

# Worksheet 28: Definite Integrals

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1. Determine two different regions whose area is equal to the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2}{n} (5 + \frac{2i}{n})^{10}$

If we interpret the function under consideration as  $f(x) = x^{10}$ , we obtain  $[5, 7]$  as our interval. If we take the function to be  $f(x) = (5 + x)^{10}$ ,  $[0, 2]$  is the corresponding interval.

2. Give a summation for the area of the function  $f(x)$  over the interval  $[a, b]$ .

Using right endpoints,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b-a}{n} f(a + \frac{b-a}{n}(i))$$

3. Assuming that  $\int_a^b f(x)dx$  exists, how does it relate to the solution in (2)?

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{of the summation in (4)}$$

4. Express the following as an integral:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n [(a + \frac{(b-a)i}{n})^3 + (a + \frac{(b-a)i}{n}) \sin(a + \frac{(b-a)i}{n})] (\frac{b-a}{n})$$

$$\int_a^b [x^3 + x \sin(x)] dx$$

5. What is the value of  $\int_b^a f(x)dx$  (in terms of  $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ )? Why?

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

Invoking problems 3 and 4,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x)dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b-a}{n} f(a + \frac{b-a}{n}(i)) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{a-b}{n} f(a + \frac{b-a}{n}(i)) \\ &= - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a-b}{n} f(a + \frac{b-a}{n}(i)) \\ &= - \int_b^a f(x)dx \end{aligned}$$

6. What is the value of  $\int_a^a f(x)dx$ ? Why?

Invoking problems 3 and 4,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_a^a f(x)dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a-a}{n} f\left(a + \frac{a-a}{n}(i)\right) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{0}{n} f\left(a + \frac{0}{n}(i)\right) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

7. Find an expression for the value of  $\int_a^b c dx$  where  $c$  is any constant.

Invoking problems 3 and 4,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_a^b c dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b-a}{n} c \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left[ \frac{b-a}{n} \right] c \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b-a) c \\
&= (b-a) c
\end{aligned}$$

8. (★) Use a Riemann sum representation with right endpoints to find a value for  $\int_2^5 (4-2x)dx$

Invoking problems 3 and 4,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_2^5 (4-2x)dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{5-2}{n} \left[ 4 - 2\left(2 + \frac{i(5-2)}{n}\right) \right] \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{12}{n} - \frac{12}{n} - \frac{18i}{n^2} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{18i}{n^2} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} - \frac{18}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n i \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} - \frac{18}{n^2} \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right] \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} - \frac{18n(n+1)}{2n^2} \\
&= - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{9(n+1)}{n} \\
&= - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{9n+9}{n} \\
&= -9
\end{aligned}$$

9. Evaluate the integral by interpreting it in terms of areas:  $\int_{-1}^2 (1-x)dx$

Note that this is simply the area under the line  $y = -x + 1$  over  $[-1, 2]$  or—in other words—the area of a right triangle with base 3 and height 3. Thus,  $\int_{-1}^2 (1-x)dx = \frac{9}{2}$

10. Show that  $\int_a^b x dx = \frac{b^2-a^2}{2}$

Invoking problems 3 and 4,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_a^b x dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b-a}{n} \left( a + \frac{(b-a)i}{n} \right) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a(b-a)}{n} + \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(b-a)i}{n} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left[ \frac{a(b-a)}{n} \right] + \frac{b-a}{n} \left[ \frac{(b-a)}{n} \right] \sum_{i=1}^n i \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(b-a) + \frac{(b-a)^2}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n i \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(b-a) + \frac{(b-a)^2}{n^2} \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right] \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(b-a) + \frac{(n+1)(b-a)^2}{2n} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(b-a) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)(b-a)^2}{2n} \\
&= a(b-a) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(b-a)^2 n + (b-a)^2}{2n} \\
&= a(b-a) + \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \\
&= \frac{2a(b-a)}{2} + \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \\
&= \frac{2ab - 2a^2 + b^2 - 2ab + a^2}{2} \\
&= \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2}
\end{aligned}$$