

Math 131 - April 20, 2016
Solutions

Warm-up Problems

1. Compute the following sums

$$(a) \sum_{i=1}^{10} (2i - 3) = 80$$

$$(b) \sum_{i=3}^8 (2i^3 - i^2 + 2) = 2387$$

Lecture Problems

2. Using geometry, compute $\int_0^4 2x + 1 \, dx = 20$

3. Using limits of Riemann Sums, compute $\int_0^4 2x + 1 \, dx$

$$(a) \Delta x = \frac{4}{n}$$

$$(b) x_i = 0 + i\Delta x = \frac{4i}{n}$$

(c) Continue with this and simplify (using what you found above)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)\Delta x = \sum_{i=1}^n f(4i/n) \cdot \frac{4}{n} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(2 \cdot \frac{4i}{n} + 1 \right) \cdot \frac{4}{n} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{32i}{n^2} + \frac{4}{n} \right) \\ &= \frac{32}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n i + \frac{4}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \\ &= \frac{32}{n^2} \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right) + \frac{4}{n}(n) \\ &= \frac{32n(n+1)}{2n^2} + \frac{4n}{n} \end{aligned}$$

(d) Take the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{RHS} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)\Delta x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\text{What you got in last problem}) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{32n(n+1)}{2n^2} + \frac{4n}{n} \right) = 16 + 4 = 20 \end{aligned}$$

4. Compute $\int_1^4 x^2 dx$

(a) $\Delta x = \frac{3}{n}$

(b) $x_i = 1 + \frac{3i}{n}$

(c) Continue with this and simplify (using what you found above)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)\Delta x = \sum_{i=1}^n f(1 + 3i/n) \cdot \frac{3}{n} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (1 + 3i/n)^2 \cdot \frac{3}{n} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{6i}{n} + \frac{9i^2}{n^2}\right) \cdot \frac{3}{n} \\ &= \frac{3}{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n 1 + \frac{6}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n i + \frac{9}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 1 + \frac{18}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n i + \frac{27}{n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 \\ &= \frac{3}{n} (n) + \frac{18}{n^2} \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right) + \frac{27}{n^3} \left(\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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