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MA 2320 Quiz 1 - Answers to question 3

1. Compute the Riemann sum approximation of $\int_1^3 2x^2 + 1$ with $n = 3$.

First we calculate Δx and x_k .

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{3-1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x_k = a + k\Delta x = 1 + k\frac{2}{3}$$

Now we use these formulas to find each x_k .

So $x_1 = 1 + (1)\frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$, $x_2 = \frac{7}{3}$ and $x_3 = 3$.

$$A_1 = f(x_1)\Delta x = f\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)\frac{2}{3} = \left(2\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^2 + 1\right)\frac{2}{3} = \frac{118}{27}$$

$$A_2 = f(x_2)\Delta x = f\left(\frac{7}{3}\right)\frac{2}{3} = \left(2\left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^2 + 1\right)\frac{2}{3} = \frac{214}{27}$$

$$A_3 = f(x_3)\Delta x = \frac{342}{27}$$

So the approximation $= f(x_1)\Delta x + f(x_2)\Delta x + f(x_3)\Delta x = \frac{118}{27} + \frac{214}{27} + \frac{342}{27} = \frac{674}{3}$

2. Compute $\int_1^3 2x^2 + 1$ by using the definition of the integral.

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n} = \frac{3-1}{n} = \frac{2}{n}$$

$$x_k = a + k\Delta x = 1 + k\frac{2}{n}$$

$$\text{So } f(x_k) = 2\left(1 + k\frac{2}{n}\right)^2 + 1 = 2\left(1 + \frac{4k}{n} + \frac{4k^2}{n^2}\right) + 1 = 3 + \frac{8k}{n} + \frac{8k^2}{n^2}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\int_1^3 2x^2 + 1 dx &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k)\Delta x \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(3 + \frac{8k}{n} + \frac{8k^2}{n^2}\right)\frac{2}{n} \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{6}{n} + \frac{16k}{n^2} + \frac{16k^2}{n^3} \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{6}{n} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{16k}{n^2} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{16k^2}{n^3} \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{6}{n} + \frac{16}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n k + \frac{16k^2}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6}{n}(n) + \frac{16}{n^2} \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{16k^2}{n^3} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \\&= 6 + \frac{16}{2} + \frac{16}{3} = \frac{58}{3}\end{aligned}$$