left( 0.1^2 \right) + \sin \left( 0.3^2 \right) + \sin \left( 0.5^2 \right) + \sin \left( 0.7^2 \right) + \sin \left( 0.9^2 \right) \right) \end{split}$$

Then smash into calculator to get  $A \approx 0.3084$ 

Now, just handling the integral notation without all the summing (short-cut methods)

1. 
$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = -\int_{b}^{a} f(x) dx$$

No area under a single point

2. If 
$$a = b$$
, then  $\Delta x = 0$ , so  $\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = 0$ 

3.  $\int_{a}^{b} c \, dx = c \, (b - a) \quad \text{where } c \text{ is a constant}$ 

4. 
$$\int_{a}^{b} c f(x) dx = c \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$$
 constants move out

5. 
$$\int_{a}^{b} \left[ f(x) + g(x) \right] dx = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx + \int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx$$
 splitting sums

6. 
$$\int_{a}^{b} |f(x) - g(x)| dx = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx - \int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx \text{ and differences}$$

Sometimes, even if we just know these simple properties we can quickly evaluate an integral, or at least break it into smaller chunks.

Example 
$$\int_{0}^{1} (5-4x^{3}) dx = \int_{0}^{1} 5 dx - 4 \int_{0}^{1} x^{3} dx$$

**More Properties** 

7. 
$$\int_{a}^{c} f(x) dx + \int_{c}^{b} f(x) dx = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$$
 Intervals



8. If 
$$f(x) \ge 0$$
 on  $x \in [a, b]$  then  $\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx \ge 0$ 

If you have a positive value function, you will have a positive valued area under the curve.

9. If  $f(x) \ge g(x)$  on  $x \in [a, b]$  then  $\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx \ge \int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx$ 

If *f* is always bigger then *g*, then the area under *f* is always bigger than the area under *g*.

10. If 
$$m \le f(x) \le M$$
 on  $x \in [a, b]$  then  $m(b-a) \le \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx \le M(b-a)$   
Same as  $\int_{a}^{b} m dx \le \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx \le \int_{a}^{b} M dx$ 

(same as #9, it's just now you are bounding with constants)

**Example** pg. 274 #32) Evaluate the integral by interpreting it in terms of areas.

$$\int_{-2}^{2} \sqrt{4 - x^{2}} dx$$
You want the area under the curve between -2 and +2  

$$f(x) = \sqrt{4 - x^{2}}$$

$$y = \sqrt{4 - x^{2}}$$
So, we have circle center at (0, 0) with  $R = 2$ .  

$$y^{2} = 4 - x^{2}$$

$$x^{2} + y^{2} = 4$$

Recall: 
$$(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 = R^2$$

Center:  $(x_0, y_0)$ radius: *R* 



Notation Exercise:

Example If  $\int_{0}^{5} f(x) dx = 24$  and  $\int_{0}^{5} g(x) dx = 3$ , find  $\int_{0}^{5} [2f(x) - 5g(x)] dx$ .

$$\int_{0}^{5} (2f(x) - 5g(x)) dx = 2 \int_{0}^{5} f(x) dx - 5 \int_{0}^{5} g(x) dx$$
$$= 2(24) - 5(3)$$
$$= 48 - 15$$
$$= 33$$

Find: 
$$\int_{5}^{0} 4g(x) dx$$
$$\int_{5}^{0} 4g(x) dx = -4 \int_{0}^{5} g(x) dx = -4 (3) = -12$$