

Review from last lecture: Suppose  $f(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ ,  $f(x) \geq 0$ .

Divide  $[a, b]$  into  $n$  equal subintervals of width  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$ .

Pick “sample points”  $x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_n^*$  in the subintervals.

Form the **Riemann sum**

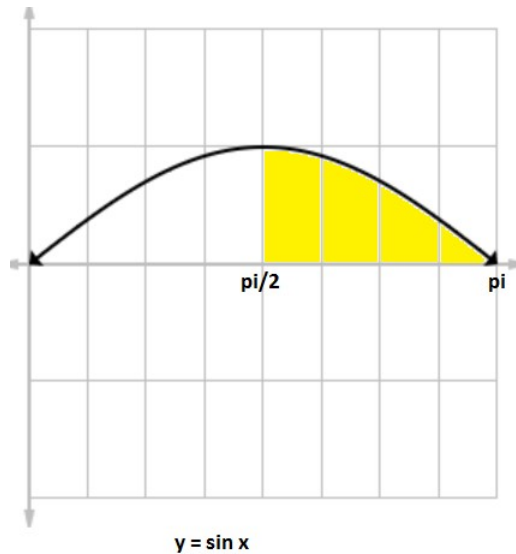
$$S = f(x_1^*)\Delta x + f(x_2^*)\Delta x + \dots + f(x_n^*)\Delta x = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*)\Delta x$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*)\Delta x = \text{area } A \text{ under graph and above } [a, b]$$

*Because  $f$  is continuous, it can be shown that the limit will exist and always be the same no matter how the  $x_i$ s are chosen. So, for example, if the  $x_i^*$ 's are the right or left endpoints, then we get the same value for  $A$  :*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n = A$$

Q1: Approximate the area  $A$  under the graph of  $y = \sin x$  and above the interval  $[\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi]$  using  $n = 4$  and choosing right endpoints as sample points in each subinterval.



The Riemann sum looks like

$$R_4 = \sum_{i=1}^4 f(x_i^*) \Delta x = f(x_1^*) \Delta x + f(x_2^*) \Delta x + f(x_3^*) \Delta x + f(x_4^*) \Delta x$$

What is  $\Delta x$  and what is  $x_3^*$

- A)  $\Delta x = \frac{\pi}{4}$     $x_3^* = \frac{6\pi}{8}$       B)  $\Delta x = \frac{\pi}{4}$     $x_3^* = \frac{7\pi}{8}$   
 C)  $\Delta x = \frac{\pi}{8}$     $x_3^* = \frac{6\pi}{8}$       D)  $\Delta x = \frac{\pi}{8}$     $x_3^* = \frac{7\pi}{8}$   
 E)  $\Delta x = \frac{\pi}{2}$     $x_3^* = \frac{7\pi}{8}$

Answer D):  $\Delta x = \frac{\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}}{4} = \frac{\pi}{8}$

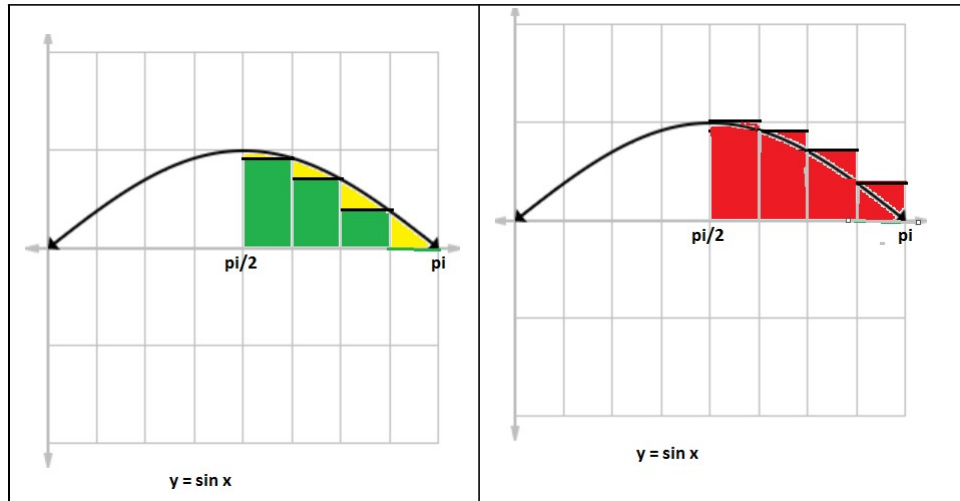
*In the yellow shaded area, the interval  $[\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi]$  is divided into 4 subintervals of width  $\frac{\pi}{8}$ . The right endpoints are  $\frac{5\pi}{8}, \frac{6\pi}{8}, \frac{7\pi}{8}, \frac{8\pi}{8} = \pi$ . The third right endpoint is  $x_3^* = \frac{7\pi}{8}$ .*

More completely,

$$\begin{aligned} R_4 &= \sum_{i=1}^4 f(x_i^*) \Delta x = \sum_{i=1}^4 f\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{i\pi}{8}\right) \Delta x = \sum_{i=1}^4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{i\pi}{8}\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \\ &= \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{8}\right) \frac{\pi}{8} + \sin\left(\frac{6\pi}{8}\right) \frac{\pi}{8} + \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right) \frac{\pi}{8} + \sin\left(\frac{8\pi}{8}\right) \frac{\pi}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left( \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{8}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{6\pi}{8}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{8\pi}{8}\right) \right) \frac{\pi}{8} \approx 0.7908, \text{ and}$$

$$L_4 = \left( \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{8}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{8}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{6\pi}{8}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right) \right) \frac{\pi}{8} \approx 1.1835$$



Since  $f(x) = \sin x$  is decreasing on the interval  $[\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi]$ ,  $R_n$  will always underestimate the area  $A$  (see green rectangles on the left for  $n = 4$ ) and  $L_n$  (see red rectangles on the right) will always overestimate the area  $A$ .

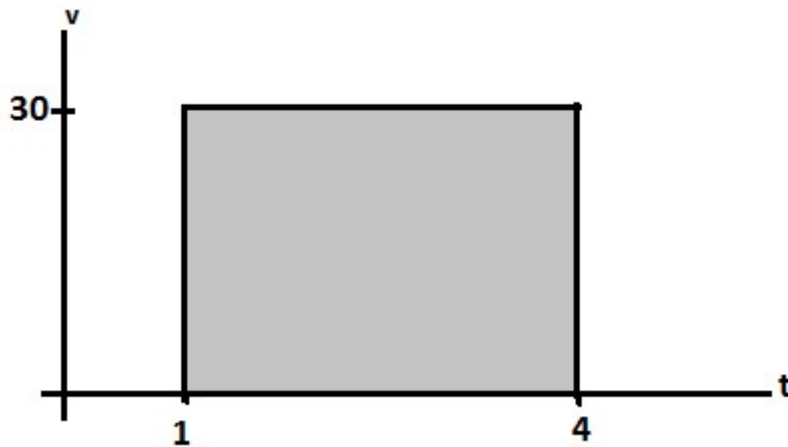
For some other values of  $n$  :

$n$	$R_n$	$L_n$
4	0.7908	1.1835
8	0.8986	1.0950
50	0.9842	1.0156
100	0.9921	1.0078
500	0.9984	1.0016
1000	0.9992	1.0008

which shows that  $0.9992 < A < 1.008$

The table might lead us to **guess** that the area  $A$  under  $\sin x$  over the interval  $[\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi] = 1$

Example: Suppose  $v(t) = 30$  m/sec is the velocity (constant) of a point moving along a straight line at time  $t$  sec, where  $1 \leq t \leq 4$  :

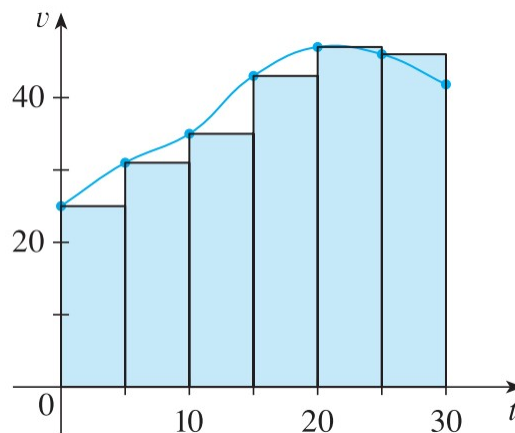


The area under the graph  $30(3) = 90$  has a physical interpretation:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{(rate)(time) = distance} \\ \text{(m/sec)(sec) } \quad \text{(m)} \end{array}$$

That is, the area under this constant velocity function over the time interval  $[1, 4]$  also represents distance traveled for  $1 \leq t \leq 4 = 90$ m

If the velocity function  $v(t) \geq 0$  is not constant then we can approximate the area under the graph using a Riemann sum ( $L_6$  in the picture below).



$$\text{Sum of blue rectangle areas} \approx \begin{cases} \text{area under the graph} \\ \text{total distance traveled for } 0 \leq t \leq 30 \end{cases}$$

A Riemann sum has both a geometric and a physical meaning here. Taking the limit (using  $L_n$ ) :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n = \begin{cases} \text{area under the graph of } v(t) \text{ and above } [0, 30] \\ \text{total distance traveled for } 0 \leq t \leq 30 \end{cases}$$

We now restate our procedure and make a definition. The only real change is that we no longer require  $f(x) \geq 0$ .

**Definition** Suppose  $f(x)$  continuous on  $[a, b]$  (or even that  $f(x)$  has a finite number of jump discontinuities)

**(We no longer ask that  $f(x) \geq 0$ )**

Divide  $[a, b]$  into  $n$  subintervals of width  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$ .

Let  $x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_n^*$  be “sample points” chosen from each of the subintervals.

Form the Riemann sum  $S = f(x_1^*)\Delta x + f(x_2^*)\Delta x + \dots + f(x_n^*)\Delta x = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*)\Delta x$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*)\Delta x$  is a number called the integral of  $f(x)$  from  $a$  to  $b$  which is denoted by the symbol  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$

Thus  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*)\Delta x$

*It can be proven that when  $f$  is continuous (or has a finite number of jump discontinuities) that this limit always exists and does not depend on how the  $x_i$ 's are chosen. So we could also write, for example,*

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \begin{cases} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n & \text{or} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n \end{cases}$$

- The numbers  $a$  and  $b$  are called the “limits” for the integral.
- Think of  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  as a single symbol, not a multiplication: the  $x$  just serves as a reminder of what variable is involved in the integral which can be handy in complicated problems. However if the reminder isn't needed, someone might drop out the  $x$ 's altogether and just write  $\int_a^b f$ .

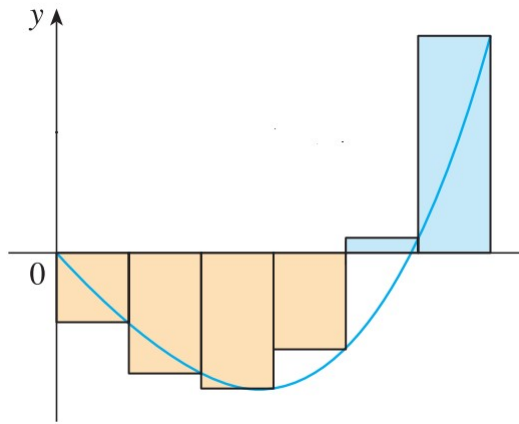
So, if  $y = f(x) \geq 0$ ,  $\int_a^b (f(x))dx =$  the area under the graph over  $[a, b]$

if  $v(t) \geq 0$  is a velocity function,  $\int_a^b v(t)dt =$  the total distance traveled between times  $t = a$  and  $t = b$ .

- the letter used for the variable isn't important. We could have  $y = f(x) = x^2$  or velocity  $v(t) = t^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 x^2 dx &= \frac{1}{3} \text{ (worked out in preceding lecture) } = \text{area under the graph} \\ \int_0^1 t^2 dt &= \frac{1}{3} \text{ (total distance traveled).} \end{aligned}$$

What happens if  $f(x)$  is sometimes negative? For example:



(In the picture, the rectangles are “right endpoint rectangles”)

In the Riemann sum corresponding to this picture:

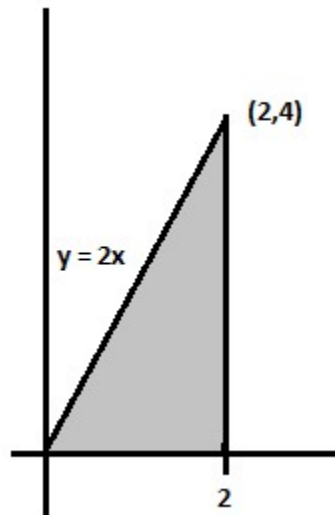
$$R_6 = f(x_1^*)\Delta x + \dots + f(x_4^*)\Delta x + f(x_5^*)\Delta x + f(x_6^*)\Delta x$$

$f(x_1^*)$ , ...,  $f(x_4^*)$  are negative numbers, so each term like  $f(x_1^*)\Delta x$  is the negative of the area of the corresponding rectangle in the picture; the blue terms represent positive areas, as before.

In each Riemann sum  $R_n$  there will “cancellation” of areas that count as positive and negative. The result is that the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = \int_0^3 f(x) dx =$  “net signed area” = “area above the  $x$ -axis” – “area below the  $x$  – axis.”

Example: Find  $\int_0^2 2x \, dx$ .

We know that the integral gives the shaded area, so by geometry, we know the answer:



$$\text{Area under graph} = \frac{1}{2}(2)(4) = 4 = \int_0^2 2x \, dx$$

But let's work out the integral using a limit of Riemann sums and, since it doesn't matter how we choose the sample points, we will use right endpoint Riemann sums  $R_n$ .

Q2: Which expression gives the right endpoint Riemann sum for  $\int_0^2 2x \, dx$ ?

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{A) } R_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{4i}{n} \cdot \frac{3}{n} & \text{B) } R_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{4i}{n} \cdot \frac{2}{n} \quad \text{C) } R_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2i}{n} \cdot \frac{2}{n} \\ \text{D) } R_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i}{n} \cdot \frac{2}{n} & \text{E) } R_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{4i}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \end{array}$$

*Answer:*  $\Delta x = \frac{2-0}{n} = \frac{2}{n}$ . The right endpoints of the  $n$  subintervals are  $\frac{2}{n}, 2(\frac{2}{n}) = \frac{4}{n}, 3(\frac{2}{n}) = \frac{6}{n}, \dots, i(\frac{2}{n}), \dots, n(\frac{2}{n}) = 2$

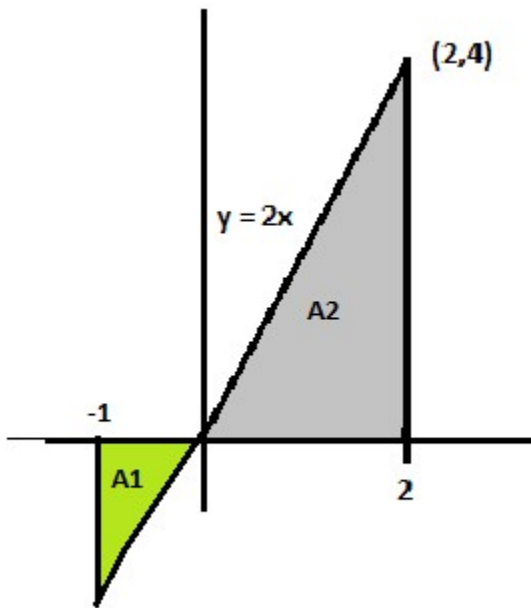
$$\text{So } R_n = \sum_{i=1}^n f(i(\frac{2}{n}))\Delta x = \sum_{i=1}^n (2(i(\frac{2}{n})))\Delta x = \sum_{i=1}^n (\frac{4i}{n}) \cdot \frac{2}{n} \quad (\text{Answer B})$$

To continue:

$$\int_0^2 2x \, dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{8i}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8}{n^2} \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n^2 + 4n}{n^2} = 4 \quad (\text{the same answer, of course, as computed using the formula for the area of a right triangle}).$$

Example What is  $\int_{-1}^2 2x \, dx$ ?



Just arguing geometrically  $\int_{-1}^2 2x \, dx = \text{area } A_2 - \text{area } A_1 = 4 - 1 = 3$

Example (a hint of an easier way to do such calculations)

Suppose a point moves along a line with position  $s = t^2$   $0 \leq t \leq 2$ )

Then velocity is  $v = \frac{ds}{dt} = 2t$

How far does it travel?

One solution :  $s(2) - s(0) = 4 - 0 = 4$

(since  $v \geq 0$ , there is no change in direction of motion, so this calculation gives total distance traveled)

Another solution: distance traveled  $= \int_0^2 v(t) \, dt = \int_0^2 2t \, dt = 4$  (as calculated above)

Of course, both methods produced the same solution. In other words

$$\int_0^2 v(t) \, dt = s(2) - s(0)$$

The integral, in this example, can be found by 1) finding an antiderivative  $s = t^2$



for the function  $v = 2t$ , substituting to get  $S(2)$  and  $s(0)$ , then subtracting.

We will see that a method like this always works — but we're not quite there yet!