

AP Riemann Problems

$$\Delta x = 4 \quad \Delta x = 4$$

x	1	3	5	7	9
$h(x)$	2	3	3	4	5

1. Using the table of values shown above for the continuous function $h(x)$, which of the following is the approximation of the area under the curve $h(x)$ using midpoint sum with 2 equal subintervals?

(A) 34

(B) 30

(C) 28

(D) 27

(E) 24

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &\approx 4(3) + 4(4) \\ &\approx 12 + 16 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Area} \approx 28$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x &= \frac{b-a}{n} \\ &= \frac{9-1}{2} \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

2. The rate R at which a solar panel delivers electricity is a differentiable function of time t . The table below shows a sample of these rates, which can be modeled as a strictly increasing function on $4 \leq t \leq 16$, over an 18-hour period. Use a right Riemann sum with 6 equal subdivisions to approximate the number of amps delivered by the panel from $t = 4$ to $t = 16$. Is this approximation an overestimate or underestimate of the actual number of amps?

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t (hours)	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
$R(t)$ (amps/hour)	36	78	160	240	320	350	360	320	240	160

$$\# \text{ amps} \approx 2(360 + 350 + 320 + 240 + 160 + 78)$$

$$\approx 2(1508)$$

$$\# \text{ amps} \approx 3016 \text{ amps}$$

Approximation is an overestimate of actual # of amps b/c $R(t)$ is increasing.

3. Suppose the graph of f is decreasing on $a \leq x \leq b$. Then, using the same number of subdivisions, and with L , R , and M denoting, respectively, left, right and midpoint Riemann sums, it follows that:

(A) $R \leq M \leq L$ (B) $R \leq L \leq M$ (C) $L \leq M \leq R$ (D) $L \leq R \leq M$

(E) none of these

f is dec \rightarrow Left over
Right under
Midpt in btm

Since f is dec on $[a, b]$, Left Sum is an overestimate of actual area on $[a, b]$
and Right Sum is an underestimate
and Midpt Sum is btm Left Sum and Right Sum