## **Problem Set** (Area, Distance, and the Definite Integral)

- 1. Estimate the area under the graph of  $f(x) = 1 + x^2$  from x = -1 to x = 2 using 3 rectangles (same width) and the right endpoints. Then improve your estimate using 6 rectangles (same width) and the right endpoints.
- 2. A car traveling for 5 hours has a velocity given by

$$v(t) = \begin{cases} 40 \text{ if } 0 \le t \le 2\\ 50 \text{ if } 2 < t \le 3\\ 20 + 5t \text{ if } 3 < t \le 5 \end{cases}$$

What is the total distance traveled?

3. The speed of a runner increased steadily during the 1st 3 seconds of a race. Her speed at half-second intervals is given in the table. Find the lower and upper estimates for the distance that she traveled during these 3 seconds.

t in seconds	0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2	2.5	3.0
v in ft/sec	0	6.2	10.8	14.9	18.1	19.4	20.2

- 4. Let  $f(x) = x^3 + 4$  where  $-1 \le x \le 6$ . Consider the partition [-1, 2], [2, 4], and [4, 6]. Find the Riemann Sum where  $x_1, x_2,$  and  $x_3$  are a) -1, 2, and 4 b) 2, 3, and 4 c) 0, 4, and 6
- 5. If  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  where  $4 \le x \le 16$ . Consider the partition [4,6], [6,8], [8,10], [10,12], [12,14], and [14,16]. Find the Riemann Sum using the a) right endpoints b) left endpoints c) the midpoints

6. Evaluate  $\int_{2}^{10} f(x) dx$  given that f(x) has the graph shown.



- 7. Use the midpoint rule to estimate the value of  $\int_{2}^{10} \sqrt{x^3 + 1} dx$  using 4 rectangles of the same width. Evaluate this integral using your calculator.
- 8. Use the midpoint rule to estimate the value of  $\int_0^3 e^{x/2} dx$  using 6 rectangles of the same width. Evaluate this integral using your calculator.
- 9. Evaluate the definite integral  $\int_0^{10} \sqrt{100 x^2} \, dx$  by evaluating the area under the graph.
- 10. Evaluate the integral  $\int_{-2}^{2} \sin x \, dx$  by examining the area between the x-axis and the graph.

## **Solutions**



If we use 3 rectangles, then [-1, 2] is partitioned into [-1, 0], [0, 1], and [1, 2] where each rectangle has width 1. If we use the right endpoints, then the rectangles have height  $1 + 0^2 = 1$ ,  $1 + 1^2 = 2$ , and  $1 + 2^2 = 5$ . The sum of the areas of the 3 rectangles is (1)(1) + (1)(2) + (1)(5) = 8 which is a rough approximation of the area.

If we use 6 rectangles, then the partition of [-1, 2] is  $[-1, -0.5], [-0.5, 0], \dots, [1.5, 2]$ . The rectangles have height  $1+(-.5)^2, 1+0^2, \dots, 1+(2)^2$ . The area of the 6 rectangles is  $[1+(-.5)^2](.5)+(1+0^2)(.5)+(1+.5^2)(.5)+(1+1^2)(.5)+(1+1.5^2)(.5)+(1+2^2)(.5)$ =6.875.

2. The graph of v as a function of t is shown below.



The total distance is the area between the t-axis and the graph. The total area is (2)(40) + (1)(50) + (2)(40) = 210 and the total distance traveled is 210 miles. Note for the last 2 hours I used the average of 35 and 45 which is 40 mph.

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3. The lower estimate is obtained by using v at the left endpoints of the subintervals. So for example, we assume that for the 1st 1/2 second v = 0, and for the next 1/2 second, v = 6.2. Therefore the lower estimate is  $(.5)(0) + (.5)(6.2) + (.5)(10.8) + \ldots + (.5)(19.4) =$  $.5(0 + 6.2 + \cdots + 19.4) = 34.7 \text{ feet.}$ 

The upper estimate uses v at the right endpoints which means for the 1st 1/2 second we assume v = 6.2. The upper estimate is .5(6.2+10.8+14.9+18.1+19.4+20.2) = 44.8

- 4. a) The Riemann sum is  $(3)((-1)^3 + 4) + (2)(2^3 + 4) + (2)(4^3 + 4) = (3)(3) + (2)(12) + (2)(68) = 169$ 
  - b) The Riemann sum is

$$(3)(2^{3}+4) + (2)(3^{3}+4) + (2)(4^{3}+4) =$$

- (3)(12) + (2)(31) + (2)(68) = 234
- c) The Riemann sum is

$$(3)(0+4) + (2)(4^3+4) + (2)(6^3+4) (3)(4) + (2)(68) + (2)(220) = 588$$

5. a) Using the right endpoints the Riemann sum is  $(2)(\sqrt{6}) + (2)(\sqrt{8}) + \dots + (2)(\sqrt{16}) = 2(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{8} + \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{12} + \sqrt{14} + \sqrt{16}) = 39.292$ 

b) Using the left endpoints the Riemann sum is  $2\sqrt{4} + 2\sqrt{6} + \dots + 2\sqrt{14} =$   $2\left(\sqrt{4} + \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{8} + \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{12} + \sqrt{14}\right) = 35.292$ 

c) Using the midpoints the Riemann sum is

$$2\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{7} + \dots + 2\sqrt{15} =$$
  
2  $(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7} + \sqrt{9} + \sqrt{11} + \sqrt{13} + \sqrt{15}) = 37.354$ 

6. a)



The integral is equal to the sum of the areas of the rectangle and the 2 triangles. This total area is  $(3)(4) + \frac{1}{2}(3)(4) + \frac{1}{2}(2)(5) = 12 + 6 + 5 = 23$ .





The integral is equal to the area above the x-axis (blue area) minus the area below the x-axis (red area). This is equal to

$$\frac{1}{2}(2)(6) - \left(4 \times 2 + \frac{1}{2}2 \times 2\right) = 6 - 10 = -4.$$

7. If we use 4 rectangles of the same width then the partition is [2,4], [4,6], [6,8], and [8,10].

For most functions, it is best to use the midpoints of the subintervals. This is called the midpoint rule.

$$\int_{2}^{10} \sqrt{x^{3} + 1} \, dx \approx (2) \left(\sqrt{3^{3} + 1}\right) + (2) \left(\sqrt{5^{3} + 1}\right) + (2) \left(\sqrt{7^{3} + 1}\right) + (2) \left(\sqrt{9^{3} + 1}\right) = 124.164$$

Using a calculator,  $\int_{2}^{10} \sqrt{x^3 + 1} \, dx = 124.616$ .

- The subintervals are  $[0,\,0.5],\,[0.5,\,1],\,\ldots,\,[2.5,\,3].$  The midpoints are 0.25, 0.75, 1.25, 1.75, 2.25, and 2.75 . 8.  $\int_{a}^{b} e^{x/2} dx =$  $0.5(e^{.25/2} + e^{.75/2} + e^{1.25/2} + e^{1.75/2} + e^{2.25/2} + e^{2.75/2}) =$ 6.945. Using a calculator,  $\int_{0}^{3} e^{x/2} dx = 6.963$ .
- 9. The graph of  $y = \sqrt{100 x^2}$ ,  $0 \le x \le 10$ , is 1/4 of a circle.



The integral is equal to the area which is  $\frac{1}{4}\pi r^2 = \frac{1}{4}\pi (10)^2 = 25\pi$ .

10.  $\int_{-\infty}^{2} \sin x \, dx$  is equal to the area above the x-axis minus the area below the x-axis.  $2 - \pi$ 



The red area cancels the blue area and  $\int_{-\infty}^{2} \sin x \, dx = 0$ .