

Area under the curve (U.H. video #21)

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Convenient Choices of \hat{x}_i

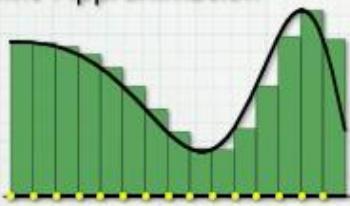
Right-endpoint Approximation



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$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n f(a + i \Delta x) \Delta x$$

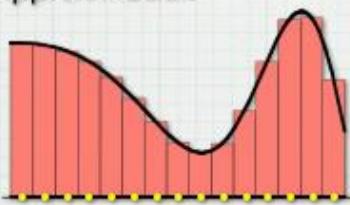
Left-endpoint Approximation



$$\hat{x}_i = x_{i-1} = a + (i - 1) \Delta x$$

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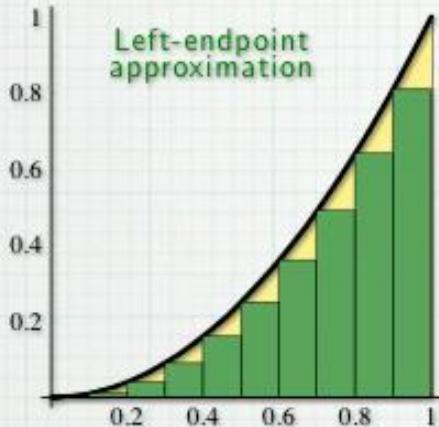
Midpoint Approximation



$$\hat{x}_i = \frac{x_{i-1} + x_i}{2} = a + (i - \frac{1}{2}) \Delta x$$

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Example $f(x) = x^2$ on $[0, 1]$. $n = 10$ $\Delta x = \frac{1}{10}$

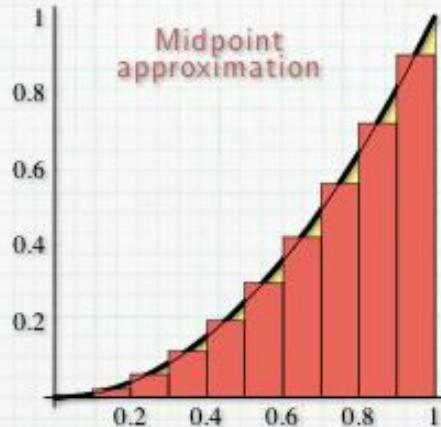


$$\hat{x}_i = (i - 1) \frac{1}{10}$$

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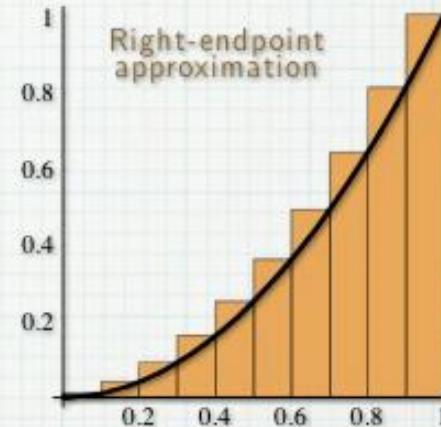
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$$\hat{x}_i = (i - \frac{1}{2}) \frac{1}{10}$$

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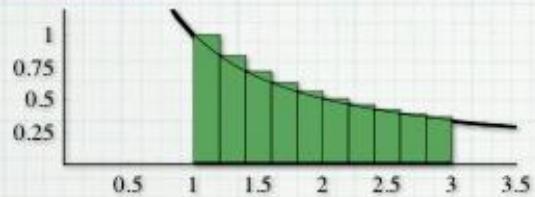
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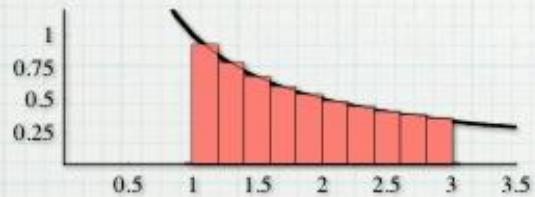
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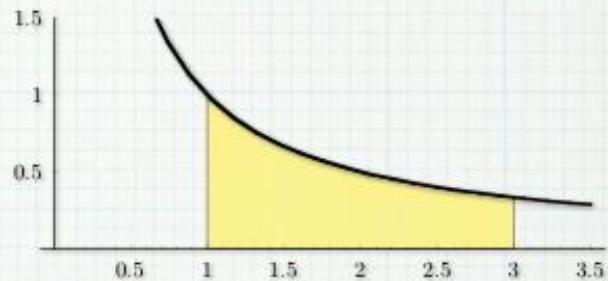
Left-endpoint approximation



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Right-endpoint approximation



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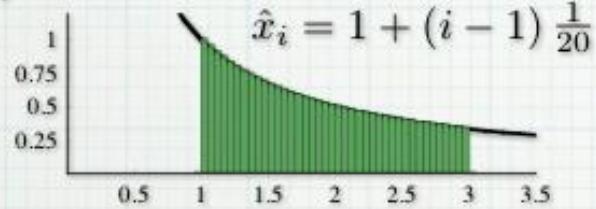
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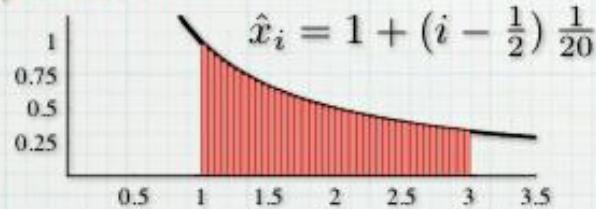
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$$n = 40 \quad \Delta x = \frac{3-1}{40} = \frac{1}{20}$$

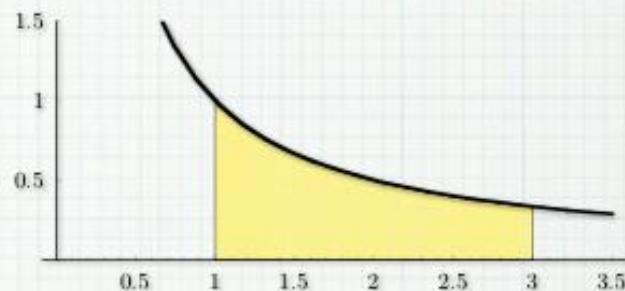
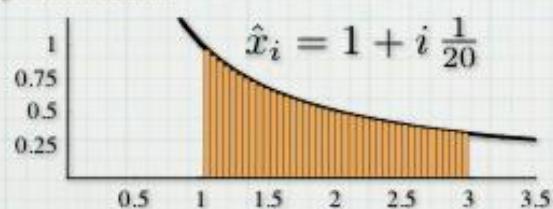
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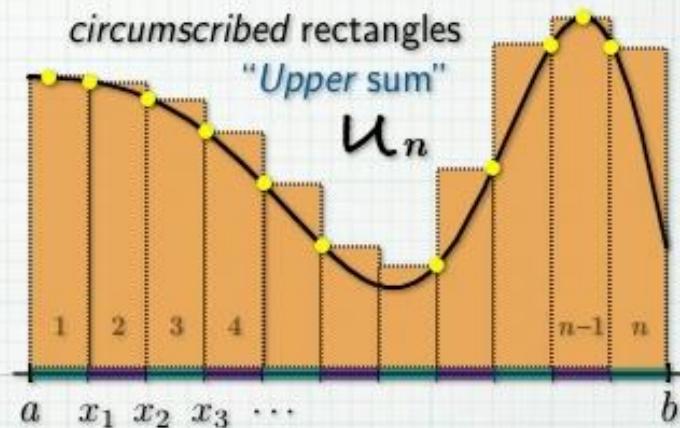
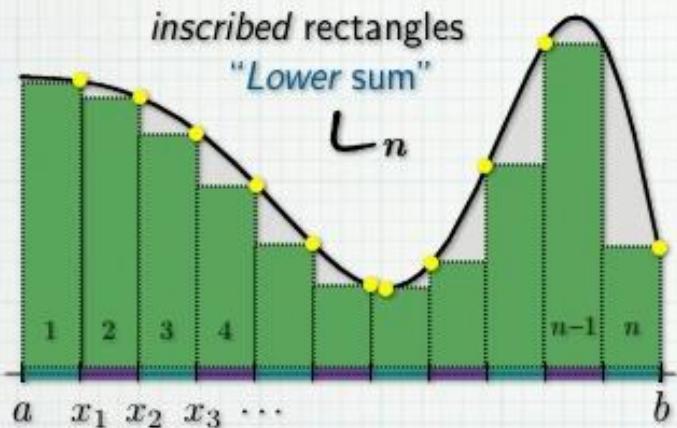
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Lower and Upper Sums



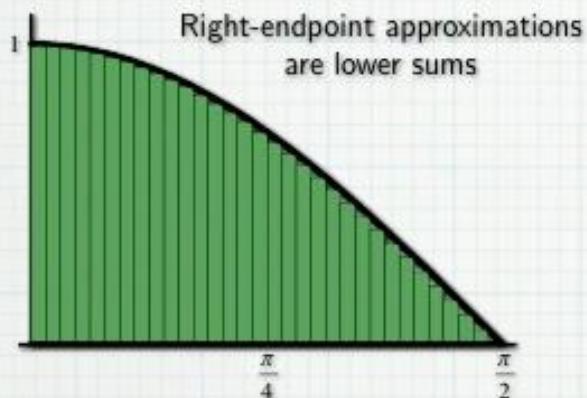
Observations: $\mathcal{L}_m \leq \text{Area} \leq \mathcal{U}_n$ for all m and n

Uniform grid $\mathcal{L}_n \leq \mathcal{L}_{2n} \leq \text{Area} \leq \mathcal{U}_{2n} \leq \mathcal{U}_n$ for all n

$\mathcal{L}_4 \leq \mathcal{L}_8 \leq \mathcal{L}_{16} \leq \dots \leq \text{Area} \leq \dots \leq \mathcal{U}_{16} \leq \mathcal{U}_8 \leq \mathcal{U}_4$

For each n , $\mathcal{L}_n \leq \mathcal{S}_n \leq \mathcal{U}_n$ for every \mathcal{S}_n

Example $f(x) = \cos x$ on $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$. $\Delta x = \frac{\pi}{2n}$



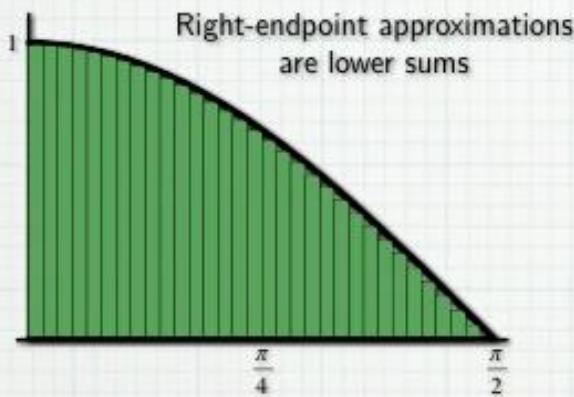
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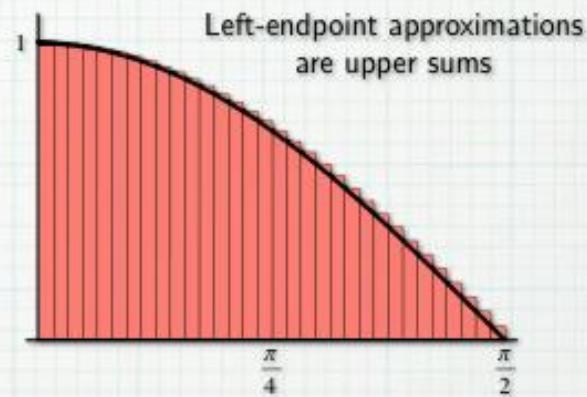


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A Special Choice of \hat{x}_i

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \cos(\hat{x}_i) \Delta x$$

Since \cos is the derivative of \sin , the **mean-value theorem** says we can choose \hat{x}_i so that

$$\cos(\hat{x}_i) = \frac{\sin x_i - \sin x_{i-1}}{\Delta x}$$

$$f'(\hat{x}_i) = \frac{f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1})}{x_i - x_{i-1}}$$

A Special Choice of \hat{x}_i

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{S}_n &= \sum_{i=1}^n \cos(\hat{x}_i) \Delta x \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\sin x_i - \sin x_{i-1}}{\pi/(2n)} \frac{\pi}{2n} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\sin x_i - \sin x_{i-1}) \\ &= (\cancel{\sin x_1 - \sin x_0}) + (\cancel{\sin x_2 - \sin x_1}) + (\cancel{\sin x_3 - \sin x_2}) + \dots \\ &\quad + (\cancel{\sin x_n - \sin x_{n-1}}) \\ &= \sin x_n - \sin x_0 \\ &= \sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin 0 = 1 - 0 = 1\end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathcal{L}_n \leq \mathcal{S}_n = 1 \leq \mathcal{U}_n \text{ for all } n!$$

Therefore, the exact area is 1.

What the last example illustrates (a preview of things to come)

Suppose that $f(x) \geq 0$ for all x in $[a, b]$ and we want to find the area under its graph over $[a, b]$. If $f(x) = F'(x)$ for all x in $[a, b]$, then choosing \hat{x}_i so that

$$f(\hat{x}_i) = \frac{F(x_i) - F(x_{i-1})}{\Delta x} \quad \text{mean-value theorem}$$

results in

$$\mathcal{S}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (F(x_i) - F(x_{i-1})) = F(x_n) - F(x_0) = F(b) - F(a).$$

So

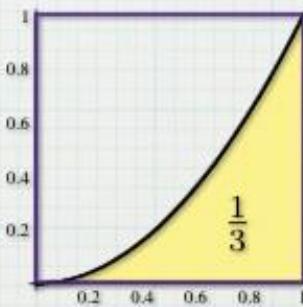
$$\mathcal{L}_n \leq F(b) - F(a) \leq \mathcal{U}_n \text{ for all } n.$$

Therefore, the *exact* area is $F(b) - F(a)$.

Example $f(x) = x^2$ on $[0, 1]$.

Since x^2 is the derivative of $\frac{1}{3}x^3$,

the area under the curve is $\frac{1}{3}1^3 - \frac{1}{3}0^3 = \frac{1}{3}$.



Is this not integration?