

Section 5.1 Areas and Distances.

Sigma notation.

**Definition.** If  $a_m, a_{m+1}, a_{m+2}, \dots, a_n$  are real numbers and  $m$  and  $n$  are integers such that  $m \leq n$ , then

$$a_m + a_{m+1} + a_{m+2} + \dots + a_n = \sum_{i=m}^n a_i$$

**Example 1.** Write the sum in sigma notation.

1.  $1+2+4+8+16+32 = 2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^4 + 2^5 = \sum_{i=0}^5 2^i$

2.  $1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{25} = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} = \sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{1}{i^2}$

3.  $\frac{3}{7} + \frac{4}{8} + \frac{5}{9} + \frac{6}{10} + \dots + \frac{23}{27} = \sum_{i=3}^{23} \frac{i}{i+4} = \sum_{j=7}^{27} \frac{j-4}{j}$

**Example 2.** Write the sum in expanded form

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \sum_{i=0}^4 3^i &= 3^0 + 3^1 + 3^2 + 3^3 + 3^4 \\ &= 1 + 3 + 9 + 27 + 81 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \sum_{i=1}^n 2i, \text{ here } n \text{ is an integer} \\ &= 2(1) + 2(2) + 2(3) + \dots + 2(n) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem.** If  $c$  is any constant (this means that  $c$  does not depend on  $i$ ), then

1.  $\sum_{i=1}^n ca_i = c \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$
2.  $\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i$
3.  $\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i - b_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i - \sum_{i=1}^n b_i$

- $\sum_{i=1}^n 1 = n$
- $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
- $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$
- $\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right]^2$
- $\sum_{i=1}^n i^4 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)(3n^2+3n-1)}{30}$
- $\sum_{i=1}^n ar^{i-1} = \frac{a(r^n-1)}{r-1}$

**Example 3.** Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \sum_{i=1}^n (3+2i)^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (9+6i+4i^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n 9 + \sum_{i=1}^n 6i + \sum_{i=1}^n 4i^2 \\
 &= 9 \sum_{i=1}^n 1 + 6 \sum_{i=1}^n i + 4 \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 \\
 &= 9n + 6 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 4 \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \\
 &= \boxed{9n + 3n(n+1) + \frac{2n(n+1)(2n+1)}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2. \sum_{i=1}^n (2i+2^i) &= \sum_{i=1}^n 2i + \sum_{i=1}^n 2^i = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n i + \sum_{i=1}^n 2^i \\
 &= 2 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{2(2^n-1)}{2-1} \\
 &= \boxed{n(n+1) + 2(2^n-1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

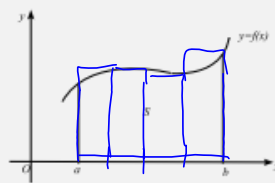
$$\sum_{i=1}^n i$$

$$+ \frac{\begin{array}{ccccccc} | & | & | & | & \dots & | \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & \dots & n \\ \hline n & (n-1) & (n-2) & (n-3) & \dots & 1 \end{array}}{\underbrace{(n+1) + (n+1) + (n+1) + (n+1) + \dots + (n+1)}_{n \text{ terms}}} = n(n+1)$$

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

**Problem.** Find the area of the region  $S$  that lies under the curve  $y = f(x)$  from  $a$  to  $b$ .

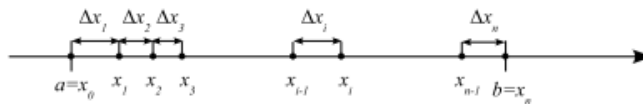
$$S = \{(x, y) : a \leq x \leq b, 0 \leq y \leq f(x)\}$$



$A(S) \approx A(\text{rectangle})$

We start by subdividing the interval  $[a, b]$  into smaller subintervals by choosing partition points  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  so that

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_{n-1} < x_n = b$$



Then the  $n$  subintervals are

$$[x_0, x_1], [x_1, x_2], \dots, [x_{n-1}, x_n]$$

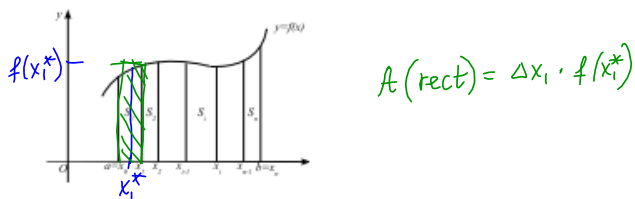
This subdivision is called a **partition** of  $[a, b]$  and we denote it by  $P$ . We use the notation  $\Delta x_i$  for the length of the  $i$ th subinterval  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ .

$$\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$$

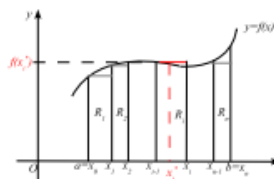
The length of the longest subinterval is denoted by  $\|P\|$  and is called the norm of  $P$ .

$$\|P\| = \max\{\Delta x_1, \Delta x_2, \dots, \Delta x_n\}$$

By drawing the lines  $x = a, x = x_1, \dots, x = b$ , we use the partition  $P$  to divide the region  $S$  into strips  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$ .



We choose a number  $x_i^*$  in each subinterval  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$  and construct a rectangle  $R_i$  with base  $\Delta x_i$  and height  $f(x_i^*)$ .



The area of the  $i$ th rectangle  $R_i$  is

$$A_i = f(x_i^*)\Delta x_i$$

The  $n$  rectangles  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$  form a polygonal approximation to the region  $S$ .

$$A \approx \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*)\Delta x_i = f(x_1^*)\Delta x_1 + f(x_2^*)\Delta x_2 + \dots + f(x_n^*)\Delta x_n$$

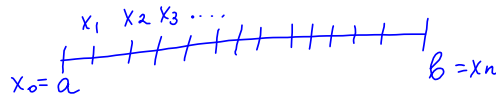
$$A(S) \approx \sum_{i=1}^n A_i = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*)\Delta x_i$$

This approximation becomes better and better as the strips become thinner and thinner, that is, as  $\|P\| \rightarrow 0$ . Then

$$A = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*)\Delta x_i$$

If you break  $[a, b]$  into  $n$  intervals of equal length

$$\Delta x_1 = \Delta x_2 = \Delta x_3 = \dots = \Delta x_n = \frac{b-a}{n} = \Delta x$$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 = a + \Delta x \\ x_2 = x_1 + \Delta x \\ \quad = a + 2\Delta x \\ x_3 = x_2 + \Delta x \\ \quad = a + 3\Delta x \\ \dots \\ x_{n-1} = a + (n-1)\Delta x \\ x_n = b \end{array} \right.$$

$\|P\| \rightarrow 0$  equivalent to  $n \rightarrow \infty$

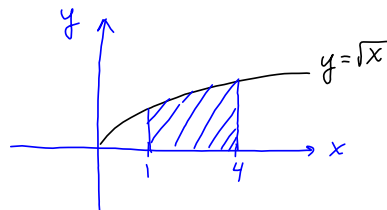
**Example 4.** Determine a region whose area is equal to

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\frac{3}{n}}_{\Delta x} \underbrace{\sqrt{1 + \frac{3i}{n}}}_{f(x_i^*)}$$

DO NOT EVALUATE THE LIMIT.

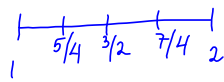
interval of length 3  $\left(\frac{3}{n} = \frac{b-a}{n}\right)$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$
$$x_i^* = \underbrace{1 + \frac{3}{n}}_a \cdot i$$





**Example 5.** Find the area under the curve  $y = 1/x^2$  from 1 to 2. Use four subintervals of equal length and take  $x_i^*$  to be the midpoint of the  $i$ th subinterval.



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}, \quad \Delta x = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 = \frac{5}{4} \\ x_2 = \frac{3}{2} \\ x_3 = \frac{7}{4} \\ x_4 = 2 \end{array} \right\} \text{partition points.}$$

midpoints:  $[1, \frac{5}{4}]$

$$x_1^* = \frac{1 + \frac{5}{4}}{2} = \frac{9}{8}$$

$[\frac{5}{4}, \frac{3}{2}]$

$$x_2^* = \frac{\frac{5}{4} + \frac{3}{2}}{2} = \frac{11}{8}$$

$[\frac{3}{2}, \frac{7}{4}]$

$$x_3^* = \frac{\frac{3}{2} + \frac{7}{4}}{2} = \frac{13}{8}$$

$[\frac{7}{4}, 2]$

$$x_4^* = \frac{\frac{7}{4} + 2}{2} = \frac{15}{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &\approx f(x_1^*)\Delta x + f(x_2^*)\Delta x + f(x_3^*)\Delta x + f(x_4^*)\Delta x \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{(\frac{9}{8})^2} + \frac{1}{(\frac{11}{8})^2} + \frac{1}{(\frac{13}{8})^2} + \frac{1}{(\frac{15}{8})^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

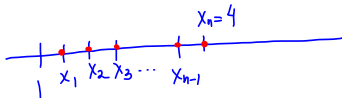
$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot 64 \left[ \frac{1}{81} + \frac{1}{121} + \frac{1}{169} + \frac{1}{225} \right]$$

**Example 6.** Find the area under the curve  $y = x^2 + 3x - 2$  from 1 to 4. Use equal subintervals and take  $x_i^*$  to be the right endpoint of the  $i$ th subinterval.



$n$  subintervals of equal length  
 $\Delta x = \frac{4-1}{n} = \frac{3}{n}$  - length of subintervals.

Partition points:



$$x_0 = 1$$

$$x_1 = 1 + \Delta x = 1 + \frac{3}{n}$$

$$x_2 = x_1 + \Delta x = \left(1 + \frac{3}{n}\right) + \frac{3}{n}$$

$$x_2 = 1 + 2 \cdot \frac{3}{n}$$

$$x_3 = x_2 + \Delta x = \left(1 + 2 \cdot \frac{3}{n}\right) + \frac{3}{n}$$

$$x_3 = 1 + 3 \cdot \frac{3}{n}$$

$$x_i = 1 + i \cdot \frac{3}{n}$$

$x_i^*$  is the right endpoint of the  $i$ th interval

$$x_i^* = 1 + i \cdot \frac{3}{n}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

$$A \approx \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \underbrace{\left(1 + i \cdot \frac{3}{n}\right)^2 + 3 \left(1 + i \cdot \frac{3}{n}\right) - 2}_{(x_i^*)^2 - 3x_i^* - 2} \right] \underbrace{\frac{3}{n}}_{\Delta x}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \left(1 + 2 \cdot \frac{3i}{n} + \left(\frac{3i}{n}\right)^2\right) + 3 + \frac{9i}{n} - 2 \right] \frac{3}{n}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( 2 + \frac{15i}{n} + \frac{9i^2}{n^2} \right) \frac{3}{n} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{6}{n} + \frac{45i}{n^2} + \frac{27i^2}{n^3} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{6}{n} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{45i}{n^2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{27i^2}{n^3}$$

$$= \frac{6}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 1 + \frac{45}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n i + \frac{27}{n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n i^2$$

$$= \frac{6}{n} \cdot n + \frac{45}{n^2} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{27}{n^3} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ 6 + \frac{45}{n} \cdot \frac{n+1}{2} + \frac{27}{n^2} \cdot \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right]$$

$$= 6 + \frac{45}{2} + 9 = \boxed{\frac{75}{2}}$$

$$27 \cdot \frac{2}{6} = 9$$