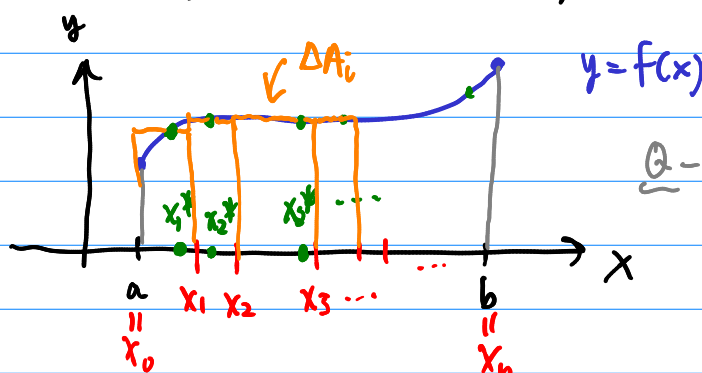


Ch 4 - Area under a curve

$y = f(x)$ continuous on $[a, b]$, $f(x) > 0$ on (a, b)



Q - What is the area?

n is a positive integer = "number of boxes"

The $\{x_i\}$ form a partition of $[a, b]$. $a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = b$

The lengths of each sub-interval are

$$\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1} \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

Choose x_i^* in $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$, and then consider $(x_i^*, f(x_i^*))$

Area under curve is approximately $\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta A_i$

For each rectangle, $\Delta A_i = b \cdot h = f(x_i^*) \cdot \Delta x_i$

$$\text{Area} \approx \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x_i$$

→ The exact area under the curve $y = f(x)$ over $[a, b]$ is given by

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x_i \quad \text{provided the limit exists.}$$

Preliminaries :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n 1 = \underbrace{1+1+1+\dots+1}_{n\text{-copies}} = n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \underbrace{1+2+3+4+\dots+n}_S = S$$

so,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$S = 1+2+3+\dots+n$$

$$+ S = n+(n-1)+(n-2)+\dots+1$$

$$\frac{2S}{2} = \underbrace{(n+1)+(n+1)+(n+1)+\dots+(n+1)}_{n\text{-copies}} = \frac{n \cdot (n+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = 1+4+9+16+25+\dots+n^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2$$

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x_i$$

Conventions :

1. Set $\Delta x_i = \frac{b-a}{n}$ evenly spaced intervals

2. Use right endpoints for x_i^*

Start w/

$$x_0 = a$$

$$x_i^* = a + i \Delta x$$

Ex. $f(x) = x^2$ on $[0, 3]$

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x_i$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{3-0}{n} = \frac{3}{n}$$

$$a = 0$$

$$x_i^* = a + i \Delta x = 0 + i \frac{3}{n} = \frac{3}{n} i$$

$$f(x_i^*) = (x_i^*)^2 = \left(\frac{3}{n} i\right)^2 = \frac{9}{n^2} i^2$$

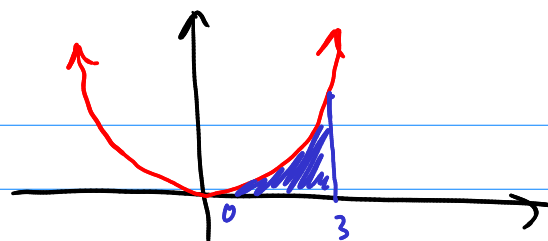
$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{9}{n^2} i^2 \frac{3}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{27}{n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n i^2$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{27}{n^3} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{27 \cdot (n^2 + n)(2n+1)}{6n^3}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{27}{6} \cdot \frac{(2n^3 + 3n^2 + n)^{\frac{1}{n^3}}}{n^3^{\frac{1}{n^3}}}$$

$$= \frac{27}{6} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 + \frac{3}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}}{1} = \frac{27}{6} \cdot \frac{2}{1} = \frac{27}{3} = 9$$



$$\begin{cases} L_3 = 5 \\ R_3 = 14 \end{cases}$$

Exact area is 9!

Notation: $A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{f(x_i^*)}_{\text{Riemann Sum}} \underbrace{\Delta x_i}_{\text{Definite Integral}} = \int_a^b f(x) dx$

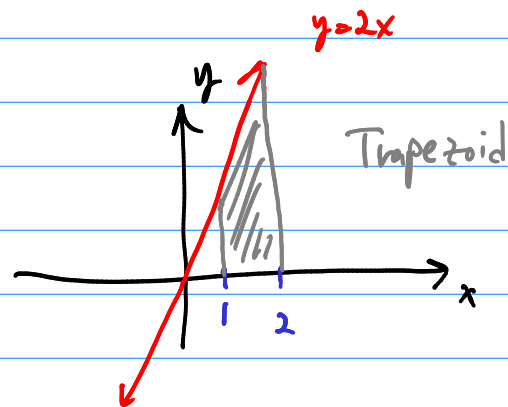
Riemann Sum

Definite Integral

Ex. $\int_0^3 x^2 dx = 9$

Ex. $\int_1^2 2x \, dx = \text{Area under } y=2x \text{ on } [1,2]$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \Delta x$$



$$A = \frac{1}{2} (f(1) + f(2)) \cdot (2-1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (2+4) (1) = 3$$

R.S.

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{2-1}{n} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$a=1$$

$$x_i = a + i\Delta x = 1 + i\frac{1}{n}$$

$$f(x_i) = 2(1 + i\frac{1}{n}) = 2 + i\frac{2}{n}$$

$$\int_1^2 2x \, dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(2 + i\frac{2}{n} \right) \frac{1}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2}{n} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2i}{n^2} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2}{n} \cdot n + \frac{2}{n^2} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(2 + \frac{1 + \frac{1}{n}}{1} \right) = 2+1 = 3 \quad \text{"}$$