5.1 Area

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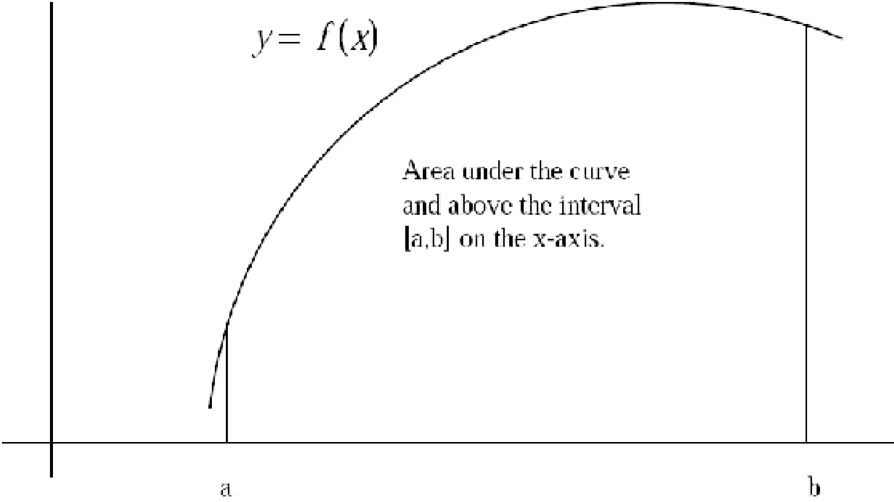
The Area Problem



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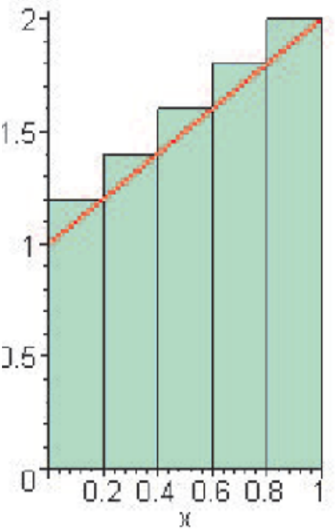
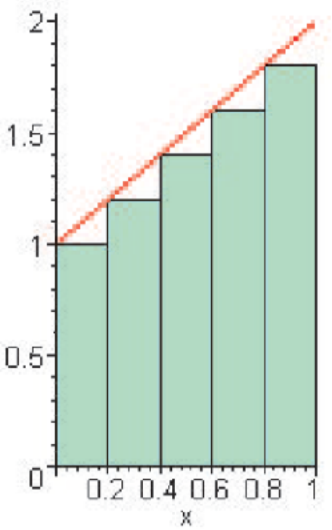
3. Area is additive. That is, if a region is completely divided into a finite number of non-overlapping subregions, then the area of the region is the sum of the areas of the subregions.

Upper and Lower Sums

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





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- The Upper Sum $= 31/20$ and Lower Sum $= 29/20$.

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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

Sigma Notation

- If m and n are integers with $m \leq n$, and if f is a function defined on the integers from m to n, then the symbol

$$\sum_{i=m}^{n} f(i),$$

called sigma notation, is defined to be

$$f(m) + f(m+1) + f(m+2) + \cdots + f(n).$$

Example

1. $\sum_{i=1}^{n} i = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 \cdots + n$
2. $\sum_{i=1}^{n} i^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 \cdots + n^2$
3. $\sum_{i=1}^{n} 1 = \underbrace{1 + 1 + 1 + 1 \cdots + 1}_{ntimes}$

$$\begin{aligned} U(P,f) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} M_i \Delta x \\ L(P,f) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i \Delta x, \end{aligned}$$

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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- Then the Right Riemann Sum is

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and the Left Riemann Sum is

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Area of a region

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The area A of the region S that lies under the graph of the continuous function f is the limit of the sum of the areas of approximating rectangles:

$$A = \lim_{n \to \infty} R_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i)\Delta x.$$

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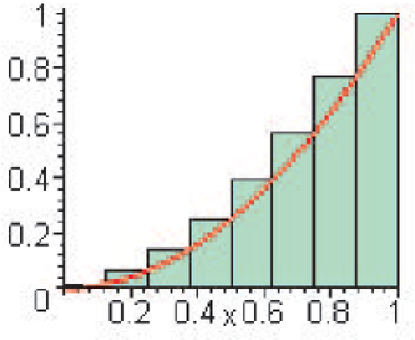
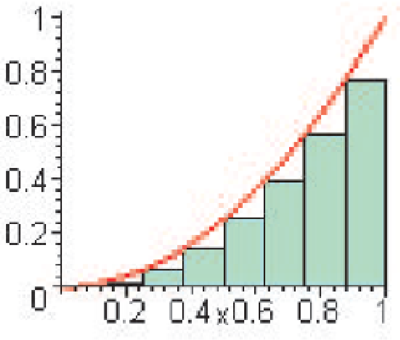
Show that the area under the graph of $y = f(x) = x^2$ on the interval $[0, 1]$ is $\frac{1}{3}$.





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- Then, the definite integral of f from a to b is

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \lim_{nt\to\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i^*)\Delta x.$$

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Evaluate $\int_0^3 (x^3 - 6x)dx$.

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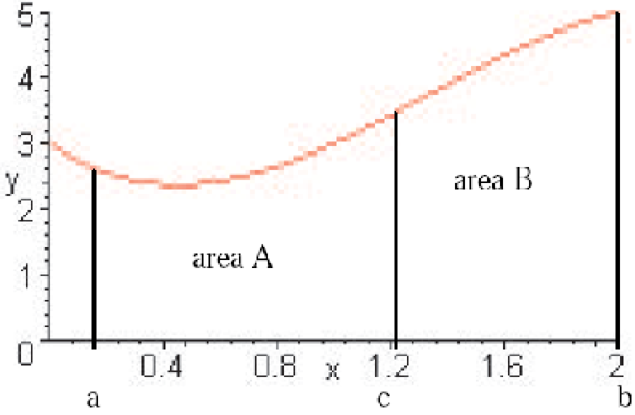
- If $f(x) \leq 0$ on $[a, b]$, then $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ equals the negative of the area of the region between the interval $[a, b]$ and the graph of f.

$$\int_a^c f(x)\,dx + \int_c^b f(x)\,dx = \int_a^b f(x)\,dx.$$



- If f and g are integrable on $[a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b (Af(x) + Bg(x))dx = A \int_a^b f(x)dx + B \int_a^b g(x)dx,$$

for any constants A and B.