

Math 151
Exploring Integrals
Numerical Solutions

1. Let $f(x) = x^2 - 3$. Compute the Riemann sum on the interval $[-2, 10]$...

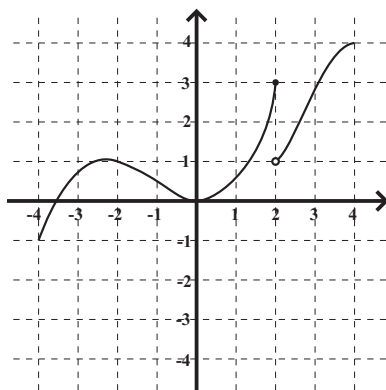
(a) ... with 3 pieces and midpoints.

$$f(0) \cdot 4 + f(4) \cdot 4 + f(8) \cdot 4 = 284$$

(b) ... with 4 pieces and right endpoints.

$$f(1) \cdot 3 + f(4) \cdot 3 + f(7) \cdot 3 + f(10) \cdot 3 = 462$$

2. For the function graphed below, give the Riemann sums using left endpoints and using right endpoints with four equal subintervals.



Left Endpoint Sum $-1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 2 = 6$

Right Endpoint Sum $1 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 2 = 16$

3. Suppose a car is decelerating from a velocity of 120 ft/sec at 20 ft/sec². How far does the car travel before coming to a full stop?

$$a(t) = -20$$

$$v(0) = 120, \text{ and } v(t) = -20t + 120$$

The car stops when $v(t) = 0$ at $t = 6$.

$$\text{The car travels } \int_0^6 (-20t + 120) dt = [-10t^2 + 120t]_0^6 = 360 \text{ ft.}$$

4. Compute the following.

(a) $\int (x^4 - 2x^2 + 1) dx = \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{2x^3}{3} + x + C$

(b) $\int \cos 3\theta d\theta = \frac{1}{3} \sin 3\theta + C$

$$(c) \int_{-1}^8 \sqrt[3]{t} dt = \frac{45}{4}$$

$$(d) \int_{-3}^3 x^3 dx = 0$$

$$(e) \frac{d}{dx} \int_3^x \sec t dt = \sec(x)$$

$$(f) \frac{d}{dx} \int_3^{x^2} \sec t dt = \sec(x^2) \cdot 2x$$

Hint. What is $\frac{d}{dy} \int_3^y \sec t dt$?

$\frac{d}{dy} \int_3^y \sec t dt = \sec y$, so if $y = x^2$, the chain rule tells us that

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_3^{x^2} \sec t dt = \frac{d}{dy} \int_3^{x^2} \sec t dt \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = \sec(x^2) \cdot 2x$$