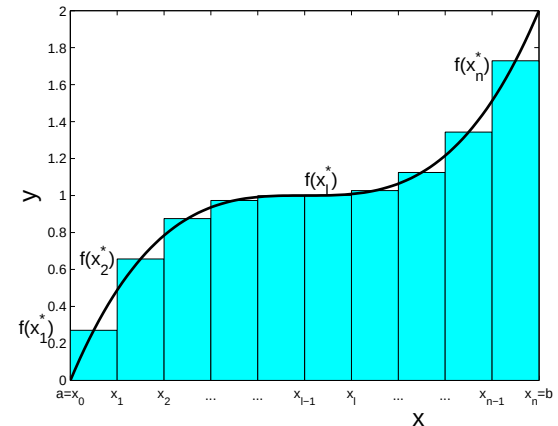


Prerequisites: $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx$

■ **Limit definition:** $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x$

- $\Delta x = \frac{(b-a)}{n}$: interval length
- x_i^* : Sample point on subinterval $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$
- **Interpretation:** Area under curve $y = f(x)$



■ **Approximation:** Midpoint rule $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx \approx \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x$

- n : finite number of subintervals
- $x_i^* = \frac{x_{i-1} + x_i}{2}$: midpoint of each subinterval $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$

Prerequisites: Evaluating $\int f(x) \, dx$

■ **u -substitution:** $\int f(x) \, dx = \int f(x(u)) \frac{dx}{du} \, du$

Example: $\int x e^{x^2} \, dx$

$u = x^2$ and $du = 2x \, dx$ gives

$$\int x e^{x^2} \, dx = \int e^u \frac{1}{2} \, du = \frac{1}{2} e^u + C = \frac{1}{2} e^{x^2} + C$$

Note: for definite integrals, change to u -bounds!

■ **Recognize too hard integrals:** Try to solve differently

Examples: $\int e^{x^2} \, dx$, $\int \sin x^2 \, dx$, etc.