

Section 4.8: Antiderivatives; Differential Equations

Definition: A function F is called an antiderivative of f on an interval I if

$$F'(x) = f(x) \quad \text{for all } x \text{ in } I.$$

As a consequence of the Mean Value Theorem, we have ...

Theorem: If F is any antiderivative of f on an interval I , then the *most general* antiderivative of f on I is

$$F(x) + C \quad \text{where } C \text{ is an arbitrary constant.}$$

Find the most general antiderivative of f .

$$f(x) = \frac{4x^4 + 1}{x}, \quad I = (0, \infty)$$

We want to recognize f as the derivative of something.

We'll use algebra to make f recognizable.

$$f(x) = \frac{4x^4 + 1}{x} = \frac{4x^4}{x} + \frac{1}{x} = 4x^3 + \frac{1}{x}$$

$$F(x) = x^4 + \ln x + C$$

Check

$$F'(x) = 4x^3 + \frac{1}{x} + 0 = 4x^3 + \frac{1}{x} \quad \checkmark$$

Question: Find the most general antiderivative of f .

$$f(x) = \frac{3x-1}{x}, \quad I = (0, \infty)$$

~~(a)~~ $F(x) = \frac{\frac{3x^2}{2} - x}{\frac{x^2}{2}} + C$

← it is not legitimate to take the antiderivative of individual factors in a quotient or product.

(b) $F(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} + C$

(c) $F(x) = 3x - \ln x + C$

Find the most general antiderivative of

$$f(x) = x^n, \quad \text{where } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

We'll make a guess as to the form of an antiderivative,

$$F(x) = Ax^k \quad \text{where } A \text{ and } k \text{ are constants.}$$

$$\text{We need } F'(x) = f(x) \Rightarrow Akx^{k-1} = x^n$$

$$\text{This gives } k-1 = n \quad (\text{match powers})$$

$$\text{and } Ak = 1 \quad (\text{match coefficients})$$

So $k = n + 1$ and $A(n+1) = 1 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{n+1}$

This means that $F(x) = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1}$

The most general anti-derivative of x^n is

$$\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$$

The **power rule** for anti-derivatives.

This actually holds for all $n \neq -1$.

Some general results¹:

(See the table on page 330 in Sullivan & Miranda for a more comprehensive list.)

Function	Particular Antiderivative	Function	Particular Antiderivative
$cf(x)$	$cF(x)$	$\cos x$	$\sin x$
$f(x) + g(x)$	$F(x) + G(x)$	$\sin x$	$-\cos x$
$x^n, n \neq -1$	$\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$	$\sec^2 x$	$\tan x$
$\frac{1}{x}$	$\ln x $	$\csc x \cot x$	$-\csc x$
$\frac{1}{x^2+1}$	$\tan^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$\sin^{-1} x$

¹We'll use the term **particular antiderivative** to refer to any antiderivative that has no arbitrary constant in it.

Example

Find the most general antiderivative of $h(x) = x\sqrt{x}$ on $(0, \infty)$.

$$h(x) = x\sqrt{x} = x \cdot x^{1/2} = x^{3/2}$$

power
rule

power rule w/ $n = \frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{3}{2} + 1 = \frac{5}{2}$

$$\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

$$H(x) = \frac{1}{5/2} x^{5/2} + C$$

$$H(x) = \frac{2}{5} x^{5/2} + C$$

Example

Determine the function $H(x)$ that satisfies the following conditions

$$H'(x) = x\sqrt{x}, \quad \text{for all } x > 0, \text{ and } H(1) = 0.$$

From the last example, H must have

$$\text{the form } H(x) = \frac{2}{5} x^{5/2} + C.$$

We impose $H=0$ when $x=1$

$$0 = \frac{2}{5} (1)^{5/2} + C \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{2}{5} + C \Rightarrow C = -\frac{2}{5}$$

$$\text{So our } H(x) = \frac{2}{5} x^{5/2} - \frac{2}{5}.$$

↑
this means
that the
point
(1, 0) must
be on
H's graph

Example

A **differential equation** is an equation that involves the derivative(s) of an unknown function. **Solving** such an equation would mean finding such an unknown function.

For example, we just solved the differential equation

$$\frac{dH}{dx} = x\sqrt{x}$$

subject to the additional condition that $H = 0$ when $x = 1$.

The condition $H(1) = 0$ is usually called an **initial condition** if x represents time. It may be called a **boundary condition** if x represents space.

Question

The **most general** solution to the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 1 \quad \text{is}$$

(a) $y = 2x + 1 + C$

(b) $y = x^2 + 1 + C$

(c) $y = x^2 + x$

(d) $y = x^2 + x + C$

Question

The solution to the differential equation subject to the boundary condition

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x + 1 \quad y(1) = -2 \quad \text{when } x=1, y=-2$$

(a) $y = x^2 + x - 2$

(b) $y = x^2 + x - 4$

(c) $y = x^2 + x$

(d) $y = x^2 + x + C - 2$

$$y = x^2 + x + C$$

$$-2 = 1^2 + 1 + C$$

$$-2 = 2 + C \Rightarrow C = -4$$

Example

A particle moves along the x -axis so that its acceleration at time t is given by

$$a(t) = 12t - 2 \quad \text{m/sec}^2.$$

At time $t = 0$, the velocity v and position s of the particle are known to be

$$v(0) = 3 \quad \text{m/sec}, \quad \text{and} \quad s(0) = 4 \quad \text{m}.$$

Find the position $s(t)$ of the particle for all $t > 0$.

We know that $a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt}$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 12t - 2 \quad \text{with} \quad v(0) = 3$$

$$v = 12 \frac{t^2}{2} - 2t + C = 6t^2 - 2t + C$$

power
rule
 $\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$

Impose $v(0) = 3$ $3 = 6 \cdot 0^2 - 2 \cdot 0 + C \Rightarrow C = 3$

So the velocity $v(t) = 6t^2 - 2t + 3$ m/sec

Since $v(t) = \frac{ds}{dt}$, we have to solve

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = 6t^2 - 2t + 3 \quad \text{with } s(0) = 4$$

$$s = 6 \frac{t^3}{3} - 2 \cdot \frac{t^2}{2} + 3t + C$$

$$s = 2t^3 - t^2 + 3t + C$$

Impose $s(0) = 4$

$$4 = 2 \cdot 0^3 - 0^2 + 3 \cdot 0 + C \Rightarrow C = 4$$

So the particle's position

$$s(t) = 2t^3 - t^2 + 3t + 4 \quad \text{m}$$

Section 5.1: Area (under the graph of a nonnegative function)

We will investigate the area enclosed by the graph of a function f . We'll make the following assumptions (for now):

- ▶ f is continuous on the interval $[a, b]$, and
- ▶ f is nonnegative, i.e $f(x) \geq 0$, on $[a, b]$.

Our Goal: Find the area of such a region.

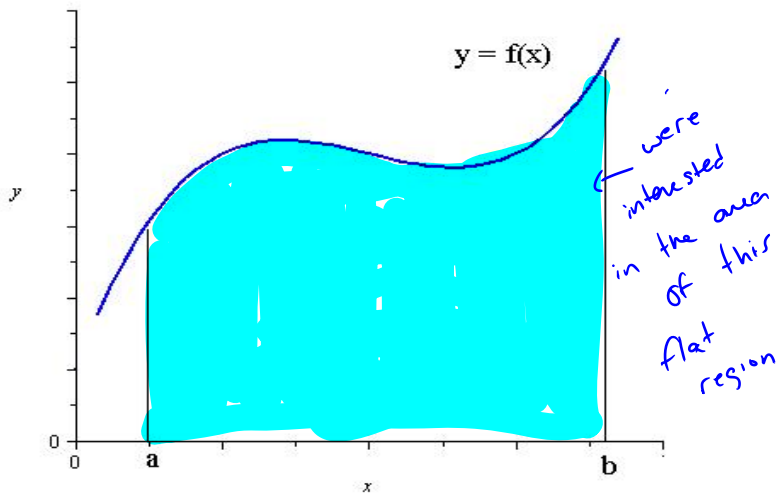


Figure: Region under a positive curve $y = f(x)$ on an interval $[a, b]$.

We could approximate with rectangles determined by left end points.

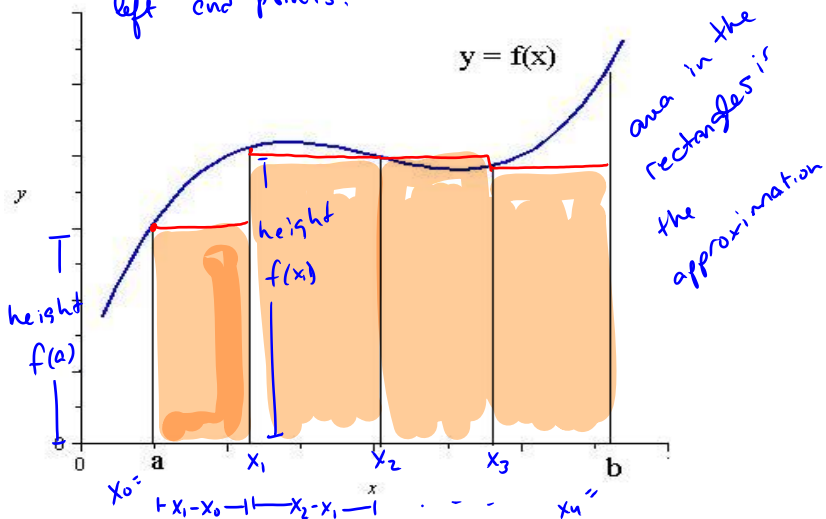


Figure: We could approximate the area by filling the space with rectangles.

We could use right end points instead.

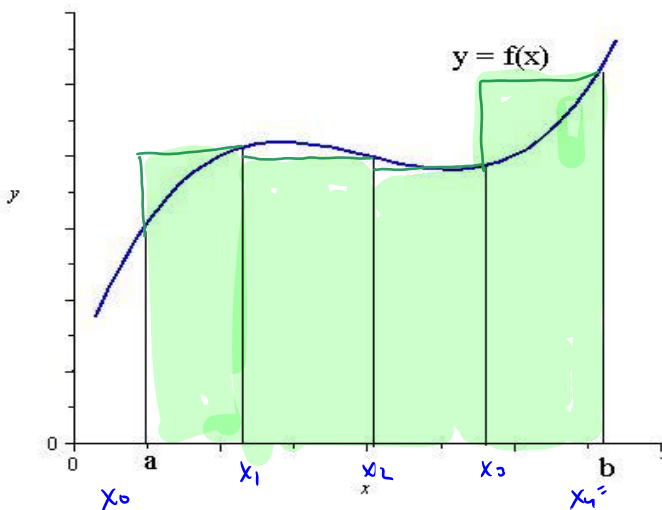


Figure: We could approximate the area by filling the space with rectangles.

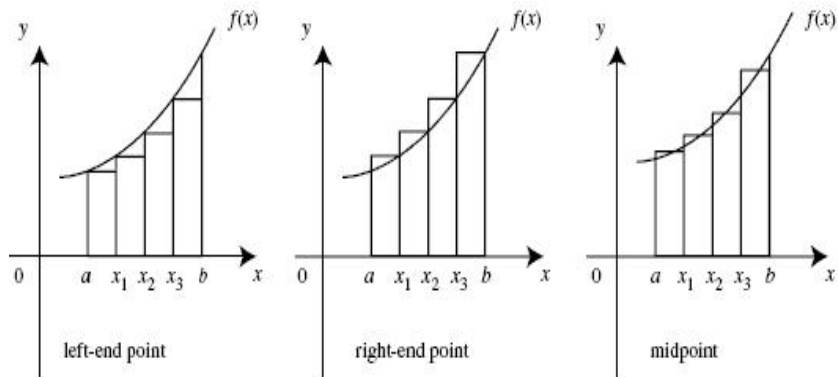


Figure: Some choices as to how to define the heights.

Approximating Area Using Rectangles

We can experiment with

- ▶ Which points to use for the heights (left, right, middle, other....)
- ▶ How many rectangles we use

to try to get a good approximation.

Definition: We will define the true area to be value we obtain taking the limit as the number of rectangles goes to $+\infty$.

Some terminology

- ▶ A **Partition** P of an interval $[a, b]$ is a collection of points $\{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ such that

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = b.$$

- ▶ A **Subinterval** is one of the intervals $x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i$ determined by a partition.
- ▶ The width of a subinterval is denoted $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$. If they are all the same size (equal spacing), then

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{n}, \quad \text{and this is called the **norm** of the partition.}$$

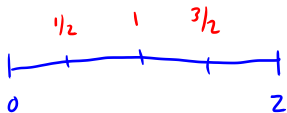
- ▶ A set of **sample points** is a set $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$ such that $x_{i-1} \leq c_i \leq x_i$.

Taking the number of rectangles to ∞ is the same as taking the width $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$.

Example:

Write an equally spaced partition of the interval $[0, 2]$ with the specified number of subintervals, and determine the norm Δx .

(a) For $n = 4$



$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{2-0}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_0 = 0$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_2 = 1$$

$$x_3 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$x_4 = 2$$

Note

$$x_0 = a$$

$$x_1 = a + 1 \cdot \Delta x$$

$$x_2 = a + 2 \Delta x$$

$$x_3 = a + 3 \Delta x$$

In general

$$x_i = a + i \Delta x$$

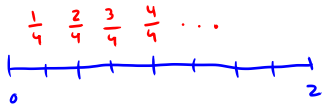
$$i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Example:

Write an equally spaced partition of the interval $[0, 2]$ with the specified number of subintervals, and determine the norm Δx .

(b) For $n = 8$

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{2-0}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$$



$$x_0 = 0$$

$$x_4 = 1$$

$$x_7 = \frac{7}{4}$$

Note

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$x_5 = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$x_8 = 2$$

$$x_i = 0 + i\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_6 = \frac{3}{2}$$

\uparrow
a

\uparrow
 Δx

$$x_3 = \frac{3}{4}$$

Question

$n=6$
↓

Write an equally spaced partition of the interval $[0, 2]$ with 6 subintervals, and determine the norm Δx .

(a) $\{0, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 1, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{5}{3}, 2\}$ $\Delta x = \frac{1}{3}$

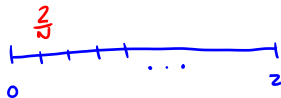
$$\Delta x = \frac{2-0}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

(b) $\{0, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 1, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{5}{3}, 2\}$ $\Delta x = \frac{1}{6}$

(c) $\{0, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, 1, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{7}{6}, 2\}$ $\Delta x = \frac{1}{3}$

(c) Find an equally spaced partition of $[0, 2]$ having N subintervals. What is the norm Δx ?

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{2-0}{N} = \frac{2}{N}$$



$$x_0 = 0$$

$$x_1 = \frac{2}{N} = 0 + 1 \cdot \Delta x$$

$$x_2 = 2 \cdot \frac{2}{N} = 0 + 2 \Delta x$$

$$x_3 = 3 \cdot \frac{2}{N} = 0 + 3 \Delta x$$

$$x_i = i \cdot \frac{2}{N} = \frac{2i}{N}$$

for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$

Note $x_N = N \cdot \frac{2}{N} = 2$ as required.

Approximating area with a Partition and sample points

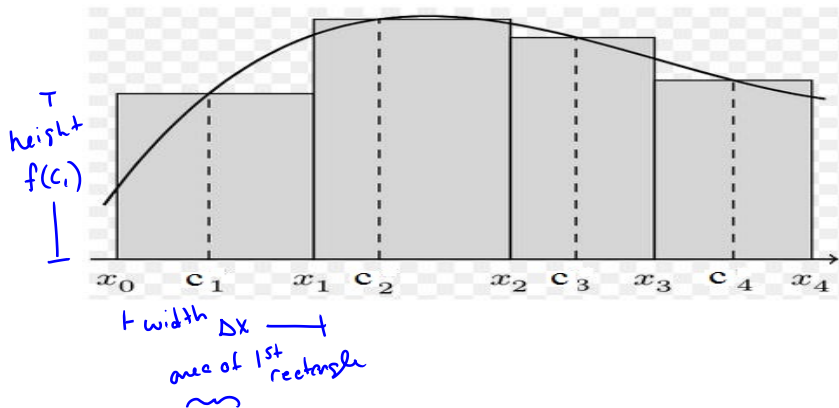


Figure: Area = $f(c_1)\Delta x + f(c_2)\Delta x + f(c_3)\Delta x + f(c_4)\Delta x$. This can be written as

$$\sum_{i=1}^n f(c_i)\Delta x. \quad \leftarrow \text{called a Riemann Sum}$$

Sum Notation

Σ is the capital letter *sigma*, basically a capital Greek "S".

If a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are a collection of real numbers, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n.$$

This is read as

the sum from i equals 1 to n of a_i (a sub i).

For example

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 i = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 2i^2 = 2 \cdot 1^2 + 2 \cdot 2^2 + 2 \cdot 3^2 = 28$$

In general, an equally spaced partition of $[a, b]$ with n subintervals means

- ▶ $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$
- ▶ $x_0 = a, x_1 = a + \Delta x, x_2 = a + 2\Delta x$, i.e. $x_i = a + i\Delta x$
- ▶ Taking heights to be

left ends $c_i = x_{i-1}$ area $\approx \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_{i-1})\Delta x$

right ends $c_i = x_i$ area $\approx \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)\Delta x$

- ▶ The true area exists (for f continuous) and is given by

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(c_i)\Delta x.$$

Lower and Upper Sums

The standard way to set up these sums is to take c_i such that

$f(c_i)$ is the abs. minimum value of f on $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$

Then set A_L

$$A_L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(c_i) \Delta x.$$

This is called a **Lower Riemann sum**.

Lower and Upper Sums

Then, we take C_i such that

$f(C_i)$ is the abs. maximum value of f on $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$

Then set A_U

$$A_U = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(C_i) \Delta x.$$

This is called a **Upper Riemann sum**.

Lower and Upper Sums

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then it will necessarily be that

$$A_L = A_U.$$

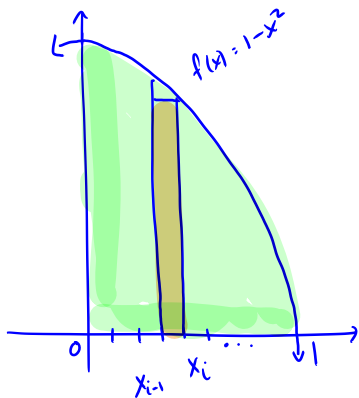
This value is the true area.

In practice, these are tough to compute unless f is only increasing or only decreasing. So instead, we tend to use left and right sums.

Example: Find the area under the curve $f(x) = 1 - x^2$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$.

Use right end points $c_i = x_i$ and assume the following identity

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{2n^3 + 3n^2 + n}{6} \quad (\text{sum of first } n \text{ squares})$$



Form a partition w/ n subintervals

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{1-0}{n} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$x_0 = 0, x_1 = \frac{1}{n}, x_2 = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{n}, \dots$$

$$x_i = a + i\Delta x = 0 + i \frac{1}{n}$$

$$x_i = \frac{i}{n}$$

for one rectangle, the height is $f(x_i)$

$$f(x_i) = 1 - (x_i)^2 = 1 - \left(\frac{i}{n}\right)^2 = 1 - \frac{i^2}{n^2}$$

The width is $\Delta x = \frac{1}{n}$

One rectangle area height \cdot width
 $f(x_i)$ Δx

$$\left(1 - \frac{i^2}{n^2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\text{area} \approx \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \Delta x = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{i^2}{n^2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{i^2}{n^3}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i^2}{n^3}$$

Note $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}}_{n \text{ times}} = n \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) = 1$

Note $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}}_{n \text{ times}} = n \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) = 1$

and $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i^2}{n^3} = \frac{1}{n^3} (1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2) = \frac{1}{n^3} \frac{2n^3 + 3n^2 + n}{6}$

So we have

$$\text{area} \approx 1 - \frac{2n^3 + 3n^2 + n}{6n^3}$$

To get the true area, take $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\text{area} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{2n^3 + 3n^2 + n}{6n^3} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{2n^3 + 3n^2 + n}{6n^3} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{n^3}}{\frac{1}{n^3}} \right) \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{2 + \frac{3}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2}}{6} \right)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{2+0+0}{6} = 1 - \frac{2}{6} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$