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SECTION 2.1 | **Math 1001 Worksheet** | FALL 2025

SOLUTIONS

1. (a) From the nth term, we see that this sum can be written

$$\frac{2}{5}+\frac{4}{10}+\frac{8}{15}+\frac{16}{20}+\cdots+\frac{2^n}{5n}=\sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{2^i}{5i}.$$

(b) The form of the ith term is clearly indicated by the last term in the sum, so we have

$$y^2+8y^2+27y^2+64y^2+\cdots+n^3y^2=\sum_{i=1}^{n} i^3y^2.$$

2. (a) $\displaystyle\sum_{i=1}^{n}(4i+3)=4\sum_{i=1}^{n} i+3\sum_{i=1}^{n}1=4\left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)+3n=2n^2+5n$

(b) $$\sum_{i=1}^{n}(i^3-6i)=\sum_{i=1}^{n}i^3-6\sum_{i=1}^{n}i=\frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}-6\left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)$$
$$=\frac{1}{4}n^4+\frac{1}{2}n^3-\frac{11}{4}n^2-3n$$

(c) $$\sum_{i=1}^{n}(3i+1)^2=\sum_{i=1}^{n}(9i^2+6i+1)=9\sum_{i=1}^{n}i^2+6\sum_{i=1}^{n}i+\sum_{i=1}^{n}1$$
$$=9\left(\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}\right)+6\left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)+n=3n^3+\frac{15}{2}n^2+\frac{11}{2}n$$

3. The graph of R can be found in Figure 1.

(a) For a regular partition of $[-1,1]$ into n subintervals,

$$\Delta x=\frac{1-(-1)}{n}=\frac{2}{n}.$$

(b) First we have

$$x_i=-1+\frac{2i}{n}.$$

Next observe that $f(x)$ is decreasing on the interval $[-1,1]$, so for any partition, $m_i=x_i$ (the right endpoint) and $M_i=x_{i-1}$ (the left endpoint). Thus

$$m_i=-1+\frac{2i}{n} \quad \text{and} \quad M_i=-1+\frac{2(i-1)}{n}.$$

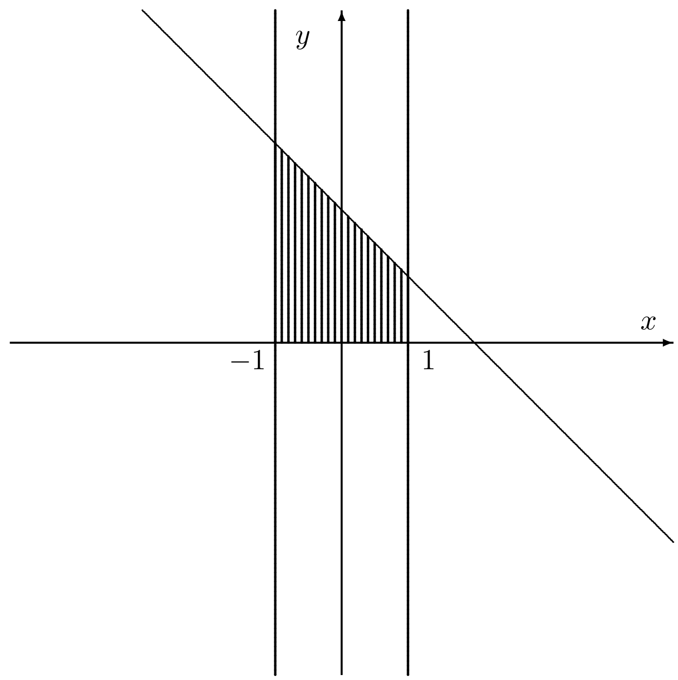

Figure 1: The region under the curve $f(x) = 2 - x$ on the interval $[-1, 1]$, as considered in Question 3.

(c) We have

$$f(m_i) = f\left(-1 + \frac{2i}{n}\right) = 2 - \left(-1 + \frac{2i}{n}\right) = 3 - \frac{2i}{n}$$

and

$$f(M_i) = f\left(-1 + \frac{2(i-1)}{n}\right) = 2 - \left(-1 + \frac{2(i-1)}{n}\right) = 3 - \frac{2i}{n} + \frac{2}{n}.$$

(d) The lower sum is

$$\begin{aligned}
S(n) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(m_i)\Delta x \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(3 - \frac{2i}{n}\right) \cdot \frac{2}{n} \\
&= \frac{6}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} 1 - \frac{4}{n^2}\sum_{i=1}^{n} i \\
&= \frac{6}{n} \cdot n - \frac{4}{n^2} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\
&= 6 - \frac{2(n+1)}{n} \\
&= 4 - \frac{2}{n}.
\end{aligned}$$

The upper sum is

$$\begin{aligned}
s(n) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(M_i)\Delta x \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(3 - \frac{2i}{n} + \frac{2}{n}\right) \cdot \frac{2}{n} \\
&= \frac{6}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} 1 - \frac{4}{n^2}\sum_{i=1}^{n} i + \frac{4}{n^2}\sum_{i=1}^{n} 1 \\
&= \frac{6}{n} \cdot n - \frac{4}{n^2} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{4}{n^2} \cdot n \\
&= 6 - \frac{2(n+1)}{n} + \frac{4}{n} \\
&= 4 + \frac{2}{n}.
\end{aligned}$$

(e) We have

$$s(5) = 4 - \frac{2}{5} = \frac{18}{5} = 3.6$$

and

$$S(5) = 4 + \frac{2}{5} = \frac{22}{5} = 4.4.$$

(f) We have

$$s(500) = 4 - \frac{2}{500} = \frac{999}{250} = 3.996$$

and

$$S(500) = 4 + \frac{2}{500} = \frac{1001}{250} = 4.004.$$

(g) We have

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} s(n) = \lim_{n\to\infty}\left(4-\frac{2}{n}\right) = 4-0=4$$

and

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} S(n) = \lim_{n\to\infty}\left(4+\frac{2}{n}\right) = 4+0=4.$$

Hence $\boxed{A=4.}$

4. We will use a regular partition where

$$\Delta x = \frac{3-(-1)}{n} = \frac{4}{n}$$

and choose as our sample point

$$x_i^* = x_i = -1+\frac{4i}{n}.$$

Thus

$$f(x_i^*) = 3+3\left(-1+\frac{4i}{n}\right)-\left(-1+\frac{4i}{n}\right)^2 = -\frac{16}{n^2}i^2+\frac{20}{n}i-1.$$

The area A of the region is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
A &= \lim_{n\to\infty}\sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i^*)\Delta x \\
&= \lim_{n\to\infty}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(-\frac{16}{n^2}i^2+\frac{20}{n}i-1\right)\cdot\frac{4}{n} \\
&= \lim_{n\to\infty}\left(-\frac{64}{n^3}\sum_{i=1}^{n} i^2+\frac{80}{n^2}\sum_{i=1}^{n} i-\frac{4}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} 1\right) \\
&= \lim_{n\to\infty}\left(-\frac{64}{n^3}\cdot\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}+\frac{80}{n^2}\cdot\frac{n(n+1)}{2}-\frac{4}{n}\cdot n\right) \\
&= \lim_{n\to\infty}\left(-\frac{32(n+1)(2n+1)}{3n^2}+\frac{40(n+1)}{n}-4\right) \\
&= -\frac{64}{3}+40-4 \\
&\boxed{= \frac{44}{3}.}
\end{aligned}$$