

Exercise 1(5 points)

Let A be the area of the region that lies under the graph of $f(x) = e^{-x}$ between $x = 0$ and $x = 2$.

- Using right endpoints find an expression of A as a limit. Do not evaluate the limit.
- Estimate the area by taking the sample points to be midpoints and using four subintervals.

Solution

a) (2,5 pts) The expression for the area A of a function is given by

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} f(x_i) \Delta x \quad \text{where } \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} \text{ and } x_i = x_0 + i\Delta x. \text{ In our case } \Delta x = \frac{2-0}{n} \text{ and}$$

$$x_i = \frac{2i}{n}$$

$$\text{Then } A = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} e^{-\frac{2i}{n}} \frac{2}{n}$$

b) (2,5 pts) The midpoints of the four intervals are $x_1^* = \frac{1}{4}$, $x_2^* = \frac{3}{4}$, $x_3^* = \frac{5}{4}$ and $x_4^* = \frac{7}{4}$. Then an estimation of the area is given by:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{-\frac{1}{4}} + e^{-\frac{3}{4}} + e^{-\frac{5}{4}} + e^{-\frac{7}{4}} \right)$$

Exercise 2 (5 points)

1) Express the limit as an integral on the given interval $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \ln(1 + x_i^2) \Delta x$, on $[2, 6]$

2) Use the definition of the integral as limit of Riemann sums to evaluate the integral $\int_{-1}^5 (1+3x)dx$

Solution

1) (2,5 pts) It is clear that the limit under consideration is of the form

$$A = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \Delta x = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

then $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \ln(1 + x_i^2) \Delta x = \int_2^6 x \ln(1 + x^2) dx$

2) (2,5 pts) We know that $\int_{-1}^5 (1 + 3x) dx$ is the limit of Riemann sums that is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^5 (1 + 3x) dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{i=1}^n (1 + 3x_i) \Delta x, \text{ where } \Delta x = \frac{5 - (-1)}{n} = \frac{6}{n} \text{ and } x_i = -1 + i \frac{6}{n} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n (1 + 3x_i) \Delta x &= \frac{6}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(1 + 3 \left(-1 + i \frac{6}{n} \right) \right) = \frac{6}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-2 + i \frac{18}{n} \right) = \frac{6}{n} \left[-2n + \frac{18}{n} \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\int_{-1}^5 (1 + 3x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{6}{n} \left[-2n + \frac{18}{n} \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right] = -12 + 54 = 42,$$

because $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{n(n+1)}{n^2} = 1$.