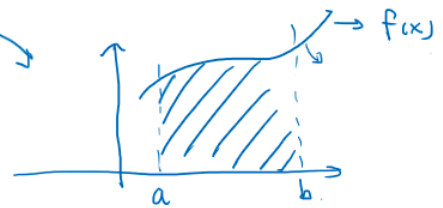


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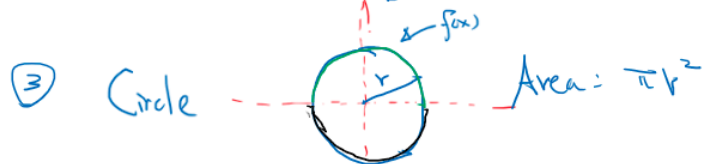
Chapter 4. Integrals

Goal: Find the area of the region bounded by the curve $f(x)$ and the x -axis.

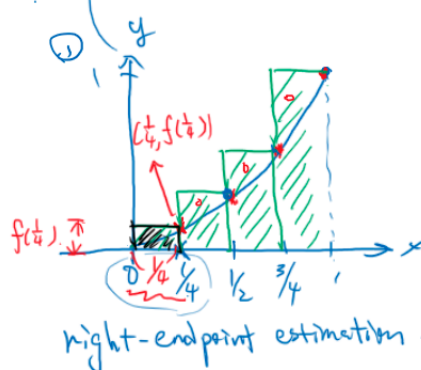
§4.1. Areas and Distances



We have seen:



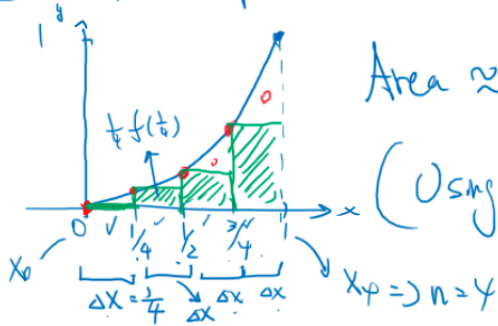
Example 1. Estimate the area under the parabola $y = x^2 = f(x)$ from 0 to 1. (Exact area is $A = A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4$)



(using right-endpoints will overestimate the exact area)

$$\text{Area} \approx \frac{1}{4} \cdot f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{4} f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{4} f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{4} f(1)$$

② left-endpoint



$$\Delta x \cdot f(x_0) + \Delta x \cdot f(x_1) + \dots$$

$$\text{Area} \approx \frac{1}{4} \cdot f(0) + \frac{1}{4} f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{4} f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{4} f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$$

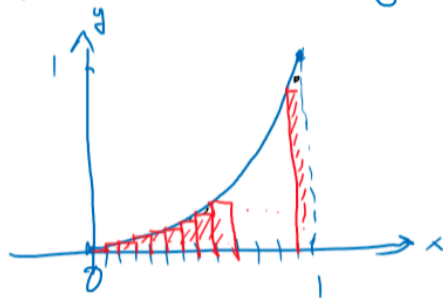
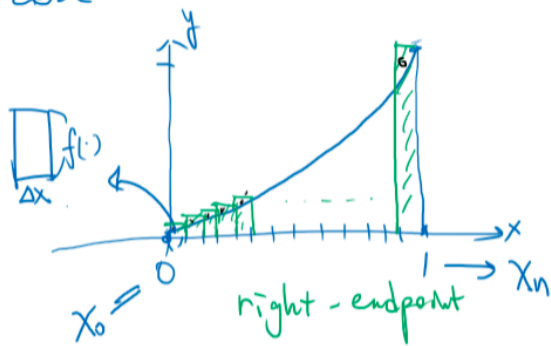
(Using left-endpoints will underestimate the area)

What if we have a "finer" discretization.

discretization: we divide an interval into many subintervals.
and each subinterval shares the same length Δx .

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

— We can expect that the right/left-endpoint areas will be close to the exact area A when Δx is (very) small.



If we let $x_0 = 0$, $x_n = 1$, then we have n rectangles.

① right-endpoint

$$R_n = \Delta x \cdot \underbrace{f(x_1)} + \Delta x \cdot f(x_2) + \dots + \Delta x \cdot f(x_n)$$

$$f(x) = x^2$$

$$x_1 = x_0 + \Delta x$$

$$x_2 = x_0 + 2\Delta x$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x_i = x_0 + i\Delta x = 0 = \frac{i}{n}$$

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

$$= \Delta x \left(f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_n) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \left(f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{2}{n}\right) + \dots + f\left(\frac{n}{n}\right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \left(\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{n}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{n}{n}\right)^2 \right)$$

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

② left-endpoint $L_n = \Delta x f(x_0) + \Delta x f(x_1) + \dots + \Delta x f(x_{n-1})$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \left(f(0) + f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + \dots + f\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \left(0^2 + \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^3} \left(0^2 + 1^2 + \dots + (n-1)^2 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_n = \frac{1}{n^3} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$L_n = \frac{1}{n^3} \frac{(n-1)n(2n-1)}{6}$$

Take limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$

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

$\nearrow 2n^3 + \frac{n^2}{1} = \frac{1}{n}$

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

$\rightarrow 2n^3 + \dots$

$$L_n \leq A \leq R_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_n \leq A \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n \Rightarrow \text{Area } A = \frac{1}{3}$$

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Def. The area A of the region that lies under the graph of $f(x)$ is the limit of the sums of the areas of approximating rectangles.

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(x_1)\Delta x + \dots + f(x_n)\Delta x)$$

Remark: We can pick points other than endpoints and we call them sample points x_i^*

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(x_1^*)\Delta x + \dots + f(x_n^*)\Delta x)$$

