# 4.2 Notes and Examples Name: Block: Seat:

- 1. Visualize estimating the area under a curve here: https://www.desmos.com/calculator/bigznbc4sf
- 2. After ΔMath "4.2 Riemann Examples" Answer the following(a) A left Riemann sum is an underestimate if the curve is:
  - (b) A left Riemann sum is an overestimate if the curve is:
  - (c) A right Riemann sum is an underestimate if the curve is:
  - (d) A right Riemann sum is an overestimate if the curve is:
  - (e) A trapezoidal Riemann sum is an underestimate if the curve is:
  - (f) A trapezoidal Riemann sum is an overestimate if the curve is:

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3. A car is traveling so that its speed is never decreasing during a 12 second interval. The speed at various moments in time is listed below:

Time in seconds	0	3	6	9	12
Speed in ft/sec	30	37	45	54	65

(a) Sketch a possible graph of this function

(b) Estimate the distance traveled by the car during the 12 seconds by finding the areas of four rectangles at the heights of the **left** endpoints. This is called a **Left Riemann sum** 

 $A_{rect} = b \cdot h$ 

(c) Estimate the distance traveled by the car during the 12 seconds by finding the areas of four rectangles at the heights of the **right** endpoints. This is called a **Right Riemann sum** 

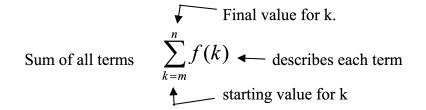
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(d) Estimate the distance traveled by the car during the 12 seconds by finding the areas of two rectangles at the heights of the **midpoints**. This is called a **Midpoint Riemann sum** 

(e) Estimate the distance traveled by the car during the 12 seconds by finding the areas of four trapezoids. This is called a **Trapezoidal Riemann sum** 

 $A_{trap} = \frac{1}{2}(f(a) + f(b)) \cdot \Delta x$ 

To get better and better estimates, we need to bring in limits of sums, so next we review sums in sigma notation.



- 4. Write in Sigma notation:
  - (a)  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2$
  - (b) 2 4 + 6 8 + 10
  - (c) Calculator tricks:  $\begin{array}{c} \text{LIST} & \text{OPS} & 5: \text{seq} & \longrightarrow & L_1 \\ \\ \text{LIST} & \text{MATH} & 5: \text{sum} & L_1 \end{array}$

#### **THEOREM 4.2 Summation Formulas**

- **1.**  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} c = cn, c$  is a constant **2.**  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ **3.**  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$  **4.**  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} i^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$
- 5. Try these

(a) 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{10} 2i + 1$$

(b) 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{9} 3i$$

6. Show 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{2i}{n}\right) \left(\frac{2}{n}\right) = 2$$
  
(a) multiply:

(b) factor out 
$$\frac{4}{n^2}$$

- (c) substitute the sum formula:
- (d) take the limit

(This turns out to be the area under the curve f(x) = x from x = 0 to x = 2 which we will later write as  $\int_0^2 x \, dx \dots$  more about this in section 4.3)

7. Show  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( 1 + \frac{2i}{n} \right)^2 \left( \frac{2}{n} \right) = \frac{26}{3}$ 

(a) expand the binomial and distribute  $\frac{2}{n}$ 

- (b) Make it about three sigmas, factor out the constants (  $\frac{2}{n},\,\frac{8}{n^2},\,\frac{8}{n^3})$
- (c) Substitute the sigmas for the formulas, cancel out some n's
- (d) Take the limit as  $n \to \infty$ , add the three fractions

(This turns out to be the area under the curve  $f(x) = x^2$  from x = 1 to x = 3 which we will later write as  $\int_1^3 x^2 dx...$  more about this in section 4.3)

#### St. Francis High School

AP Calculus AB

Sums of Rectangles and Trapezoids to estimate the area under the curve

## Definition of the Area of a Region in the Plane

Let *f* be continuous and nonnegative on the interval [a, b]. (See Figure 4.13.) The area of the region bounded by the graph of *f*, the *x*-axis, and the vertical lines x = a and x = b is

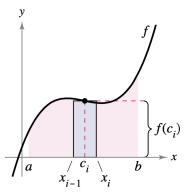
Area = 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(c_i) \Delta x$$

where  $x_{i-1} \leq c_i \leq x_i$  and

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

$$A_{rect} = b \cdot h$$

8. 
$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} f(c_i) \cdot \Delta x$$
, where:  
(a) Width  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$ 



The width of the *i*th subinterval is  $\Delta x = x_i - x_{i-1}$ . Figure 4.13

- (b) Left endpoint rule for  $f(c_i) : f(a + (i 1)\Delta x)$
- (c) Right endpoint rule for  $f(c_i) : f(a + (i)\Delta x)$
- (d) Midpoint endpoint rule for  $f(c_i) : f(a + (i \frac{1}{2})\Delta x)$