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Summation and Definite Integral

Summation Notation

For a given set of numbers $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k, \dots, a_n\}$

The sum is $\sum_{k=1}^n a_k = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k + \dots + a_n$

EX Find $\sum_{k=1}^3 (k+1)^2 k^3$

Ans:

$$\sum_{k=1}^3 (k+1)^2 k^3 = (1+1)^2 (1)^3 + (2+1)^2 (2)^3 + (3+1)^2 (3)^3$$

$$= 2^2 + 3^2(2^3) + 4^2(3^3) = 508$$

Theorem $\sum_{k=1}^n c = c + c + \dots + c = nc$

EX: $\sum_{i=1}^{50} 10 = 50(10) = 500$

Theorem

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

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

(3) $\sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right]^2$

EX: $\sum_{k=1}^{100} k = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 100 = \frac{100(100+1)}{2} = 5050$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{100} k^3 = 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + 100^3 = \left[\frac{100(101)}{2}\right]^2$$

$$= (5050)^2 = 25,502,500$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{100} k^2 = \frac{100(101)(201)}{6} = 338350$$

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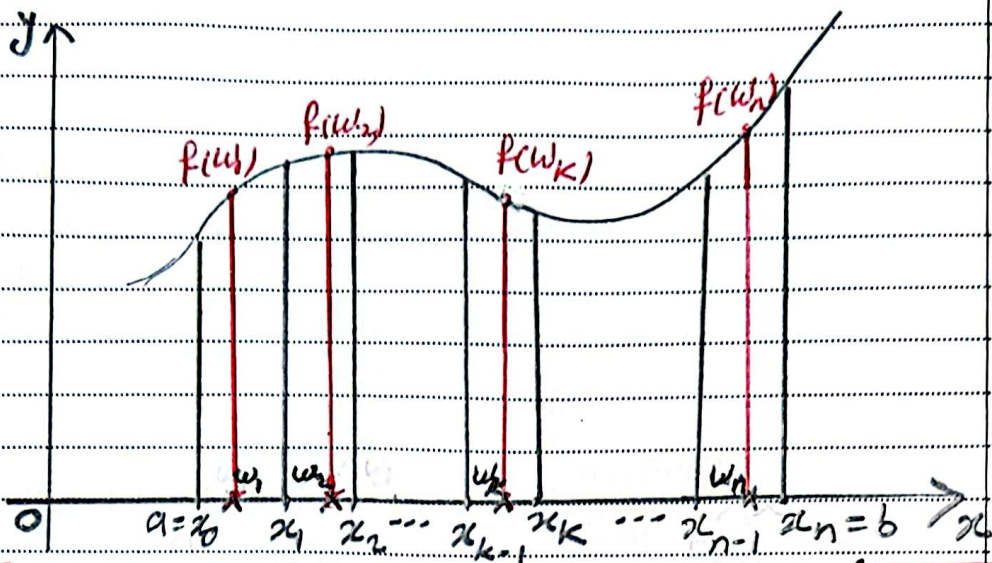


Riemann Sum R_p

Let f be a function defined on a closed interval $[a, b]$ and let $P = \{x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_n\}$ be a partition of $[a, b]$. A Riemann sum of f for P , R_p

is defined as $R_p = \sum_{k=1}^n f(c_k) \Delta x_k$,

where $c_k \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$.



* Note that Δx_1 is the length of 1st sub-interval $[x_0, x_1]$, Δx_2 is the length of 2nd sub-interval $[x_1, x_2]$, Δx_k is the length of kth sub-interval $[x_{k-1}, x_k]$, and Δx_n is the length of nth sub-interval $[x_{n-1}, x_n]$. The largest length of these sub-intervals is called the norm of the partition P and is denoted by $\|P\|$.

For a regular partition of a closed interval $[a, b]$,

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

and $x_k = a + k \Delta x$

$$x_k = a + \left(\frac{b-a}{n}\right)k, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Defn: Definite Integral

Let f be a function defined on a closed interval $[a, b]$, the definite integral of f from a to b is

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{\substack{\|P\| \rightarrow 0 \\ n \rightarrow \infty}} \sum_k f(c_k) \Delta x_k, \text{ provided the limit exists.}$$

$\therefore f$ is integrable on $[a, b]$.



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• For simplicity, we can find the definite Integral as follows.

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \Delta x,$$

where $c_k = x_k$ and $\Delta x_k = \Delta x$.

EX ① Evaluate

$\int_0^4 (x+1) dx$ by using Riemann sum.

Ans:

$$\therefore R_n = \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \Delta x,$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{4-0}{n} = \frac{4}{n}, \text{ and } x_k = a + k\Delta x = 0 + \frac{4k}{n} = \frac{4k}{n}$$

$$\therefore R_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{4k}{n} + 1 \right) \frac{4}{n}$$

$$R_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{16k}{n^2} + \frac{4}{n} \right)$$

$$R_n = \frac{16}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n k + \frac{4}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n 1$$

$$R_n = \frac{16}{n^2} \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right] + \frac{4}{n} n$$

$$\therefore R_n = 8 \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right) + 4$$

$$\therefore \int_0^4 (x+1) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n$$

$$\therefore \int_0^4 (x+1) dx = 8 + 4 = 12 \text{ where } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n} = 1.$$

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