

1. In this problem you will work out the definition of the integral of a continuous as the area under the curve. You may already know the answer from your book, but the point is to understand the answer. Do the following steps both for a specific function $g(x) = x^2$ on the interval $[0,4]$ and for a general continuous, differentiable function $f(x)$ on the interval $[a,b]$. (For now assume $f(x)$ is positive, so its graph is above the x-axis.)

- (a) Sketch the function and interval.
- (b) Approximate the area under the function on the given interval by sketching four rectangles with their left-hand basepoint on the graph of the function. Write this approximation as a sum.
- (c) Do the same type of approximation but now with n rectangles. This is the left-hand Riemann Sum.
- (d) Write the exact area under the curve as a limit of the sum.

Note: When evaluating integrals of general functions, it is important to think about using more general partitions than we have done here. But, as long as $f(x)$ is continuous and differentiable on $[a,b]$, this limit of the left-hand Riemann Sum is equal to the integral $\int_a^b f(x)dx$, and it doesn't matter if we use left, right, or mid points for the rectangles.

2. In this problem, you may choose values for a and b , or you may do your computations with a and b as symbolic constants.

- (a) Find a formula for the right Riemann sum of $f(x) = 2x + 1$ over the interval $[a, b]$, where a and b are constants with $a < b$.
- (b) Compute the area under the graph of $y = f(x)$ as a limit. (Your answer may involve a and b .)

You may use the following fact as given: $\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ (but for general interest I am attaching a proof of that fact that you can read later.)

- (c) Check your answer using geometry.

3. Prove that $\frac{1}{3} \leq \int_4^6 \frac{1}{x} dx \leq \frac{1}{2}$ without evaluating the integral. (Hint: Draw a picture and think about areas.)

4. Compute the following integrals by drawing a graph and using what you know about area.

- (a) $\int_1^4 x - 2 dx$
- (b) $\int_0^3 |x - 1| dx$
- (c) $\int_0^1 \sqrt{1 - x^2} dx$